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HOWDY CAMPERS AND FRIENDS!!

We are so excited to be working on plans for 2021. It has been a long haul without running our beloved Blue Mountain Ranch, as it has been a long haul for all of you to be doing everything virtually. We are shaking the cobwebs out of our brains and will soon be doing the same to the camp itself! Suzie took a walk around camp this week and ran across all kinds of things that need to be prepared for camp 2021. Thanks to Lisa Tilley Leonard we will have one new tennis court! We are excited to be working on everything and preparing for the best summer ever – the 75th summer of camping at Blue Mountain Ranch!!

This is what we know about plans for this summer: There will be a **limited number of campers in each session**. Things will be a lot like they are in your schools. Masks will be worn inside, spacing and hand washing will be important, hand sanitizer will be everywhere, and we will be doing almost everything outside (including eating when possible)!!! What could be better?? We do almost everything outside anyway!! We will send instructions about pre-camp procedures when they are completely ready. As usual, we are waiting for guidelines from the State of Colorado which has no idea that we need to know now!!! Actually, we should get those right away. In the meantime, we are taking care of the horses who have been real troopers during this long, cold winter and getting things ready in the office.

Although some things will be different, we feel we have a great place for almost any kind of activity you would wish for. We will be using the athletic field for all kinds of things. It will be **CAMP!!** It will be bonfires and hikes, horseback rides and rock climbing, arts and crafts and canoeing, sing song and skit night, music and much more!! **If you haven't signed up yet it would be a great idea to get that to us as soon as possible.** Space will be limited due to covid, and we would hate for you to miss out on any part of our 75th summer.

Fun Fact: There is an eagle's nest at the mouth of 11 Mile Canyon which is just a few minutes from camp. Further in the canyon there is an osprey nest, and further even more in is a falcon nest. As we will be hiking in this area, who knows what we will see?? The other news is that the government is removing the old concrete dam at the mouth of the canyon as it is no longer needed. That will return the river to its original path and bring in even more wildlife! We have been seeing big herds of elk near here, and we know they have been in camp. They are just sneaky about it! The huge amount of snow we had in March will mean gorgeous wildflowers for the summer. It's going to be great!

Watch our website and Facebook page for important updates about the summer, and we will email you as well. Get ready. It's just a little over two months!!

