

TO: Camp Barney Medintz Families
FROM: Jim Mittenthal, M.S.W., Director
RE: Your Child(ren)s Health!
DATE: April, 2010

As we prepare in every way to welcome your child(ren) for a spectacular summer at Camp Barney, we ask every family to pro-actively check your child(ren) again and again before they depart for camp and become part of our community:

1 SWINE FLU (H1N1).

This “Pandemic” began spreading rapidly from coast to coast just before last summer and particularly impacted summer overnight camps. Camp Barney remarkably experienced zero incidence of H1N1, largely due to our daily communication and preparations from the CDC, epidemiologists and CBM medical staff about checking symptoms, taking intelligent precautions, sanitizing “everything” and much more. After all, the implications are significant for your child and for our Camp Barney community.

As we get closer to beginning our 2010 adventure together, we again urge you to consult your pediatrician about flu and H1N1 vaccines, screening your child(ren), the week prior to coming to camp, maintaining healthy habits about washing hands, sneezing and coughing into one’s elbow, etc. And again, we’ll be extremely diligent to protect our camp community every day of the summer! Please contact us immediately should you need to delay your child(ren)’s arrival. Note: For more information, check www.cdc.gov/flu or call 800-CDC-INFO.

2 LICE.

Our medical staff is prepared to check every child and staff member upon arrival. Please do this exam on your child(ren) before departure and delay their arrival should you discover nits and/or with live lice. Again, the implications are significant for our camp community. (Those discovered to have “full blown” bugs and nits will be sent home for 2 treatments and require a physician’s “ok” note before returning to camp.

These “checks” not only properly care for and treat the above symptoms but manage the spread of issues that can impact other family’s children and our entire camp community rather rapidly. We’ll also let you know immediately if we need to communicate with you because of these or any other health issues at camp.

If it sounds like we’re being “compulsive” about these health issues, well, we are!

Thank you so much for your help.

We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing another amazing summer at Camp Barney!

Sincerely,



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