

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS RE: HEAD LICE

June 15, 2015

Dear Parents:

We just wanted to let you know about the procedures we are following since we discovered two campers with head lice this morning. Your child's health and safety is our number one concern. To refresh ourselves about the facts regarding head lice, we have checked with the National Pediculosis Association, Inc, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We are following all of their guidelines for treatment and prevention of future outbreaks.

Head lice can be spread whenever there is direct contact of the head or hair with an infested individual. Lice can also be spread through the sharing of personal articles like hats, towels, brushes, helmets, hair ties, etc. There is also a possibility of spreading head lice via a pillow, headrest or similar items. Because of these factors, we are following all of the eradication procedures specified by the CDC.

Please know that head lice do not jump or fly and generally cannot survive longer than 24 hours off the host. So, we anticipate that we have the situation under control.

We are checking each camper and staff to ensure that no one else is affected. If, when your child arrives home, you will check them as well, we can work together to do everything we can to stop the spread.

If you would like information about lice and what we are doing, feel free to call me at any time – but also check out the CDC and NPA web sites ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov), [headlice.org](http://headlice.org)).

THANKS! I just wanted to keep you informed!