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TO: The Foxboro Reporter
FROM: Pauline Clifford
RE: CAMPS
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RECREATIONAL CAMP'S FOR CHILDREN

Summertime is usually associated with all types of camps: day camps, recreation camps, overnight camps, sports camps and even educational camps. Parents need to be aware that *only certain ones are licensed and inspected by the Board of Health*. These particular camps must meet strict requirements for such issues as: Criminal and Sex offender background checks for staff; contingency plans for lost children, fire evacuation, emergency care, abuse and neglect prevention, traffic control; proper ratio of staff to children; health care policies, health care consultants, health records, proper first aid facilities; proper toilet, handwashing facilities; and emergency communication systems.

This is not to say that other "non-licensed" camps/programs are not safe, because there are many good "non-licensed" programs. However, it is important for parents to realize **that not all camps are alike** and to really do some research before sending their child to camp. For more information on camps, see our website www.foxboroughma.gov under Health Dept.