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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 modified daytime **Ranch Camp** program and we are looking forward to sharing this unique, safe, out of doors, farm experience with you.

Each session of our daytime Ranch Camp will be held Monday through Friday. Farm Camp will run from 9am-9pm everyday and drop off and pick up will be near the Anderson Center front porch which is on the east side of Southwest Highway.

Daily, all campers should arrive dressed for the barn! Jeans or long pants and riding boots or sturdy, closed toe shoes are required. A daily schedule will be sent home on Monday which will outline specific needs for activities outside of horseback riding (a change of clothes for water games, money for the Plush Horse, etc) 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. Please note that Ranch Campers will begin riding horses on their first day of camp so anyone wishing to use their own riding helmet should bring it along. Campers without helmets will be fitted with one to use for the week.

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 are times when they will be mandatory - in the buffet line in the dining room, indoor activities that cannot be distanced, check in, 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!
Amy DiDominicis
Camp Director