



May 24, 2013

Dear Families of Earth Adventures Campers:

This year, several children attending camp have severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts, among other things. These food allergies can be life-threatening because ingestion of, or contact with, nut products or residues can lead to a rapid anaphylactic reaction. At Earth Adventures Camp, we strive to provide a safe environment for all campers, and we are asking for your help. With your cooperation, we can reduce the risks to children with allergies by keeping peanut/nut products out of lunches and snacks whenever possible.

While we will be providing a peanut/nut-free area at lunchtime and ensuring children wash their hands before and after contact with food, it is strongly encouraged that parents avoid sending any foods with peanuts, peanut butter, or other nut ingredients as a part of lunches or snacks whenever possible. Although lunches will not be refrigerated, they will be kept inside out of the heat. In addition, if your child has eaten a peanut/nut product for breakfast, we ask that they wash their hands and mouths before coming to camp, as residues left on shared surfaces/equipment can cause an allergic contact reaction. This is especially important since we will not have the opportunity for every child wash their hands upon arrival to camp.

We recognize that some of these safety procedures may pose an inconvenience for you and your child. The Earth Adventures staff and the parents of children with allergies understand that we can't guarantee a completely safe environment. With your consideration, however, we can significantly reduce the risks posed to these children.

We look forward to a fun and safe environment for all participants this summer. If you have any further questions, or would like more information about food allergies, please contact me at (847) 677-7001. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jill Flaherty'.

Jill Flaherty
Earth Adventures Camp Supervisor