

I'd like to have the following notice forwarded to the IYC membership if possible. This is an exciting program that has been operated by the Boy Scouts in Montana for a number of years. I'm not sure that anyone would want to give up a week during the summer to travel to MT. But, if someone is interested, Montana is beautiful in July and August. Flathead Lake is the largest natural inland body of water west of the Mississippi River (27 miles long and 15 miles wide).

Thanks

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Volunteer Sailing Instructors Needed for Idyllic Island Camp in Montana

MISSOULA, MT., February, 20, 2011: Camp Melita Island B.S.A. needs at least ten volunteer sailing instructors due to increased programming and popular demand for the 2012 summer season. Last year sixteen guest instructors provided a highly successful sailing experience for over 300 attendees at the island camp on Montana's Flathead Lake.

Due to the expansion of the camp's sailing and boating programs Kyle Boyce, previously the Aquatics Director for the past three years is taking the position of Sailing Director in 2012. "This enables me to put my emphasis on sailing and further develop and direct this popular camp activity which is unique to Melita. I will have increased contact with our instructors and be able to add more activities centered on the opportunities presented by our island location on Flathead Lake. It's going to be a great time!"

Veteran sailing instructor and volunteer recruiter Chris Roberts says, "We are again putting out a plea for help to handle increased sign-ups for our boating programs which provide both youth and adults the chance to learn sailing." Returning instructor Chuck Rushing of Virginia says, "I took up the camp's offer again last year because it is a great opportunity to go sailing for two weeks in a gorgeous and relaxed environment while experiencing Montana. This will be my third year in a row."

"Even though we have some instructors returning we need at least ten more spread over a five week period this July and early August. We don't require super skilled professionals but are looking for good natured instructors who are competent enthusiastic sailors and are devoted to good seamanship," Boyce commented.

The popularity of Melita Island's program has increased demand for its fourth season in a row. Additional cruising boats have enlarged the fleet in order to offer an overnight experience. In addition to teaching on a daily basis, select boats and crew will ship out on Flathead Lake for a couple of nights giving participants a unique Montana high adventure scouting experience.

“The camp will house guests in cabin tents, feed you good meals and treat you well. You will have the opportunity to do a lot of sailing and we provide a variety of boats. However transportation to and from Montana is at your own expense,” Boyce said. “Due to the increasing popularity of this program and the overwhelming response I encourage anyone interested to contact us early in the spring,” Roberts adds.

Anyone wishing to apply or needing more information is asked to contact Camp Melita Island Sailing Program Recruiter Chris Roberts by phone at 406 549-3090 or e-mail at croberts@powwowcountry.com. Information about Camp Melita Island can be found at www.melitaisland.org .

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