

# RIDGECREST

CAMP

## “Council Ring” Information

Dear Camp Ridgecrest Staff,

We are excited about what this summer holds, and we are doing our best to make sure that you are ready for what you will experience this summer at Camp. One of the most memorable parts of camp has been a tradition for many years. At Ridgecrest we have a special activity we call Council Ring. Every Sunday night all the campers and staff dress in Native American attire and attend a ceremony inspired by Native Americans. During Council Ring, the campers participate in Native American games, stories, dances, and our own promotional system. Every staffer is asked to be prepared to dress appropriately. Here are a few ideas that will help you...

### The Base:

The Base of your costume can be made from your own clothes. You can wear either denim or khaki pants (not your dress khakis). Most of our staff do not wear shirts, but there are exceptions if your dress is appropriate.

### Shoes:

There is a hike to get to the site of Council Ring, so you will want to wear shoes, but certain sandals or boots rather than tennis shoes are preferred.

### Extras:

Many of our staff wear loin cloths over their pants, which can be made once you get to camp or prior to your arrival. This is great, and only adds to the activity. The kids will get excited when their counselors get excited. So things like face paint (provided), beads (provided), a head band (which can be as simple as a rolled up bandana), and necklaces that can be made in our Indian Lore skill here at camp, are all great additions that you can make to help us create a more authentic and enjoyable activity for our campers.

Staff are also encouraged to carry something to “the hill.” You can bring an object that you make to council ring hill. It could be a spear, an ax, a mallet, etc. We would like these to be wooden or authentic looking. This is a tradition and we are excited that you will be able to help us set the bar high.

Thanks for getting excited about some of the things that our kids love at camp, and continue to come back for. Your participation and enthusiasm in any activity directly affects your camper’s experience. Feel free to call us with any questions you might have. We’re ready for you to join us here for the summer!

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