

# Tent Mom 101- Bloom with Christ 2023

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Please visit the stake website [www.renonvstakeinfo.org](http://www.renonvstakeinfo.org) for additional camp forms: general packing list, tent mom 101, parent info, and directions to camp. Look for girls camp in the search tab.

## Here's what to expect BEFORE CAMP:

You will be assigned a partner tent mom and a group of girls (by age). You will be the adult representative/chaperone/substitute mom of these girls at camp. Your group will be assigned 2-3 YCL's (youth camp leaders age 16-17). These girls have been trained to take responsibility in leading your group and encouraging the girls in all things related to camp. Please allow the YCLs to be leaders whenever possible.

Your group has a budget of **\$10 per girl**. Use this to buy things that will emphasize your garden theme idea up at camp. Examples include decorations for your camp site, or for the girls: bandanas, hair bands, hats, etc. The stake will provide a camp site flag for your group to decorate. Please involve your YCLs.

YCL meeting with tent moms: **Sunday May 21st at 3:30-4:30 pm** at the Robb Drive building primary room. This meeting will be an opportunity to meet with your YCL's and plan games and family time activities and devotionals.

Here's what to expect AT CAMP:

**Arrival:** Tent moms and girls come up to camp on Tuesday afternoon. Wards will provide their girls with transportation. You may be asked to drive up some girls. Upon arrival, drop off your gear, unload, and collect your T-shirt, bag, journal pen and lanyard.

**Parking:** The Forest Service requires all vehicles to park in evacuation mode. After unloading your gear, drive to the parking lot area. Park with your vehicle's front facing out. Leave your doors unlocked and keep the key on the driver's floor mat. (The men and camp leaders can assist). The parking lot is where we will meet for any emergency or emergency drill (see drill instruction sheet).

**Camp site:** Set up your campsite with the help of your girls and the YCLs. Leaders may sleep in tents; we ask that the girls sleep outside on a tarp you provide. An additional tent may be set up for changing and extra storage. See the "Tent Mom Packing list" list for additional items to bring.

**Bear-free sites:** Please do not keep food at your campsites. There are bear boxes at each site, but it is better to store any food in the kitchen. The girls may get treats from their mailbox. Encourage them to throw away wrappers and keep your site clean. Trash should be emptied each night during chores; bags should be deposited at the kitchen.

**Schedule:** The lanyard will have the schedule for camp. Please bring a watch. Paired together, you will know where and when to be at activities. Tent Moms and YCLs should stick with their girls and participate at morning and evening group firesides, workshops, chores, family time, nature walks, etc. Tag team with your partner if needed. Your break from the girls is during free time, ward testimony meeting, meals, or kitchen help.

**Family time:** Family time occurs each evening before bedtime. Some days you will have longer family time and some shorter. You, along with your YCLs will plan a short devotional and/or activity depending on time.

**Bathroom/showers:** Please pack a small tote or travel bag with bathroom needs. These will need to be stored in the bathroom on the provided shelves. We don't want to attract bears with sweet smelling products. In case of

plumbing issues, consider bringing biodegradable soap to bathe in the lake, or baby wipes.

**Photos:** Our YCL slideshow committee will put together a fun presentation for the post-camp fireside. We ask the tent moms to provide 10 or more pictures of their group while at camp. There is no cell service, but camera phones are great. Don't forget to take a group photo.

**Kitchen help:** In order to lighten the cooks' load, we may ask each Tent Mom to take a shift in the kitchen for one meal. There may be other times we need help at archery or the obstacle course. Assignments will be given before camp. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

**Lights out:** When the schedule says "Lights out" it means girls and their tent moms should be in their designated campsites. YCLs may help tuck the girls in bed and then they should go to their own campsite. Please encourage your girls not to hang out at the bathroom or other campsites. Girls must sleep with their assigned groups and Tent Moms should account for each of their girls at bedtime.

**No pranks:** There is no pranking allowed. Encourage your girls to be kind and have fun without using pranks. Any behavior that you are worried about, please talk to the camp directors.

**Saturday morning final chores:** After morning scripture study and roll call, it's time to pack up. There will be one final chore for each group. Please do not let the girls shirk this in favor of packing their own stuff. No one leaves camp until final chores are complete and each camp site is clean.

# TENT MOM PACKING LIST

in addition to your normal packing list.

Tarps 2-3

Mat good for wiping feet outside of tent

5 gallon bucket fill with water for fire safety

Trash bags large and small

Gloves, shovel, broom to clear camp site

Rope/twine for clothes line to dry towels, swim wear

Clothespins

Lighter

Small table

Plastic tablecloth

Water cooler with spout

An extra empty bottle

Duct tape

Pocket knife

Scissors, sharpies, tape, paper, pens/pencils, markers

Extra scriptures

Hand sanitizer/ wipes

Stadium seat or camp chair

Pump for air mattresses

Clock for camp site (there are usually nails on the trees to hang)

Extra blankets/ sleeping bags, cot for sleeping

Personal tent (if you choose) plus changing tent for girls

Depending on mosquitos, bug spray.

Handheld mirror (optional)

Group flag (stake provides) and any supplies to decorate if not already done.

## EMERGENCY DRILL INSTRUCTIONS

Tent Moms, please review these instructions with your group on Tuesday night:

We will use the bull horn alarm to practice an emergency drill during camp. The same alarm will be used if there is a true emergency.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY/DRILL, MEET AT THE PARKING LOT

When you hear the alarm:

1. Immediately stop what you are doing and leave all as it is. If you are in the water or shower, quickly grab your modest cover-up and shoes.
2. Go quickly and quietly to the parking lot.
3. Once you arrive at the parking lot, find your tent group as quickly as possible.
4. Tent Moms will take roll call for their group. NOTE: The YCLs will report to Sister White and Sister Riley.
5. Sister Walker will call out each tent group name. If everyone in your group is present, a tent mom will answer, "All present and accounted for." If anyone from your group is missing, a member of the Stake YW presidency will help figure out whom we need to locate.