



Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Cooperative Leadership Camp

Dear RMFU Camp Families,

With the ongoing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and at the rate at which things are changing around us, we are continually adapting our Rocky Mountain Farmers Union operations including our summer camp program. Please know that RMFU Camp is committed to the well-being of each camper, guest and staff member.

Our Colorado camp community is prepared going forward as ALL camps in the state must abide by strict regulations that include health, safety, preparedness in times of emergency, etc. We have longstanding and rigorous safety procedures and staff training protocols, we are in communication with our state licensing agency, Department of Human Services/Child Care Division, and the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. We are also incorporating the latest guidelines on health/safety, cleaning, and preparedness from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and following the recommendations of the American Camp Association. As information is changing quickly, we are regularly checking to ensure that we stay current with CDC and local directives to keep our campers, staff, and community safe. It is unclear if this situation will have an impact on our summer camps, and we know you may have questions in the coming weeks, so we'll communicate any changes as they develop.

Currently, our 2020 camp program is still on, and we have opened our online registration! However, as stated above, things can change at a moment's notice. In order to help you register with confidence, we have updated our registration guidelines as follows.

- We ask that you complete the registration process by following this link: <https://www.rmfu.org/what-we-do/education-leaders/summer-camp-registration/>. You will be prompted to upload your health form/physical which must be signed by a medical professional within 24 months of camp, your immunization record which must be on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) form, and insurance card. All Colorado schools are required under state regulation to have immunization records on the CDPHE form, so best place to start is with your school nurse. If you receive your child's immunizations records on another type of form you must transfer that information to a CDPHE form before submitting to RMFU. You can find the CDPHE form by following the link to the registration form.
- The deadline for registrations and all required documents is May 1, 2020. Please note that we still need to keep our deadlines as RMFU must provide information to the YMCA of the Rockies per our agreement.
- Payments for camp participation can be made online, by check or call the office with a credit card. Due to the uncertainty, we are offering for those who register by the deadline, you can make payments up until the day camp begins. But, for whatever reason, I am more than happy to work with you on a payment schedule that works for your family.

- In the event you need to cancel your registration due to illness or circumstances related to Covid-19, you will receive a full refund. And, if RMFU Camp has to make the decision to cancel the program, you will receive a full refund.

As schools are going into extended Spring Breaks and the possibility of online schooling to finish out the year, we know you will be looking for some type of outlet for your children when life returns to normal. Camp offers the best placement, as we have longstanding procedures and protocols that address the health and safety of our campers. If you are following closures within Colorado, you will see that many child care centers are staying open, that is due to the strict regulations and procedures that are already in place, and RMFU falls under child care centers so we are confident that we will again be able to provide consistent programming.

Over the next month I will be providing information on our new camp home, the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. One of the key reasons the YMCA was chosen, was due to their abundance of activities that kids love—swimming, hiking, volleyball, basketball, golf and so much more. The best advertising doesn't come from the local newspaper or an ad on radio or television, it comes from word-of-mouth referrals. When you see the value in our quality programs and relay that message to others, it does more good than any dollars can buy! We ask that you help us spread the word by taking the additional camper brochures and handing them onto other family and friends. Also included are a few flyers to place on community bulletin boards, the local grocery store or gas stations. Help us grow our Camps!

I will be thinking of you and your families as we move through these unprecedented times. I know what camp means to your children--the friendships, the leadership skills learned, the memories, and above all, a time for kids to be kids. What a great way for them to have some 'normalcy' in their lives!

Again, we are committed to keeping you updated of any changes in our plans and procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at jennifer.bahr@rmfu.org, 303-283-3550 (office) or 303-638-6745 (cell).

Best regards,

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