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Dear Parents,

Thank you for enrolling your child in Yampatika's summer program! All programs take place at Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch. The Ranch was homesteaded in 1899. Its historic structures are ideal places for kids to learn about homesteading and settlement of our valley. Its 132 acres of hay meadows, pastures, wetlands and riparian areas provide ample opportunity for nature exploration in the field.

Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center is located one mile east of Walton Creek Road on Hwy 40. Once you pass the D Bar K Storage, we are the second driveway on the right. Our buildings are white with red trim. **Please be careful when pulling in and out of our driveway. There is only one ingress and egress, so please drive slowly and be aware of other cars pulling in or out.** Please follow the arrows located on the cones to drop your child off. If you need to park on-site to drop your child off, please park on the south side of the property where the "Camp Drop-Off" sign is located.

Yampatika is excited to be part of this year's 4th of July parade! We would love to have all Yampatika campers and their friends and siblings join us as we march down Lincoln Avenue. Our theme is "Wildlife of the Wild West." We invite all campers to join us in creating "wild" costumes. Preparation for the parade will take place Tuesday, June 29th from 3:30pm – 5:30pm at Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch. Please call us at 970-870-9151 if you would like to participate.

The safety of your child is our number one priority. The Ranch comes with many exciting new features and natural elements. As with any historic ranch, there may be rusty metals on-site. **We suggest that all campers have a current tetanus shot.** We ask that children arrive prepared to be outside all day in our ever-changing mountain weather. Plenty of light-weight and mid-weight layers, as well as a rain jacket are a must. Children must wear hiking boots or sneakers (no crocs or sandals) and lightweight long pants are a good choice. Things go well when children are prepared. Eating a good breakfast and packing a water bottle and healthy lunch will also aid in your child enjoying his or her day. Following is a short gear list (much of it is optional, however nice to have) please refer to it when packing for your child's program.

Thank you for allowing your child to experience the wonders of nature through Yampatika! Please call us at the office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sonja Macys
Executive Director

"...inspiring environmental stewardship through education."

Recommended Gear List

Your child should bring the following items, if you have them, each day.

- Backpack or bag
- Journal, pencil
- Rain jacket
- Layers~ light and heavy
- Sunglasses
- Hat or bandana
- Sturdy shoes (no flip flops, sandals, or crocs)
- Whistle, compass
- Sunscreen and/or bug spray (optional)
- Binoculars and/or magnifying glass (optional)
- Water bottle
- Lunch
- Name tag (these will be created the first day of camp and kept through camp)
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If your child is a “Junior Naturalist” or a “Wilderness Pioneer”, they should bring the following items for the overnight only:

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad (optional)
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Warm jacket
- Warm hat and gloves
- Layers~ short and long sleeves + heavier layer
- Extra Socks
- Flip flops, crocs, camp booties (only allowed at overnight, when not hiking)
- Toothbrush, other toiletries

If your child has prescription medication that is required for a medical condition, s/he must bring it to camp. Yampatika has many items that can be loaned to your child if you do not have them. Please call Sue or Sonja if you have a specific need for your child at 970-871-9151 or email us at info@yampatika.org. Thanks!