

Message to Leaders and Parents of Campers Headed for Frontier Ranch,

As you may have heard, Frontier Ranch has seen a number of cases of Influenza A (H1N1 or Swine Flu) during weeks 4 (June 14-20) and 5 (June 21-27). According to protocols established at each Young Life camp, our camp health professional and staff have worked closely with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment to determine a course of action that would ensure the safety of campers, leaders and staff. In week 4 that meant extensive isolation of sick campers and leaders and in week 5 we have decided to end camp two days early in order to take extra time and steps to sterilize the camp.

In addition to this extra precaution, all future campers, leaders and staff visiting Frontier will be screened for the flu prior to coming to camp. Just so you know, here's what we'll be looking for as we screen campers and leaders (based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control):

A fever together with cough and/or sore throat. Fever is defined as greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit. Children who have fever, together with cough and/or sore throat, are considered to have an Influenza Type A-like illness unless they have been diagnosed with a different illness by a healthcare provider (e.g., "strep throat").

Kids who are clear of these symptoms are on their way. Unfortunately, those exhibiting flu symptoms will not be able to make the trip. For these campers, the camp fee will be refunded; your local area will have to determine whether transportation costs will be refunded.

We are confident that these measures will decrease the risk of exposure to flu at Frontier Ranch.

Of course, we have a plan in place to handle additional cases of flu should they arise at camp and to ensure that all campers, leaders, work crew and staff have a great week here at the camp. That plan includes:

- Placing those with the flu in isolation
- Treating those who are ill as well as others at risk with anti-viral medication
- Monitoring and treating everyone on property as symptoms arise
- Extensive sterilization of surfaces most likely to carry the virus

As we continue to work with local health department officials, we will employ any other preventative measures or responses to flu cases recommended by these health professionals. Thus far, Frontier has received high marks from Colorado Department of Health and Environment for our preparation for and response to flu cases at camp.

We know that each leader and parent will want to make an informed decision about coming to camp. It is well documented that this seasonal flu with which we are dealing is typical in terms of severity and symptoms to other seasonal flu strains. Information provided by the Centers for Disease Control about H1N1 flu can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents/> . Any updates regarding Frontier Ranch can be found at frontierranch.younglife.org or at younglife.org.

Sincerely,

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