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To: Area Seventies in the Utah Areas

Dear Brethren:

Girls' Camps in the Heber City Vicinity

We express our deepest appreciation to leaders, parents, and others who prepare our young women for the faith-building experience of Girls' Camp. We also are grateful for the preparations undertaken to minimize risks and ensure the safety of all participants.

In the next few days, please contact stake presidents whose stakes are planning to hold Girls' Camp in the vicinity of Heber City to apprise them of a possible risk factor for those attending camps in the area, including the Heber Valley Camp, Aspencrest Camp, Aspen Lakes Camp, and Lake Creek Camp.

Over the next approximate five weeks a group calling itself the "Rainbow Family" will hold a gathering on U.S. Forest Service land about 15 miles east of Heber City--not adjacent to our camps but in the general vicinity. This group tends to attract a shiftless element and is only loosely organized and controlled. It expects as many as 20,000 participants to filter in from all over the country. We are unaware of any express threats to our planned activities from this gathering. Past such gatherings in other wilderness locations have occurred without serious confrontations with nearby communities, although there have been some reports of lawlessness--usually burglary, theft, and disturbing the peace (including public nudity and obscene behavior).

To minimize risks to girls' camp participants, the Church in concert with state and local government is taking several precautionary measures. These include providing extra security at the camps and an increased presence of law enforcement officers in the general vicinity. However, it is also important for assigned stake and ward leaders who attend these camps, to be vigilant and to assure that prudent measures are adopted to safeguard those attending the camp.

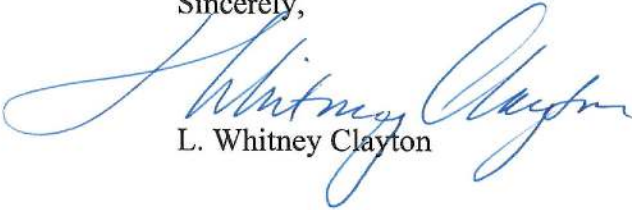
Parents should also be notified of this situation in advance. They may be told that the Church is monitoring the circumstances and will take all reasonable steps to protect the girls and

their leaders while they are at the camp, but it cannot guarantee that there will be no encounters with participants from the Rainbow gathering.

Finally, please ask that wards and stakes not undertake any measures to address this situation that are not specifically requested or approved by the missionaries and staff at the camps.

Thank you for your help as we work to make this camping season safe and meaningful for our young women and their leaders.

Sincerely,



L. Whitney Clayton