

Summer 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you for enrolling your child in Yampatika's summer program! We are looking forward to a very exciting year as we expand our programming to Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center at the Legacy Ranch, the first environmental education facility in the Yampa Valley. The City-owned Legacy Ranch encompasses 132 acres. Structures include a 1917 ranch house, a 1930's-style bunk house, and several out buildings. Yampatika has secured a long-term lease for the site.

The Environmental Learning Center will house youth camps in the summer. It will be a resource for area educators with a Resource Library and teacher training programs on-site. We will also offer school field trips throughout the school year.

**The Environmental Learning Center is located 1 mile beyond Walton Creek Road as you head towards Rabbit Ears Pass. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway on the right after the D-Bar K storage units. If you reach 131, you've passed it! Please be careful approaching the site as the shoulder is very narrow. Give drivers behind you plenty of notice that you will be turning right at the Environmental Learning Center.**

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

## 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 “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](mailto:info@yampatika.org). Thanks!***