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YMCA Camp Santa Maria Parent Handbook

Greetings Parents!

We are so happy that you chose YMCA Camp Santa Maria as your child's destination for overnight summer camp! This summer, we will embark on an adventure that we, in the camp industry, like to call the BEST. SUMMER. EVER. We have worked hard in the off season to hire and train talented, dedicated staff that will serve as your camper's guide during their adventure here at camp.

What a joy and honor that you have chosen to entrust your camper to us. We take this responsibility very seriously. Our staff is filled with a passion for working with children and youth development. They get the added bonus of sharing their love for nature with our campers by being their tour guide around our beautiful camp based in the Rocky Mountains.

At Camp Santa Maria, we strive to create an environment where campers feel like they are a part of our small camp community. While camp is always about escaping from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world and having fun, we dedicate ourselves to helping them learn new skills, make new friends and, overall, have an unforgettable summer experience.

As a forward notice, it may be necessary to amend or add to the policies described in this handbook. You will be notified of any such changes at the parent information/forms table or via email. Any time you have questions or concerns about the program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

Sincerely,

Camp Santa Maria Leadership Team

santamaria@ymcabv.org

(303) 443-4474 ext. 4301 **Office in Lafayette, CO**

(303) 838-7900 **Camp Office in Grant, CO**

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Contact Information

Email: santamaria@ymcabv.org

You may email your campers daily. All email correspondence may be read by the camp director and distributed with the evening mail call. Campers will not have the opportunity to e-mail back.

Camp Physical Address:

UPS/FedEx packages ONLY:

51321 US Highway 285, Grant, CO 80448
(UPS/FedEx mail only)

Camp P.O. Box:

U.S. Mail ONLY:

P.O. Box 1369, Bailey, CO 80421
(U.S. Postal Service mail only)

Arapahoe YMCA Camp Office:

YMCA of Northern Colorado
2800 Dagny Way
Lafayette, CO 80026

Care Packages and Letters

Camp care packages are welcome and a good way to make a camper feel comfortable at camp. In order not to attract animals to the cabin areas, food items including gum and candy are no longer permitted. If you do mail a care package, comic books, toys and small games are permitted. Letters are a great way of keeping in touch with your camper.

Please keep all letters upbeat and stay away from topics that may cause your camper stress or anxiety. Mailing a letter or package before the start of your camper's session will ensure that they will receive it while they are at camp.

You are also welcome to bring any care packages or letters on Sunday when you drop your camper off. If you do this, please write in large, permanent marker, your campers name and which day you would like it delivered to them.

Please keep in mind that FedEx and UPS do not deliver to P.O. Boxes and packages sent to the P.O. box above will be returned to the sender.

Telephone

Campers do not have phone access in the normal course of events. **Campers may not bring cell phones to camp.** A YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff member will contact you in the event of an emergency or other situation. Please do not hesitate to contact us while your child is at camp.

Visiting Camp

We ask that parents and relatives refrain from visiting their child during camp as it may be distracting to other campers. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a visit to the camp prior to the summer season.

About YMCA Camp Santa Maria

Mission

The YMCA of Northern Colorado is an association of people of all ages, abilities, ethnic groups, and religious affiliations who are united in a common effort with a worldwide fellowship, putting Judeo-Christian principles into practice and enriching the quality of spiritual, mental, and physical life for all. We build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

History

The YMCA of Northern Colorado has offered residential camp experiences to campers for the past eight years. Over the past three years, The YMCA of Northern Colorado has worked with the Mary M. Dower Benevolent Corporation, a non-profit family foundation, to create a partnership to allow the YMCA to manage the Camp Santa Maria. YMCA of Northern Colorado, Camp Santa Maria opened in the spring of 2007. The YMCA of Northern Colorado and the Mary M. Dower Benevolent Corporation share the common goal of providing camp and recreational opportunities for all youth. Our hope is that this partnership will provide the opportunity for campers to share their camp experience and traditions with future generations of their family.

Values and Character Development

It is important to us that campers have fun and learn new skills when they come to camp. Even more important, however, are our efforts at YMCA Camp Santa Maria to provide campers with experiences that support their growth and help them develop the relationship, leadership, and decision-making skills that will help them to be productive members of society. Campers are surrounded by young adults they can look up to and role-model themselves after. The programs and activities at YMCA Camp Santa Maria are based on the core values of the YMCA; caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

The YMCA Camp Santa Maria Staff

Our staff members go through a rigorous application process and a 2-week staff training with emphasis on safety, risk-management, social and skill development, and community building. YMCA Camp Santa Maria maintains a 1 to 6 counselor to camper ratio.

ACA Accreditation

YMCA Camp Santa Maria is accredited by the American Camp Association. It is a peer review that covers all aspects of our program. For more information about the American Camp Association visit their website at acacamps.org.

Getting Ready for Camp

Camper paperwork

All paperwork must be filled out prior to camper's arrival through our new paperwork system, ePACT. If you have not received an invitation to fill out the paperwork online, please contact us.

WE WILL NEED A PHYSICAL DONE WITH 12 MONTHS OF YOUR CAMPER COMING TO CAMP*

Bicycle Inspection Form **

*Please include a photocopy of your camper's health insurance card.

**Only required for those campers in the Trekker's program who bring their own bicycles and plan to participate in the Mountain Biking Skill Track.

Preparing to be away from home

Being away from home overnight can be a challenge for even the most experienced of campers. Starting off right is important and can make the difference between having a child who is a life-long camper and one who attends camp only one time. Here are a few suggestions for making the transition easier. Dr. Chris Thurber is a board-certified clinical psychologist, author, educator, and father. His website and books are easy to read and informative for first-time campers and their parents. His website is campspirit.com. YMCA Camp Santa Maria's website also has a section on getting ready for camp under the parent's pages section ymcacampsantamaria.org.

- Prepare your child for camp; read through this info guide and look through our website to familiarize her with camp. If possible, come to an Information Session to meet the Camp Director or to the Open House at Camp Santa Maria to see the grounds and cabins and meet some of the staff.
- Encourage your child to talk about their thoughts and feelings about camp. What are they excited about, what are they worried about. Feel free to pull your child's counselor aside during check-in and let him or her know about any specific concerns your child may have.
- If you are concerned throughout their session, call the office. We will be happy to personally check on your child to ensure they are doing well.

The camp environment

YMCA Camp Santa Maria is located in the Rocky Mountains at an altitude of over 8,300 feet above sea level. Because of our altitude and the lack of humidity, campers are encouraged to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen and SPF lip balm. Days can be hot, but are usually mild, and evenings are cool. Our staff are trained in procedures for inclement weather and we have plenty of indoor space. We have rustic, bunk-bed style accommodations with shared-bathhouses at camp. Technology is not readily accessible and we encourage campers to take this time to "unplug" from technology and learn about the natural environment around them and be engaged in the community.

Check-in Day

Check-in times: **Sundays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Explorers A: Wednesday, May 29 @ 5:30-7:30 PM check in (Dinner provided)

Explorers B: Sunday, August 4 @ 3:00-4:00 PM check in

Please allow at most 30 minutes for check-in. Any special arrangements for check-in should be made in advance.

1. **Sign-in:** A parent, guardian or other authorized adult over age 18 must sign your camper in.
2. **Paperwork:** All camper paperwork must be submitted prior to the start of your camper's session. You can bring your camper's forms with you when you check in.
3. **Waivers:** Waivers must be completed for some program areas, please check the website for needed forms. Waivers are available on the website at ymcacampsantamaria.org
4. **Camp Store:** A deposit may be made into your camper's account, allowing them to purchase souvenirs and snacks.
5. **Health Care and Medications:** All medications must be turned in to the camp health officer. This includes vitamins and herbal remedies. All campers will participate in a health check.
6. **Cabins:** After check-in is complete you will get your camper's cabin assignment and then be able to deliver your camper and their luggage to their cabin.

Check-out Day

Check-out times: **Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 10:00AM**

Explorers A: Saturday, July 1 @ 5:00 PM check out

Explorers B: Wednesday, August 3 @ 5:00 PM check out (Dinner provided)

Special arrangements for check-out must be made in advance.

1. **Sign-out:** An authorized adult must sign your child out of camp and must present photo identification.
2. **Medications:** Please collect any medications that you deposited with the camp health officer.
3. **Camp store:** Souvenirs are available for purchase. You will be told the balance of your child's account. Remaining money can be spent, donated to the scholarship fund or a refund will be provided if requested by the Friday following your camper's last session.
4. **Lost and Found:** Please make sure to check the lost and found before leaving camp. By September 15, all unclaimed items will be donated.

CAMP DISCIPLINARY POLICY

It is the responsibility of the YMCA to insure each person's right to achieve their goals within the camp setting. In order to do so, the YMCA requests the understanding and application of this proactive disciplinary policy.

1. Every person has the right to be safe and healthy within their environment, including the following:
 - security and privacy of personal items
 - freedom from verbal, physical, sexual and mental abuse (bullying)
2. Every person has the right to an opinion, and to be heard in a constructive and positive manner.
3. Every person has the right to be respected and treated fairly in a civilized manner.
4. Every person has the right to grow in spirit, mind and body and is equally valued and important to the YMCA. It is implied that these rights apply to all individuals, campers, staff and parents alike. If a person infringes on another's rights, the YMCA staff will take action to remedy the situation.
5. The YMCA staff will do their best to redirect any misbehavior and resolve any issues to achieve a positive outcome for all persons involved. Parents will be notified immediately if issues arise regarding camper behavior. If positive outcomes cannot be achieved, the YMCA reserves the right to suspend or terminate the camper from our programs. Camp fees will not be prorated or refunded for violation of this contract or behavioral dismissal.

The following, while not a complete list, are grounds for immediate termination from YMCA programs without a refund or credit:

1. Anything that endangers the health and safety of campers and/or staff
2. Possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes. Includes marijuana.
3. Possession or use of fireworks or weapons (knives, guns, etc.).
4. Destruction of property.
5. Leaving camp boundaries or property without permission.
6. Extreme or continued inappropriate behavior; i.e. threatening others, profanity, not following directions, teasing, improper behavior in a transportation vehicle and sexual activity.

Traditional Camp Packing List

Please pack your child's belongings in a soft duffel bag, or backpack and label belongings with first and last name. Any unclaimed lost and found items will be given to charity by September 1, 2019.

Clothing

- underwear & cotton socks
- pants comfortable for hiking
- shorts comfortable for hiking and running around. Nothing too short please.
- heavy sweater/fleece pullover
- t-shirts
- polypropylene (non-cotton) shirt
- sweatshirt & sweatpants
- warmer pajamas in June, cooler ones in July and August
- bathing suit or swim trunks (bringing 2 is a good idea)
- Please keep all bathing suits appropriate and functional for camp. They must be able to be active in their suits so swimsuits that can only be secured by tying strings together are not functional for camp activities.**
- sneakers, sturdy hiking boots & rubber-soled sport sandals
- riding boots or shoes appropriate for horseback riding-If doing horseback rides.
- rain jacket, pants & warm hooded jacket
- warm hat & gloves

Toiletries

- bag or carrying case for all toiletries
- soap, shampoo & conditioner-Biodegradable if possible
- comb or brush
- wash clothes & towels (1 swim & 1 bath)
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- deodorant, unscented
- insect repellent

Linens

- pillow, sheets & a blanket (beds are twin size) -or- bottom sheet & sleeping bag
- laundry bag

Gear

- sunglasses & hat
- sturdy water bottle (2) *no glass bottles please*
- backpack/day pack
- flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- sleeping bag
- writing materials and stamps

Optional

- fishing rod (must be kept in bag or case at all times unless at the lake for fishing-specific activity)

Don't Bring:

Knives, weapons, fireworks, lighters or matches, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, any electronic items (cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, games, etc.), money, or any expensive or valuable items.

Teen Adventure Camp Packing List

Climbing

Gear

- Climbing Shoes – if you have your own
- Hat & sunglasses-with retaining strap if you think you will be wearing them while climbing.
- Sturdy water bottle (2)
- Backpack/day pack
- Chalk Bag – if you have one.
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Letter writing materials & stamps
- Sleeping bag (compressible, packed in stuff sack) Should be warm enough for being outdoors in low 40 degree temperatures.
- Camera-please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp. Things get broken, dropped, wet, or end up in someone else's gear. A disposable waterproof camera would work well.

Kayaking and Stand Up Paddle Board

Gear

- Hat & sunglasses-with retaining strap if you think you will be wearing them in the river.
- Sturdy water bottle (2)
- Backpack/day pack
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Letter writing materials & stamps
- Sleeping bag (compressible, packed in stuff sack) Should be warm enough for being outdoors in low 40 degree temperatures.
- Camera-please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp. Things get broken, dropped, wet, or end up in someone else's gear. A disposable waterproof camera would work well.

Backpacking

Gear

- Hiking Boots – these should not be new, they should be broken in before camp
- Hat & sunglasses-with retaining strap if you think you will be wearing them in the river.
- Sturdy water bottle (2)
- Backpack/day pack- You will need to carry your own gear, and some of the group gear. So a backpack that is good for a 3-4 day backpacking trip
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Letter writing materials & stamps
- Sleeping bag (compressible, packed in stuff sack) Should be warm enough for being outdoors in the low 30 degree temperatures.
- Camera-please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp. Things get broken, dropped, wet, or end up in someone else's gear. A disposable waterproof camera would work well.
- Compass or GPS if you want.

Don't Bring:

Knives, weapons, fireworks, lighters or matches, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, any electronic items (cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, games, etc.), money, or any expensive or valuable items.

Outdoor Adventure Camp Packing List:

Clothing

- Underwear (1 week's worth)
- Socks (1 week's worth-we strongly recommend that you do not bring cotton socks as they dry slowly) Please bring wool or synthetic socks.
- Pants comfortable for wearing in camp and possibly hiking and climbing in.
- Shorts comfortable for climbing and hiking-no short shorts please. At least mid-thigh in length.
- Hiking boots-These should **not** be new. Have boots that are broken in.
- Heavy sweater/fleece pullover (2)
- T-shirts or long sleeve t-shirts.
- Polypropylene (non-cotton) shirt (2)
- Sweatshirt & sweatpants-for hanging out in camp.
- warm pajamas
- One-piece bathing suit or swim trunks
- Sneakers or rubber-soled sport sandals
- Rain jacket, pants & warm hooded jacket
- Warm hat & gloves
- CLIMBING SHOES if you have your own.

Toiletries

- Soap, shampoo & conditioner-Biodegradable if possible
- Lotion, sunscreen & lip balm
- Comb or brush
- Wash cloth & towels (2 is a good idea)
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Insect repellent

Linens

- Laundry bag

Gear

- Hat & sunglasses
- Sturdy water bottle (2) NO GLASS PLEASE.
- Backpack/day pack
- Chalk Bag – if you have one.
- Flashlight or headlamp with batteries
- Letter writing materials & stamps
- Sleeping bag (compressible, packed in stuff sack) Should be warm enough for being outdoors in low 40 degree temperatures. A 3-season bag should be good.
- Camera-please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp.
- Compass or GPS if you want.

Don't Bring:

Knives, weapons, fireworks, lighters or matches, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, any electronic items (cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, games, etc.), money, or any expensive or valuable items.

Health and Wellness

Health Forms

Forms must be submitted at least two weeks prior to your child's session.

1. Health History Form
2. Camper Health Care Rec. by Medical Personnel Form
 - A physical exam is required for your child to attend camp.
 - The exam must be current within **12-months** of the last day your child will attend camp.
 - The form must be completed and signed by a licensed physician.

Health Services

Camp Santa Maria provides a Camp Health Officer on site. Our CHO resides at camp for the duration of our summer camp programs. Our Health Center has both isolation and treatment areas. In addition, all staff at YMCA Camp Santa Maria are trained in CPR and First Aid.

Emergency Medical Services

Camp Santa Maria is served by local ambulance and fire personnel from the Bailey, CO area. The nearest medical facility is Conifer Medical Center and the nearest hospital is Swedish Medical Center.

Illness/Injury

If your child becomes ill or injured while at camp, we will notify you as soon as possible. Depending on the severity of the injury or illness, we may transport, or have them emergency evacuated to the hospital. When you register your child in a YMCA program you are giving consent to the YMCA to secure emergency dental or medical care of your child at your expense. Care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb or the well-being of your child. You have also given the YMCA permission to transport your child at your expense as necessary in case of an emergency.

The YMCA of Northern Colorado carries limited, secondary accident insurance coverage. Your family's policy is your child's primary insurance coverage during their stay at camp. In the event that we must render emergency medical assistance to your child, your name will be listed as the responsible party. We will make every attempt to contact you and the emergency contacts on your child's health form prior to obtaining medical treatment from a medical center. If the need arises, it is important that someone be able to pick him/her up and take them home.

For your child's safety, please keep all emergency information up to date with the camp office. If your camper attempts self-injury, makes threats of suicide, elicits violent behaviors or exhibits serious symptoms of an eating disorder you will be notified.

Medications

Medication regulations are established by the Colorado Department of Human Services—Division of Childcare.

Medications refer to:

- Skin creams
- Medicated lip balms
- Over-the-counter drugs
- Prescription drugs
- Homeopathic and alternative medicines
- Vitamins
- Some health drinks and foods

In order for our Health Care Officer to dispense medication to your camper:

1. The Camper Health Care Recommendation form must be completed and signed by a licensed physician. A licensed physician's written instructions must include medication name, dosage and conditions under which to be administered.
2. All medications must be in their original container.

Storage

- Medications must be given directly to the Health Care Officer at check-in.
- Medication is stored in a locked cabinet in the Health Center. Many medications that are harmless to your child may cause allergic reactions or damage to other children.
- At no time should a child have their own medication in their possession or administer it to themselves. Except in the case of asthma when the camper may carry an authorized inhaler, provided the back-up inhaler is kept in the Health Center.

Special Needs

In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Association makes reasonable accommodation for individuals with special needs to enjoy the equal benefits of a YMCA program experience. Accommodations may include alteration of facilities, program activities, or provision of auxiliary aids (i.e. readers for YMCA information and/or forms, aquatic float rings, etc.). An assessment will be made to determine the individual needs of the child and a participation plan will be developed. Participation plans may include alternate programming which would be more effective for the individual and may require communication with professional health care providers who know the child. If a special needs staff person is required; your child's dates of participation will be dependent on the availability of such staff.

Sunscreen

Campers will spend the majority of the day outside. If your child is sensitive to sun exposure, Camp Santa Maria may not be the best program for them. Please contact us for other indoor options. Parents should provide sunscreen

Transportation

Getting to Camp

It is the responsibility of parents to arrange for the transportation of their camper. A map and directions are available on the website. Checking your child into camp will allow you to meet the Camp Santa Maria staff and see the environment where your child will live. We hope that parents will take the opportunity to enjoy the mountains, see the camp facility, and give their camper a warm send-off. We do offer round-trip bus transportation from the Arapahoe YMCA Center to YMCA Camp Santa Maria. You can register your camper for the bus on our website.

Transportation at Camp

For programming purposes, the YMCA may transport your child to a trip destination. When transporting children, we use only qualified, licensed drivers in accordance with Colorado State law. Children are required to wear seat belts in our vehicles and to act in a calm and non-disruptive manner. YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff members are not allowed to transport children in their personal vehicles at any time.

Registration and Schedule Changes

Changes and Cancellations

If you are registered for camp and need to make a change or cancel your registration you may do so by getting a change/cancellation form to either the Mapleton Center or Arapahoe Center YMCA. A change/cancellation fee may be assessed according to the change/cancellation policy.

Absences

We are concerned when your child is registered and does not show up for check-in. Please call the camp director at (303) 838-7900 the first day of the camp session and leave a message if your child will be late or not be able to attend the session. Be specific, stating your child's full name and the reason they will not be attending. Our office staff will return your call to confirm all details.

Photo and Media Policy

Photos and Video

YMCA staff may take photos or video of your child for educational or promotional purposes.

Posting Policy

Due to time and internet constraints, we will post no more than 50 photos per day and at least one video per week to our social media sites.

Camper-Staff Contact Outside of Camp

The YMCA of Northern Colorado does not allow staff to be babysitters, nannies, or child companions outside of camp for camp participants. Our staff works with your child in the context of a visible, well-scrutinized community that has many built-in checks and balances. During summer camp, counselors are supervised by senior staff and are guided by clear, firm policies regarding behavior.

We do not permit staff to have contact with campers outside of approved YMCA functions or on the YMCA of Northern Colorado Facebook page. While summer camp counselors are seasonal positions and often not our employees during the school-year, counselors who contact campers outside of approved YMCA functions and services may not be rehired for the next summer.

Internet and Social Media

It is against staff policy for our camp staff to have a relationship with your camper outside of official camp programs. This includes but is not limited to email, Facebook, meeting in person, and other forms of social media. We encourage you and your camper to join the official YMCA Camp Santa Maria Facebook page and to contact Camp Santa Maria via phone or email to stay in touch throughout the school year.

Cell Phones

We have a no cell phone policy at camp.

- Cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and the physical camp environment is not kind to such items.
- In addition, contacting you by phone makes it more difficult to make the transition to the camp community. It prevents us from getting to problems that may arise and addressing them quickly.
- Sending a cell phone to camp with your child tells them that you do not trust the camp staff to contact you when necessary.
- It also allows campers opportunities to contact friends outside of camp instead of fully immersing in the camp life and getting to know new friends at camp.
- Unplugging for a week or two might be great for your camper.

We will contact you if your child is experiencing difficulties in their adjustment to camp. You can help by talking with your child before they leave for camp and telling them there is always someone they can reach out to; counselor, activity leader, Unit Director, Camp Director, Office Staff or the Nurse. We are here to help you, the parent, with this transition as well. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Emergency Plans

Severe Weather Conditions: All groups will seek shelter immediately and stay there until twenty minutes after the weather clears.

Excessive Hot Weather: Activities will be provided indoors or in shaded areas outdoors as appropriate. Water is accessible to children at all times and they are encouraged to drink fluids throughout the day. Children are expected to carry water bottles.

Lost Child: If a child becomes lost, we will notify parents immediately. Our staff will start searching for the child and/or may contact the police department if necessary. Any incident of a lost child is reported to The Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Services within 24 hours.

Medical Emergency: If a medical emergency arises, we will administer first aid and make every effort to contact the parent/guardian. If emergency medical treatment is required, we will contact a doctor, hospital, or call an ambulance depending on the severity of the injury or illness. Health insurance information should be provided on the registration form and emergency contact sheet. Please be aware that any medical expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Vehicle Mechanical Failure of Accident: In case of a vehicle mechanical failure or accident, we will administer first aid treatment as necessary and notify the authorities. The vehicles used by the YMCA are all supplied with first aid materials. Emergency information on each child is taken along on any outing away from the camp facility. Parents will then be notified as appropriate.

Emergency Evacuation: In the event of an evacuation of camp due to dangerous conditions such as wildfire, everyone in the area is transported to a nearby site determined by the Park County Sheriff's Department. During such an event, parents are contacted and arrangements are made for campers to be picked up. In case parents are not available, another person named as an emergency contact will be contacted and arrangements will be made.

Emergency Communications: In the event of an emergency, parents will be contacted by phone.

If a parent has an emergency and needs to locate his/her child, or is concerned about a schedule change they should call the camp at (303) 838-7900.

State Licensing

"Dear Parents,

Your child is now enrolled in a child care program that is licensed by the Colorado Department of Social Services. The license indicates that the program has met the required standards for the operation of a child care facility. If you have not done so, please ask to see the license.

Most licensed facilities make every effort to provide a safe and health environment for children. Unfortunately, on rare occasions, an incident of physical or sexual abuse may occur. If you believe that your child has been abused, you should seek immediate assistance from your county department of social services.

The number to report child abuse in Park County is (303) 816-5139.

Child care services play an important role in supporting families, and strong families are the basis of a thriving community. Your child's education, physical, emotional, and social development will be nurtured in a well-planned and run program. Remember to observe the program regularly, especially regarding children's health and safety, equipment and play materials and staff. For additional information regarding licensing, or if you have concerns about a child care facility, please consult the Colorado Office of Child Care Services at (303) 866.5948."

Park County Social Services

P.O. Box 1193, Bailey, CO 80421 (303) 816.5139

Division of Child Care

1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 866.5948

Child Care License; License #: 1527071 RSCMP

Last Report of Inspection was May 2015, we will be inspected again in 2017.

Reporting Child Abuse

Anyone who works with children is required by Colorado State law to report any suspected signs of child abuse or neglect. Some examples are (including but not limited to) suspected verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, lack of basic care in the areas of personal hygiene or nutrition, or leaving a child alone or in the care of another child under the age of twelve. After a report is made, it is up to the proper authorities to investigate. A report should be seen as a cause for concern, not an accusation. We are not allowed to discuss the situation with the parent before making a report. Please discuss any concerns you may have with the camp directors.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN – Help send others to camp!

The YMCA of Northern Colorado serves a very economically diverse population. For the last 50 years we have impacted the community through School Age Programming, Summer Day Camps, Residence Camp, Teen Programs, and Youth Sports. More families than ever are experiencing economic hardship this year. Over 35% of our families need financial assistance for their children to attend summer camp. If you would like to make a contribution to support other youth who are less economically capable of participating in our programs, please contact:

Becca Mack - Executive Director of Camping
303-443-4474 ext. 4300
Becca.Mack@ymcabv.org

YMCA MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A **YMCA MEMBERSHIP** is one of the best investments that you could possibly make for an individual or a family's well-being and fun. The YMCA specializes in helping those who are new or returning to exercise and those wishing to develop a healthier lifestyle. You will find programs for the whole family to participate in making your experience with the YMCA inviting and satisfying.

If you're not a member of the YMCA already, [join now](#) so you'll be able to use our great outdoor pool this summer! The Arapahoe outdoor pool includes; family swim pool, 6-lane competitive pool, high dive/low dive, splash park, water slide, kiddie pool, sandy beach, and family picnic areas with shade.

COME JOIN THE YMCA FAMILY!

MAPLETON FACILITY

2850 Mapleton Avenue, Boulder, CO
303-442-2778

ARAPAHOE FACILITY

2800 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO
303-664-5455

ED AND RUTH LEHMAN CENTER

950 Lashley Street, Longmont, CO
303-776-0370

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