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## **Greetings Parents!**

We are so happy that you have chosen YMCA Camp Santa Maria as your child's destination for overnight summer camp! This is an honor and a responsibility that we take very seriously.

We have worked hard in the off season to hire and train talented, dedicated staff who will serve as your camper's guide during their adventure here at camp. Our staff all share a passion for working with children and for youth development. They get the added bonus of sharing their love for nature and the outdoors with our campers at our beautiful camp based in the Rocky Mountains.

Camp is needed now more than ever. We are proud to provide a safe and supportive environment that fosters connection and friendship through fun and engaging activities. At YMCA Camp Santa Maria, we strive to create a place where every camper belongs and feels like a part of our camp community/family. While camp is always about escaping from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world and having fun, we also dedicate ourselves to helping campers learn new skills, make new friends, and have an unforgettable summer experience.

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,

YMCA Camp Santa Maria Staff

## **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.

### **Our Vision**

Get Outside  
Build Character Through YMCA Core Values,  
Foster Friendships; New and Old  
Have Fun

### **History**

The YMCA of Northern Colorado, in partnership with the Mary M. Dower Benevolent Corporation, a nonprofit family foundation, has offered residential camp experiences at YMCA Camp Santa Maria since 2007. As partners, we share the common goal of providing camp and recreational opportunities for all youth. Our hope is that this partnership will continue to provide an opportunity for campers to share their camp experience and traditions with future generations.

### **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 relationship, leadership, and decision-making skills they can apply in their lives beyond camp. 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: respect, inclusion, caring, honesty, and responsibility. And in nurturing these core values, we are making the lives of our campers RICHR.

### **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 skill development, and community building.

### **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 [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org)

## Contact Information

**Email Camp:** [santamaria@ymcanoco.org](mailto:santamaria@ymcanoco.org)

**Camp Physical Address: UPS/FedEx packages ONLY**  
51321 US Highway 285, Grant, CO 80448

**Camp P.O. Box: U.S. Mail ONLY**  
P.O. Box 1369, Bailey, CO 80421

**Arapahoe YMCA Camp Winter  
Office:  
YMCA of Northern Colorado  
Headquarters**  
2800 Dagny Way  
Lafayette, CO 80026

## **Communication with your Campers while they are at camp**

**To view PICTURES UPLOADED DAILY and to send EMAILS to your child:**

Go To: **Bunk1.com**

Click: **New Here? Get Started** (top right corner)

Code: Code will be given at check-in

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**Drop Off Mail in baskets on Opening Day Check-In**

If you would like to drop off mail or packages you can do so during check-in at the cabin luggage tents. Please clearly label each package with your camper's name and what day you would like it delivered.

**Care Packages and Letters**

Camp care packages are welcomed and are a good way to make a camper feel comfortable at camp. However, in order to not attract animals to the cabin areas, food items including gum and candy are prohibited. 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.

***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**

Parent/guardians may contact the camp administration at any time to discuss their camper's experience. Our experience is that camper telephone conversations with friends or family from home tend to exacerbate homesickness. Therefore, campers do not have access to a telephone. However, exceptions can and will be made. In the event that a camper requests to call home, permission to do so is granted by the Camp Director after staff makes contact in advance with the parent/guardian to discuss the situation. **Campers may not bring cell phones to camp.** In the event of an emergency or if we have questions or concerns relating to your camper, A YMCA Camp Santa Maria staff member will contact you. 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 to tour the facility.

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Corporate Office: Arapahoe Center, 2800 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026

## Getting Ready for Camp

### Camper paperwork

The following items should be completed and submitted at least **two weeks prior** to your child's arrival at camp. For camp forms, visit [www.ymcacampsantamaria.org](http://www.ymcacampsantamaria.org), and click on the Parent Resources link.

- WE WILL NEED A PHYSICAL DONE WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF YOUR CAMPER COMING TO CAMP\*
- E-Pact Emergency Contact/Health Information Online/Confidential Letter to the Counselor.
- Supplemental Health Information
- 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 once. 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 [www.campspirit.com](http://www.campspirit.com). YMCA Camp Santa Maria's website also has a section on getting ready for camp under the Parent Resources section on [www.ymcacampsantamaria.org](http://www.ymcacampsantamaria.org).

- Prepare your child for camp; read through this info guide and look through our website to familiarize you and your camper with camp. If possible, join us for our virtual information session on May 21 to meet our new camp director and ask questions.
- 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 a member of our camp staff aside during check-in and let them 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 8,600 feet above sea level. Because of our altitude and the lack of humidity, campers are encouraged to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen. Days can be hot but are usually mild, and evenings are cool. Our staff is 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, learn about the natural environment around them, and be engaged in the community.

## Check-in Day

Check-in times: **Sunday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

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

**Staggered Schedule:** We will have staggered drop-off times from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

- **Age 10 and under 2:00pm to 2.45pm**
- **Age 11 to 13 2:45pm to 3:30pm**
- **Age 14 and up 3:30pm to 4:00pm**

**Sign-in:** A parent, guardian, or other authorized adult over age 18 must sign your camper in.

**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, but we prefer them to be done online at least 2 weeks before camp.

**Waivers:** Waivers must be completed for some program areas, please check the website for needed forms. Waivers are available on the website: [www.ymcacampsantamaria.org](http://www.ymcacampsantamaria.org).

**Camp Store:** A deposit may be made into your camper's account, allowing them to purchase souvenirs and snacks. We prefer that this is done online or over the phone prior to camp and not on check-in day. This can be done by clicking **Camp Store Link** on the **Parents Resources** page.

**Health Care and Medications:** All medications must be turned in to the camp health officer with proper forms. This includes vitamins and herbal remedies. All campers will participate in a health check.

## Check-out Day

Check-out times: **Friday from 4:00PM to 6:00PM**

**Explorers only:** Wednesday from **4:00PM to 6:00PM**

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

**Staggered Schedule:** We will have staggered pick-up times from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

- **Age 10 and under 4:00PM to 4:45pm**
- **Age 11 to 13 4:45PM to 5:30PM**
- **Age 14 and up 5:30pm to 6:00pm**

**Sign-out:** A parent, guardian, or authorized adult must sign your child out of camp and must present photo identification.

**Medications:** Please collect any medications that you deposited with the Camp Nurse or Health Officer.

**Lost and Found:** Please make sure to check the lost and found before leaving camp. By September 15, all unclaimed items will be donated.

## **Behavior Expectations**

When concerns arise, which are beyond the normal range of issues with children, staff will communicate those concerns to parents.

- Our goal is then to create a Behavioral Contract between the camp and the child to ensure that the child acts and behaves more positively with staff and peers.
- If behavior problems continue, campers may be asked to leave camp.
- Refunds are not issued if campers are sent home for behavioral issues.

Please talk with the Camp Director about any questions or concerns regarding the behavior and specific discipline policies concerning your child. Some of our general camp guidelines are the following:

- Act safely and do not take any unneeded risks.
- Follow the rules of the camp and the direction of the staff.
- Speak for yourself, not for anyone else.
- Listen to others.
- Avoid put-downs.
- Stay with your group at all times.
- Show respect to yourself, others, and the environment.
- Take charge of yourself. You are responsible for you.
- Have fun.
- Physical and emotional bullying is not accepted at camp.

### **The following are grounds for immediate termination from YMCA programs without a refund or credit:**

- Anything that endangers the health and safety of campers and/or staff.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes. Includes marijuana and CBD products.
- Possession or use of fireworks or weapons (knives, guns, etc.).
- Destruction of property.
- Leaving camp boundaries or property without permission.
- Continued inappropriate behavior, i.e. threatening others, profanity, not following directions, teasing, improper behavior in a transportation vehicle and inappropriate sexual behavior.

## Packing List

Please pack your child's belongings in a soft duffle bag, suitcase, or backpack and label belongings with first and last name. Any unclaimed lost and found items will be given to charity by September 15.

### Clothing

- \_\_\_ one mask for each day
  - \_\_\_ underwear and 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 and 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.*
- \_\_\_ sneakers, sturdy hiking boots and rubber-soled sport sandals with a heel strap
  - \_\_\_ rain jacket, pants and warm hooded jacket
  - \_\_\_ warm hat and gloves

### Toiletries

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

### Linens

- \_\_\_ pillow, sheets and a blanket (beds are twin size)
- \_\_\_ laundry bag

### Gear

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

### Don't Bring

- knives, weapons, fireworks, lighters or matches, drugs, alcohol, tobacco
- any electronic items: cell phones, tablets, mp3 players, games, etc.
- money, any expensive or valuable items

## **Travel Adventure Camp Packing List**

### **Climbing Gear**

- Climbing shoes, if you have your own
- Hat and 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
- Sleeping bag, compressible and 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 works well.

### **Kayaking and Stand Up Paddle Board Gear**

- Hat and 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
- Sleeping bag, compressible and 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 works well.

### **Backpacking Gear**

- Hiking boots. These should not be new; they should be broken in before camp.
- Hat and 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
- Sleeping bag, compressible and 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 works well.
- Compass or GPS, if you want.
- If you want to bring a knife of some sort, please consider a multi-tool.

# Outdoor Adventure Camp Packing List

## Clothing

- Underwear (a week's worth)
- Socks (a 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 and sweatpants, for hanging out in camp
- Warm pajamas
- One-piece bathing suit or swim trunks
- Sneakers or rubber-soled sport sandals
- Rain jacket, pants and warm hooded jacket
- Warm hat and gloves
- Climbing shoes, if you have your own

## Toiletries

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

## Linens

- Laundry bag

## Gear

- Hat and 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 and stamps
- Sleeping bag, compressible and packed in stuff sack. Should be warm enough for being outdoors in low 40-degree temperatures. A 3-season bag is good.
- Camera. Please don't bring an expensive camera or your smart phone to camp.

## Health and Wellness

### Health Forms

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

- Health History Form
- Camper Health Care Recommendation 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

YMCA Camp Santa Maria provides a Camp Health Officer (CHO) on site. Our CHO resides at camp for the duration of our summer camp programs. In addition, we work with our local community to provide registered nursing staff. In addition, all staff at YMCA Camp Santa Maria are trained in CPR and First Aid.

### Emergency Medical Services

YMCA 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 for 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 your child 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 both prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

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

- 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.
- All medications must be in their original container and labeled with the child's name.

## 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, YMCA Camp Santa Maria may not be the best program for them. Please contact us for other indoor options. Parents should provide sunscreen **with all bottles labeled with campers full name**.

## **Transportation**

### **Getting to Camp**

The YMCA of Northern Colorado does not provide transportation to or from YMCA Camp Santa Maria. 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 YMCA 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.

### **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 from the link on the **Parents Resources** page. 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.

### **Photos and Video**

YMCA staff may take photos or video of your child for educational or promotional purposes. You can look for photos of your child at Bunk1.com. Authorization code is given at check-in.

## **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 official Camp Santa Maria social media accounts. 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, meeting in person, and any form of social media. Again, we encourage you and your camper to join the official YMCA Camp Santa Maria Facebook page and to contact YMCA Camp Santa Maria via phone or email to stay in touch throughout the school year.

### **Cell Phones**

YMCA Camp Santa Maria has a NO CELL PHONE policy at camp. Not only are cell phones expensive to replace when they are lost or damaged at camp, but cell phones also interfere with your camper becoming more independent. We understand that parents take a leap of faith by sending their campers to spend time away from home. Unfortunately, when well-intentioned parents send a cell phone to camp 'just in case' the camper needs to call home, the message is, "We love you, but don't trust that you are ready to solve challenges on your own." Having a cell phone prevents our counselors and staff from addressing problems that might arise and using that experience to help your child grow.

We will reach out to you if your camper is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. You can help by talking to your child before they leave for camp and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their counselor, a camp specialist, the camp nurse or the camp administration. Cell phones brought to camp will be kept in a locked office and returned to the parent at checkout. Please express your trust in our counseling staff and in your own child by insisting cell phones stay at home.

## Emergency Plans

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

**Excessively Hot Weather:** Activities will be provided indoors or in shaded areas outdoors when 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 or 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 their child or is concerned about a schedule change, they should call the camp at (303) 838-7900.**

## **State Licensing**

YMCA Camp Santa Maria is a childcare 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 childcare facility. If you have not done so, please ask to see the license.

Most licensed facilities make every effort to provide a safe and healthy 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.

Childcare 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 well-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 childcare 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 in August 2020, and we will be receiving a drop-in visit mid-session summer 2022.

## **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.

## **Be A Champ For Camp**

Each summer, thousands of children attend YMCA of Northern Colorado day and overnight camps. For more than 350 campers, their summer experiences are only made possible because of donor-funded financial assistance. Camp gives them connection, activity, mentors, confidence, resilience and safe spaces while their parents' work. It helps them prevent summer learning loss and gives them opportunities to have fun — even when life at home or at school is anything but fun. Camp allows them to be kids.

Colorado is a state that boasts endless outdoor adventures. But access to outdoor education and engagement with the natural world is often determined by economic status. At the Y, we believe all children deserve sunshine, mountain air and bug bites (yes, even bug bites). We believe all children should have the opportunity to build gnome homes and traverse a stream. We believe summer camp should be a right — not a privilege — and we are looking for champions to help us ensure all kids experience a summer at camp.

Be a champ for camp. Your gift will change lives.

If you would like to contribute to support other youth who are less economically capable of participating in our programs, please visit [champforcamp.org](http://champforcamp.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. You will find programs for the whole family to participate in making your experience with the YMCA inviting and satisfying. For more information, visit our website at [www.ymcanoco.org](http://www.ymcanoco.org).

The YMCA of Northern Colorado has fitness facilities in Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont and Johnstown and programs throughout Boulder, Weld and Larimer counties.

## **COME JOIN THE YMCA FAMILY!**