

Collecting Medicine Before Entering Camp: What to Do and What Not to Do

Hello Trip Leaders and Parents,

In just a short period of times your child will be coming to Frontier Ranch for the best week of their lives! One of the primary roles of the Frontier Ranch staff is to keep kids as safe as possible while they are here. Part of our role in keeping your children safe is to follow the Colorado Child Care Agency's rules and regulations regarding medication. The Colorado Child Care license states that;

"The camp health care provider shall be responsible for administering medication to campers"

Because of this (and other rules) we have implemented the following procedures for collecting and administrating medicine. Below is an example of how to efficiently collect and pack medicine:

On the bus are several kids with prescription and over the counter medications, including Henry Snodgrass. These are Henry's medications...



...Before you arrive in camp and kids exit the bus, medications will be collected. The photo below shows the **ONLY** way medications should be collected and labeled:



Collect all medicines in a Ziploc bag labeled with the camper's first and last names, and area number. Also label all over the counter meds with the camper's first and last names and area number. Prescription medicines with labels do not need additional labels.

REMINDERS FOR CAMPERS/LEADERS/PARENTS REGARDING MEDS

- ✓ Every medications bottle (whether Over the Counter OR prescription) must be labeled with FIRST & LAST name.
- ✓ All medications must be in their original bottles or packaging (including Over the Counter meds)
- ✓ **Please avoid sending over the counter meds. The infirmary stocks several types of different OTC meds**
- ✓ There should NEVER be loose pills – these will NOT be administered while at camp!
- ✓ Do not mix pills into one bottle or container. If using a weekly (Sunday through Saturday) pill box, the original medication bottles still need to be sent with the pill box.
- ✓ Medications will be administered as the label reads, so if the person does not follow directions on the label, a note from the parent/legal guardian should be sent along to specify correct medication regimen (Ex: if ADHD meds are optional for the minor during the summer months, the parent/legal guardian needs to communicate this.)
- ✓ Notes from parents/legal guardians are always welcome to clarify any medication regimen or schedule.
- ✓ Yes – leaders have to turn in their medications and the same rules apply!
- ✓ Meds will be collected “at the top of the hill” before coming into camp, so be prepared for this! It will go much smoother if you collect meds when you load up the buses at the start of your trip to Frontier. (Getting meds out of luggage from under the bus at the top of the hill isn’t fun for anyone 😊)
- ✓ Only emergency meds (like asthma inhalers & EPI pens) can be kept with the person they are prescribed for as long as their health form specifies. Two signatures are required on the YL Health Form – 1 by the physician and 1 by the parent/legal guardian (if camper is a minor) in order for the camper to carry emergency meds.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact Frontier Ranch if you have any questions. 719-395-4111