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Dear Camp Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well! We're so grateful that you've registered for our **Farm Explorers Day Camp** program and we are looking forward to sharing this unique, safe, out of doors, farm experience with you.

Each session of our Farm Explorers Day Camp will be held Monday through Friday. Farm Explorers will run from 9am-4pm every day and drop off and pick up will be in the Farm Pavilion which is on the east side of Southwest Highway. We recommend parking in the farm lot off of Southwest Highway and walking your camper up to the drop off location.

Daily, all campers should arrive dressed for the out of doors and sturdy, closed toe shoes are required. A daily schedule will be sent home on Monday which will outline specific activity needs (pants for horseback riding, a change of clothes for water games, money for the Plush Horse) for your camper's week. Please make an effort to review this schedule as their daily needs will vary depending on the planned activities.

Campers should plan to bring a backpack daily. In the backpack should be a reusable water bottle, their sack lunch (that doesn't need refrigeration or heating), bug spray, sunscreen, an extra face mask and any daily activity needs.

Enclosed in this packet are two forms which need to be completed **and brought with you on the first day of camp**. This differs from most years as we are requesting that no paperwork be submitted prior to the arrival of camp. These forms need to be filled out by parents or legal guardians so please make arrangements before the first day of camp if someone other than a parent/guardian will be dropping your camper off.

The Center is following CDC, IDPH and the American Camp Association's health and safety recommendations for our summer camp programs. We have many prevention strategies in place to help protect campers and staff this summer. Please read the Health Care Policy document enclosed for a full understanding of our policies and procedures but we do anticipate the large majority of our camp program to be held out of doors, distanced, with no need for masks. That said, masks will still be required daily as there may be times when they will be mandatory (check in & indoor activities where we cannot distance, etc.)

We are so looking forward to five adventure and nature filled days with your child. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions you may have.

Thank you and see you at Summer Camp!

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Camp Director