



Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp Registration Packet

Camp Dates: August 18-22, 2014





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Hafa Adai!

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Are your children looking for something fun to do outdoors before the summer ends? Are they curious to learn about the island's valuable plants and animals? Then enroll them in American Memorial Park's Ridge to Reef Summer Camp!

Youth between the ages of 10 and 11 years old are eligible to register.

This dynamic program introduces a fun, safe, and exciting way to understand the connection between Saipan's ridges and reefs. Best of all, kids will gain knowledge to become stewards of our island's park and our environment!

Ridge to Reef Rangers will engage in an exciting array of hands-on activities. They will learn about the different threats to the health of reefs and solutions to those issues. Daily fun-filled experiences like games, snorkeling, hikes, and fieldtrips will encourage campers to make connections between their everyday actions and their impact on the environment.

The Ridge to Reef Camp will take place from August 18-22, 2014 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration packets should 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 a 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.

Encourage your child to be part of this exciting educational program that allows them to tune their senses to the outdoors at their national park. We hope to see your child this summer!

Sincerely,

RosReeAnn Leon Guerrero
Park Ranger
American Memorial Park



Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp Daily Schedule

Drop Off Time: 9:00 am (no earlier than 8:45 am)

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

Location: American Memorial Park

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

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

Registration, Sign In, & Icebreaker Game

Ridge to Reef Visions Poster

Ridge to Reef Pre-Camp Assessment

Ridge to Reef Booklet Introduction

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

Homework: pp.7-8

August 19, Tuesday – Theme: Ridge to Reef

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy

Sign In & Icebreaker Game

Ridge to Reef Booklet

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

Homework: pp. 4-6

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

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy
Sign In & Icebreaker Game
Snorkel Safety Discussion
Ridge to Reef Booklet
Field trip to Mañagaha
Lunch
Polyp Poetry
Parent Pick up at Ridge to Reef Canopy
Homework: pp. 16-17

August 21, Thursday – Theme: Conservation in Action!

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy
Sign In & Icebreaker Game
Ridge to Reef Booklet
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
Homework: pp. 15

August 22, Friday – Theme: Climate Change

Meet at Ridge to Reef Ranger Canopy
Sign In & Icebreaker Game
Field Trip on Semi-Submarine
Ridge to Reef Booklet
Multimedia Presentation: Climate Change
Erosion & Accretion Tour
Re-visiting the Ridge to Reef Visions Poster
Ridge to Reef Post-Camp Assessment
Ridge to Reef Ceremony under Ridge to Reef Canopy at 2:00 pm – Parents are invited to attend!



Ridge to Reef Ranger Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What should my child 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 the snorkeling day)
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 they are helping to clean the park), they must wear a hat and clothes they do not mind getting dirty. The National Park Service will provide participants with masks, snorkels, tabbies, fins, and life jackets. However, they are welcome to bring their own personal snorkel gear.

All Ridge to Reef Rangers will receive a free back pack 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 Rangers selected?

Youth currently 10 and 11 years old are eligible to register for the Ridge to Reef Ranger Camp. 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 Ranger 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 the completed Ridge to Reef Ranger Registration Packet?

They can be turned in at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center, located in Garapan, between the hours of 9 am - 5 pm Monday to Sunday.

Will there be a lifeguard?

Yes. A lifeguard or Master Diver will be on duty on the Ridge to Reef Ranger snorkeling day.

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

Campers are to be picked up and dropped each day at American Memorial Park. The camp starts every day at 9 am. The camp ends every day at 2 pm. Please refer to the Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp Daily Schedule in this registration packet for more details.

What if my child is NOT 10 or 11 years old?

The curriculum is designed and tailored for this specific age group. Therefore, youth who are 10 and 11 years old will have first 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 parents three days before the Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp begins.



Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp Registration Form Part I

Child's Name (Last, First): _____

Child's age at start of August 2014: 10 years old 11 years old Other: _____

T-shirt size (Youth): Small Medium Large

Gender of Child: Male Female

How many times has your child snorkeled in the past year? 0 (Never) 2-5 times 6 or more times

How many times has your child hiked in the past year? 0 (Never) 2-5 times 6 or more times

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

Please be advised that participants will primarily be in an outdoor environment. They will be exposed to the sun for an extended period of time. During the camp, youths will snorkel, hike on uneven terrain, sit on a tarp under a canopy during sunny or rainy days, pick up trash, and walk along beaches.

If there are any important health conditions (allergies, medications, etc) you believe the camp staff should be aware of, write them below. All information you provide will only be released to Emergency Personnel Services in the event of an emergency.



Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp Registration Form Part II

Child'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 Ranger Summer Parent Consent Form Part III

Child's Name (Last, First): _____

I, _____, the guardian/parent of the child listed above, have read and understand the Ridge to Reef Ranger Summer Camp Registration Packet. 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 Ranger Summer Camp.

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

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date