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Dear Future Diabetes Counselor:

We are thrilled about your interest in working with us to present Camp Colorado 2008! With an estimated attendance of over 240 children with Type 1 diabetes, we expect June 28th -July 4th, 2008 to be nothing short of spectacular! Where else on earth can you work yourself silly but still have fun? Have home cooked meals without stepping foot in the kitchen? See millions of stars nightly or watch the faces of children brave enough to go down the zip-line or give their very first injection? Camp Colorado that's where! This is also the place to go to meet others who are just as dedicated as you and also willing to give their time to support kids with diabetes.

We have formed a relationship with our host facility, Eagle Lake Camp, working together to impart the best camping experience we can for our campers. Eagle Lake provides camp counselors and most of the programming. You will work with your Eagle Lake counselor to ensure that your camper's experience is memorable. Camp is arranged in cabin teams and cluster groups giving you the opportunity to work with many people, both returning and new. Although your role will be basic diabetes management of your campers, a team of senior medical professionals will be advising and supervising.

At Camp Colorado, our volunteers are the backbone of our camp program. You are an integral part of our camp team and because of this we need you to be as ready as you can be when camp starts. Volunteers need to arrive at camp on **Saturday, June 28, 2008** for a **mandatory** training session. This is an intensive training to give you the information and tools you'll need to feel ready for your responsibilities. We cover topics ranging from recognizing and treating hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) to what to do if a camper in your care reveals some shocking news. This year we will also be having a pre-camp conference call training. This training will impart important information to our new diabetes counselors prior to arriving at camp. The date and time of the call will be determined and the information sent to you.

In order to be considered for diabetes counselor you must complete and return the attached application and background check information. This paper work must be completed and received at the American Diabetes Association office **By April 30th, 2008**. Our camp committee will review your application and send you a welcome letter with additional forms upon acceptance. We encourage everyone to apply, but some preference is granted those who are able to stay at camp the whole week. Please note that the American Diabetes Association pays for each background check prior to your acceptance. If you are unsure of your ability to attend, please hold off on sending in your application.

Thank you once again for your inquiry and we look forward to having you as part of our Camp Colorado Team. Questions? Please contact either April Henderson at 720-855-1102 ext. 7019 or Sandy Hoops at 303-724-1333. Hope to see you this summer!

Sincerely,

April Henderson – American Diabetes Association, Camp Director
Paul Wadwa, M.D. – Volunteer Medical Director
Sandy Hoops, MS, PA-C – Volunteer Medical Coordinator