



Ridge to Reef Mentor Registration Packet

Training Dates: August 14-15, 2014
Mentorship Dates: August 18-22, 2014





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Are you looking for something fun and unique to do outdoors before the summer ends? Would you like to help protect, preserve, and conserve Saipan's precious land and water? Then register to be a Ridge to Reef Mentor in the American Memorial Park's Ridge to Reef Summer Camp!

Youth between the ages of 14 and 16 years old are eligible to register.

Training will take place from August 14-15, 2014. During these two days of leadership training, you will work alongside park rangers, snorkel, engage in discussions about conservation and stewardship, and gain a greater awareness of the importance of conservation for our community.

From August 18-22, 2014, you will serve as camp leaders for younger campers, promote water safety, support group games, and be positive role models.

Registration packets can be picked up and submitted at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center in Garapan. Registration packets can also be downloaded from www.nps.gov/amme or www.pacifichistoricparks.org.

Participation in the Ridge to Reef Summer Camp is absolutely free! Seats are limited and reservation of slots are on a first come, first serve basis. The last day to submit your completed registration packet is July 24, 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, call me at 670-234-7207, ext 2020, email rosreeann_leon_guerrero@nps.gov, or stop by American Memorial Park Visitor Center.

American Memorial Park looks forward to working with inspiring and emerging environmental youth leaders. We hope to see you this summer!

Sincerely,

RosReeAnn Leon Guerrero
Park Ranger
American Memorial Park



Ridge to Reef Mentor Daily Schedule

Drop Off Time: 8:00 am (no earlier than 7:45 am)

Pick Up Time: 2:00 pm (no later than 2:15 pm)

Location: American Memorial Park

August 14, Thursday – Theme: Leadership at American Memorial Park

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy (next to Marianas Memorial)

Ridge to Reef Mentor Procedures & Expectations

Environmental Team Building Game

Snorkeling Safety Discussion & Snorkel Practice

Lunch & Icebreaker Training

Defining Leadership

American Memorial Visitor Center Tour

Parent Pick up at Ridge to Reef Canopy

August 15, Friday – Theme: Responsibility & Safety

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy

American Memorial Outdoor Tour

Leadership Accountability

Snorkel Safety Review & Debrief

Basic Water Safety Training

Lunch & Ridge to Reef Booklet Training

Leadership Scenarios

Ridge to Reef Ranger Mentor Discussion

Parent Pick up at Ridge to Reef Canopy

August 18, Monday – Theme: I <3 American Memorial Park

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy – Wear t-shirts!

Assist pods in Ridge to Reef Booklet pp. 1, 9, & 10

Ridge to Reef Visions Poster

Multimedia Presentation: Birds of CNMI

Bird Watching in American Memorial Park

Lunch

American Memorial Park Visitor Center Tour

Hiking Safety Brief

Multimedia Presentation: Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs)

Parent Pick up at Visitor Center

August 19, Tuesday – Theme: Ridge to Reef

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy
Assist pods in Ridge to Reef Booklet pp. 7-8
Hiking Safety Discussion
Multimedia Presentation: Coral Reefs & Water Sheds
Fieldtrip to Re-vegetation Site at Laulau watershed
Lunch
Snorkeling Safety Brief
Parent Pick up at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy

August 20, Wednesday – Theme: Caring for Our Coral Reefs

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy
Snorkel Safety Discussion
Assist pods in Ridge to Reef Booklet pp. 2-6
Field trip to Mañagaha
Lunch
Polyp Poetry
Parent pick up at Ridge to Reef Canopy

August 21, Thursday – Theme: Conservation in Action!

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy
Assist pods in Ridge to Reef Booklet pp. 13-14 & 16-17
Multimedia Presentation: Marine Debris
Beach Clean Up at American Memorial Park
Lunch
Multimedia Presentation: Turtles
Multimedia Presentation: Micronesia Challenge
Multimedia Presentation: Reef Fish Ecology – “Bring Your Hardhat!”
Parent Pick up at Visitor Center

August 22, Friday – Theme: Climate Change

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy – Wear t-shirts!
Field Trip on Semi-Submarine
Assist pods in Ridge to Reef Booklet pp. 11-12, 15, & 18
Multimedia Presentation: Climate Change
Erosion & Accretion Tour
Re-visiting the Ridge to Reef Visions Poster
Ridge to Reef Ceremony under Ridge to Reef Canopy at 2:00 pm – Parents are invited to attend!



Ridge to Reef Mentor Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What should I bring?

1. A good attitude ☺
2. Water
3. Sack Lunch
4. Clothes for hot weather (t-shirt & shorts) and tennis shoes
5. Swimsuit, towel, rash guard, and slippers (on days you will be snorkeling)
6. Sun protection: Hat, Sunglasses & Sunscreen
7. Insect repellent
8. Snacks
9. Any necessary medication
10. Optional items to bring: camera, extra slippers, socks, shirt, umbrella

On August 21 (the day you are helping to clean the park), you must wear a hat and clothes you do not mind getting dirty in. The National Park Service will provide you with masks, snorkels, tabbies, fins, and life jackets. However, you are welcome to bring your own personal snorkel gear.

Everyone will receive a free backpack and water bottle courtesy of Pacific Historic Parks. Please do NOT bring pets, wheeled vehicles, distracting electronic devices, musical instruments, or sports balls.

How are Ridge to Reef Mentors selected?

Youth currently 14-16 years old are eligible to register to be a mentor. Completed registration packets are required for reserving a spot. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

When is the deadline to turn in the Ridge to Reef Mentor Registration Packet?

Completed registration packets should be submitted by 5 pm on July 24, 2014. All forms must have the appropriate signatures on them.

Where do I turn in my completed Ridge to Reef Mentor Registration Packet?

They will be accepted at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center, located in Garapan, between the hours of 9 am – 5 pm. They are open Monday to Sunday.

Will there be a lifeguard?

Yes. A lifeguard or Master Diver will be on duty on the days that Ridge to Reef Mentors and Ridge to Reef Rangers will be snorkeling.

When and where is drop-off and pick-up?

Mentors are to be picked up and dropped each day at American Memorial Park at 8 am. The camp ends every day at 2 pm. Please refer to the Ridge to Reef Mentor Daily Schedule for more details.

What if I am not 14, 15, or 16 years old?

The curriculum is designed and tailored for this specific age group. Therefore registrants who are 14-16 year olds will have priority in reserving spots. Youth from other ages will be placed on the waiting list. If there is an open slot available, we will contact your parents three days before the Ridge to Reef Summer Camp begins.

How many hours of community service can I earn in the Ridge to Reef Summer Camp?

Participation in your mentorship week will count toward community service credit. The total number of community service hours that can be earned is 30 hours.



Ridge to Reef Mentor Registration Form: Part I

Participant's Name (Last, First): _____

How old will you be at the start of August 2014? 14 15 16 Other: _____

How many times have you snorkeled in the past year? 0 (Never) 2-5 times 6+ times

How many times have you hiked in the past year? 0 (Never) 2-5 times 6+ times

T-shirt size (Adult): Small Medium Large

School you are attending: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

How did you hear about the Ridge to Reef Summer Camp?



Ridge to Reef Mentor Commitment Form: Part II

Sign if you can make the time and commitment required of an American Memorial Park Ridge to Reef Mentor:

Sign Your Initials:

_____ I will be present and on time every day of the Ridge to Reef Summer Camp from August 14-15, 2014 (8:00 am to 2:00 pm) and August 18-22 (8:00 am to 2:00 pm).

_____ I am willing and able to participate in a basic water safety during my training week.

_____ I am willing and able to snorkel in the water while wearing the required life jacket, mask, snorkels, and fins provided by myself or by the National Park Service.

_____ I am willing and able to assist others snorkeling while wearing the required life jacket, mask, snorkels, and fins provided by myself or by the National Park Service.

_____ I am willing and able to help others experience and appreciate the beautiful marine life that surrounds the island of Saipan.

_____ I am looking forward to receiving support and training in planning and implementing projects that create positive change in my community.

_____ I am willing and able to serve as a positive role model by promoting water safety, behaving in a mature and ethical manner at all times, and supporting group activities.

_____ I am looking forward to working alongside park rangers, engaging in discussions about how to care for the environment, listening to guest speakers, and going on field trips to gain a greater awareness of the importance of conservation for our community.

_____ I will bring and wear the appropriate clothing on the day designated for snorkeling with other Ridge to Reef Mentors and younger Ridge to Reef Rangers.

_____ I am willing and able to assist in the cleaning, loading, and unloading of the Ridge to Reef Summer Camp snorkel gear and help set up and break down the Ridge to Reef canopy.

_____ I am willing and able to follow through on the tasks and assignments given to me, such as leading the icebreaker games and helping younger campers complete the Ridge to Reef Booklet.

_____ I commit to providing 20 hours of volunteer service at American Memorial Park between September 2014 and July 2015.

I acknowledge that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Participant's signature

Date



Ridge to Reef Mentor Emergency Contact Form: Part III

Participant's Name (Last, First):	
Address (Street, Number, & Village):	

<u>Contact Person #1:</u>			
Relationship:			
Cell Phone:		Home Phone:	
Work Phone:		Email address:	

<u>Contact Person #2:</u>			
Relationship:			
Cell Phone:		Home Phone:	
Work Phone:		Email address:	

<u>Contact Person #3:</u>			
Relationship:			
Cell Phone:		Home Phone:	
Work Phone:			



Ridge to Reef Mentor Parent Consent Form: Part V

Participant's Name (Last, First): _____

I, _____, the guardian/parent of the child listed above, have read the Ridge to Reef Mentor Registration packet and understand the expectations of Ridge to Reef Mentors.

My child is fit to participate in vigorous physical activities of the camp.

I hereby give permission to park staff to photograph, record, video, and/or film during the Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp for National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks media. I hereby grant the National Park Service permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all publications for Government or nongovernment purposes, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the National Park Service and will not be returned.

I hereby give permission to allow my child to participate in the Ridge to Reef Summer Camp.

I certify that the information filled out on the Ridge to Reef Mentor Registration Packet is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

I understand that I will not receive any compensation for the above service and that volunteers are NOT considered Federal employees for any purpose other than tort claims and injury compensation. I understand that volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other employee benefits. I also understand that either the government or I may cancel this agreement at any time by notifying the other party.

I understand that my volunteer position may require a reference check, background investigation, and/or a criminal history inquiry in order for me to perform my duties.

I understand that all publications, films, slides, videos, artistic or similar endeavors, resulting from my volunteer services as specifically stated in the attached job description, will become the property of the United States, and as such, will be in the public domain and not subject to copyright laws.

I understand the health and physical condition requirements for doing the work as described in the job description and at the project location, and certify that the statement I have checked below is true:

- I know of no medical condition or physical limitation that may adversely affect my ability to provide this service.
- I do know of a medical condition or physical limitation that may adversely affect my ability to provide this service and have explained it to _____

(Name of Agency Official)

I do hereby volunteer my services as described above, to assist in agency-authorized work. I agree to follow all applicable safety guidelines.

(Signature of Volunteer)

(Date)

The above - named agency agrees, while this arrangement is in effect, to provide such materials, equipment, and facilities that are available and needed to perform the service described above, and to consider you as a Federal employee only for the purposes of tort claims and injury compensation to the extent not covered by your volunteer group, if any.

(Signature of Government Representative)

(Date)

Termination of Agreement

Volunteer requests formal evaluation Yes No Evaluation Completed _____
(Date)

Agreement terminated on _____
(Date) *(Signature of Government Representative)*

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