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Dear Camp Families,

It has come to our attention that one of our campers is being treated for head lice. Since our campers from time to time interact with other sites we are notifying all sites of the case.

As a precaution, we are asking you to please check your camper's head for live lice and/or their nits (eggs). Head lice are not a public health hazard as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. If you find head lice, please notify camp staff and treat your child before he or she returns to camp.

The information below provides some helpful tips on the identification and treatment of head lice.

Facing Head Lice - A Guide for Families

While the odds of your son or daughter developing head lice are relatively small, the following includes useful information on how to spot and treat this condition. Head lice often infest people with good hygiene and grooming habits. Infestation can occur throughout the year, although a peak is generally experienced during summer and back-to-school time periods.

Head lice are wingless insects and cannot jump or fly. They move by crawling and are mostly spread by direct head-to-head contact. Another method of spread is through the sharing of personal items such as brushes, combs or pillows.

*The most common symptom of head lice is itching caused by an allergic reaction to the louse saliva. There may be redness or sores caused by itching on your child's scalp. Diagnosis of head lice is made based on symptoms and confirmed through the identification of a live louse on the head. If your child is scratching his or her head, and you see red bite marks, sores, lice or nits on their scalp, you should **contact their pediatrician or family physician to get appropriate care**. Follow treatment instructions. Family bed linens and recently used clothes, hats and towels should be washed in very hot water. Personal articles, such as combs, brushes, hair clips, should also be washed and sanitized. All household members and other close contacts should be checked.*

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

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