

Information: MISC Tryouts 2019-2020

TO: Campers in the 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th Grades

The Mojave Primitive Encampment is conducting Mojave In-Service Counselor (MISC) Tryouts for the 2019-2020 year. We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a MISC, this year or in the future, to attend tryouts. While 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are eligible to be selected, eighth graders will be given feedback and will be highly considered for patrol leaders at the desert encampment.

If you attend tryouts and are offered a MISC position, you are under no obligation to accept. However, you are highly encouraged to tryout at least once if you are interested in being a part of Pit Crew or Nomads in 10th, 11th, and/or 12th grades.

Adult in Charge: Irene Iwasaka, 310-710-2473

Emergency contact: Mo Schultz, 310-625-0987

TIME: Saturday, Sept 14th, 8:30AM, through Sunday, Sept 15th, Noon

LOCATION: Camp Eucalyptus, 641 California Street, El Segundo 90245

COST: Fee to cover patch, food and supplies. Make check payable to MPE.

\$30 if received by Aug 31st

\$50 if received after Aug 31st

DEADLINE: Karen Hassen, MPE Registrar, must receive complete application packet (including application, permission form, medical information, and fee) **on or before Saturday, August 31st**. Please call Karen (310-880-4604) or Mo (805-517-0717) if you have any issues.

Mail to: MPE c/o Karen Hassen
2889 Plaza Del Amo # 707
Torrance, CA 90503

BRING: Appropriate gear for a Mojave overnight campout (pack from your in-town MPE gear list);
A pen or #2 pencils for taking the written test.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Think camper tryouts, only smaller. MAs and PAs will be evaluating you on gear check, set-up, breaking camp, the cooking of three meals, leadership skills and attitude. On Saturday, there will be a review of camp skills conducted by the MISC candidates (to be assigned at the pre-tryout workshop – see separate page). You will also have a short interview and take a written test, which will cover all aspects of camp life. On Sunday, the adult staff will conduct tests on camp skills.

Be prepared to: tie knots and know their uses; lash a table; demonstrate correct usage of the pocketknife and the hand ax; prepare and use an “A” frame fire; show proper safety around a fire. You should know how to pitch and strike a tent; know how to take care of first-aid problems; read a topographic map; show how to find direction with a compass, and know how to box a compass.

There will be a mandatory Pre-Tryouts meeting to review important information, answer questions, and assign skills for review (see separate page).

If you have any questions, or **know of someone who is eligible and has not received this letter**, please call Karen or Mo. **We look forward to seeing you there!**