



Dear Parents of Eighth Grade Girls,

I am excited to share an opportunity for your daughter to participate in a special program exclusively for 8th grade girls. *Becoming a Modern Day Princess* is a **rite of passage** experience where you and your daughter can develop your relationship with each other and with God in a fun and significant way.

In a nutshell, Modern Day Princesses (MDP) is a period of training to affirm girls' identity in Christ that culminates in a meaningful **rite of passage** ceremony where each participant receives a crown and a blessing from her dad or significant male role model. In addition to group sessions with me each week, the process requires the engagement and commitment of parents and/or mentors to help guide each girl at home as well. The time spent doing some simple activities together will have a surprisingly powerful impact on your relationship in the long term.



Historically, most cultures have provided some means to welcome their youth into the community of adults. Unfortunately, these ceremonies and practices have begun to fade from our modern society, and young adults are missing out on a wealth of benefits resulting from formally acknowledging this significant change in their lives. To address this void, the *Modern Day Princess (MDP)* curriculum was written by Pam Ferrel & Doreen Hanna. You can find out more about their ministry by going to <http://www.moderndayprincess.net/>. I have been leading groups each year since 2012, including three precious groups from the local area pictured above.

A quality program requires investment both personally and financially. I do everything I can to keep things affordable while still providing a high quality experience for all participants. The estimated cost for resource materials, guest speakers, and other program costs is about \$75 for each family. In addition, all girls will need to have a formal, full-length gown for the ceremony. The cost for the gown is up to each family, but I have lots of ideas and resources about how to keep this expense affordable as well as possible scholarship opportunities to ensure that costs do not impede participation.

Believe me, I know how busy families are these days, but your daughter will never be this age again! I assure you that it will be well worth your time and commitment to participate in MDP! A schedule with session topics can be found on the back and you can go to <https://www.smores.com/ezcuf> for additional information as well as online registration form. I hope to hear from you soon!

Joyfully,

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Spring 2019 Program Schedule

Sunday, March 17th 3:00-5:00

- Lesson 1 – The Princess Within – my unique personality

*Parents – please plan to stay for a brief parent meeting when you drop off your daughter for our first session.

Sunday, March 24th 3:00-5:00pm

- Lesson 2 – A Royal Destiny – my family heritage

Sunday, March 31st 3:00-5:00pm

- Lesson 3 – The Wealth of Wisdom – rewards of obedience

Saturday, April 6th - Full day Mother/Daughter Retreat! 9am - 3pm

This is a major highlight of the MDP experience that includes lessons in make-up and manners, an etiquette luncheon challenge, crafts, and ceremony planning together.

- Lesson 4 – The Value of True Friends – evaluating my friendships
- Lesson 5 – Beyond My Kingdom – my dreams and ambitions
- Lesson 6 – Looking & Acting like a Princess – beauty & etiquette

Sunday, April 14th 3:00-5:00pm

- Lesson 7 – The Portrait of a Prince – characteristics of a man of integrity

***SLEEPOVER/MOVIE NIGHT! Friday, April 26th 6:00pm – Saturday, April 27th 10:00am**

- Lesson 8 – The Princess in the Mirror – faith over feelings
- Lesson 9 – Dancing with the King – my personal relationship with Christ

*very important - we will address each girl's personal relationship with Christ and clarify expectations for the final ceremony.

Crowning Ceremony — Location, date and details TBD

Parents and girls will help to plan and prepare for this culminating experience! It's a very special event where girls have the opportunity to wear a formal gown, share what they have learned, and receive a blessing and a crown in a memorable ceremony.