

## ***Congratulations!***

You have been accepted into the Camp Tamarack summer program. We are very excited to see you this summer. We are planning activities and programs that will make your experience at camp a special one.

Included in this letter are general descriptions of what the enclosed forms entail. The Health Form, Riding Questionnaire, Rafting Form and Transportation Questionnaire are to be completed and returned as soon as possible. The "What to Bring List" and "Frequently Asked Questions" documents are to help make preparing for camp a bit easier.

**Health Forms** must be on file for every camper. If your camper's last physical was in the last 2 years please request your doctor's office to fill out their portion and sign it. Otherwise, the camper will need an updated check-up. The health history portion is to be filled out by the parent/guardian of the camper. Campers arriving without health forms will be taken to the clinic for a physical and parents will be billed. In the event of camper illness, parents will be notified if medical personnel and Camp Director feel the situation warrants communication (i.e. excessive fevers, rashes, stomach ailments, injuries, etc.). Parents will also be notified if a camper is taken to a medical facility for care or evaluation.

**Riding Questionnaire/Ranch Hand Application.** This is an important tool in placing your camper in the appropriate level of horseback instruction if they have chosen the program with horses.

**Transportation Questionnaire.** The information collected here is essential for clear communication from parents to camp. **Transportation needs to be arranged at least one week in advance!** Campers traveling by public transportation should carry authorization to be released to a Camp Tamarack staff person. Whenever possible please arrange air transportation to the Redmond Airport. Due to increased security, campers will be met at the security gate or baggage claim. Those using our van transportation will need to be at the Tualatin K-mart parking lot for an 8:00am pick-up. If wishing to use us for transportation to or from camp, there will be a \$35 one-way fee to compensate for our additional costs incurred.

**Opening Day.** Plan to arrive on opening day between 8am and 11am. Finger food will be provided for all campers and families. We ask that after you meet Camp Directors and staff, finish registration and payment procedures, move your child's luggage into his/her cabin and meet your child's cabin counselor, you lovingly depart camp so that your child can begin his/her camp experience.

**Closing Day.** Parents coming to pick up campers are to be at camp at 10:30am. You are invited to attend our closing ceremony at 11am, in the corral, followed by a buffet lunch. Please note that most parents do attend. Standard check-out procedures include attending the ceremony at 11am, lunch at 1pm, pay remaining account balances, go for a swim, pick-up art projects, pack-up and head on home. You will be free to roam about camp with your child and we encourage families to use this day as an opportunity for your child to share their camp experience with you.

Our goal is to offer the Camp Tamarack experience to as many children as possible, regardless of family income. Last year we provided **51 campers** with scholarships. We strongly believe in the ethic of serving others and one's community, and that there is something that each of us can do to make our own community and the world a better place. We require all families that receive a scholarship to perform a community service project together as a family. There are many ways that you can help continue the traditions at Camp Tamarack. Monetary donations provide flexibility to meet the needs at camp every day while in-kind donations help enhance our programs and facilities. Camp Tamarack is a Non-Profit Organization, so donations are 100% tax-deductible.

We appreciate your support, and look forward to welcoming you to camp!

Sincerely,

**Sandra Ashton, Summer Camp Director**