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MEMORANDUM FOR COWG ENCAMPMENT APPLICANTS AND PARENTS

FROM: ENCAMPMENT COMMANDER

SUBJECT: Encampment Meals – Dietary Restrictions and Food Allergies

1. This memorandum provides guidance for the handling of food allergies and dietary restrictions at the Colorado Wing Cadet Encampment.
2. Most encampment meals are served at the Air Academy High School cafeteria on the Air Force Academy property. Sodexo, our food service provider, is unable to provide food service that satisfies all dietary restrictions and food allergy issues. Usually, there are choices available for most cadets to eat; however, we cannot place requirements on Sodexo that they cannot meet. Some meals are served at military dining halls at Ft. Carson and Mitchell Hall at USAFA. We have *no* control over those meals.
3. Beginning with the 2016 encampment, Sodexo will provide the same meal service that we have used for previous encampments. Those cadets with allergies or dietary restrictions will simply have to select from what is available at each meal.
4. Sodexo cannot provide foods that are free of all reported allergens. We brief cadets that it not possible for all food items served to be completely allergen free. Cadets cannot assume that because they stated that they have an allergy that it is safe to eat anything served. ***Participants are responsible for asking food service personnel if a particular food contains items to which they are allergic.*** If so, they should not eat that food and should select something else from what is available. We will reinforce this concept daily.
5. As the number of food allergies increases, it may become a requirement for parents to submit a physician's statement indicating that the listed allergies are a legitimate medical issue. We will implement this requirement if necessary.
6. While we understand the need to make reasonable religious accommodations, these accommodations will usually be limited to the cadets selecting something that they are able to eat from what is available.
7. If cadets have very strict religious dietary requirements, encampment staff will need to discuss the specific dietary requirements with parents. Limited accommodations may be possible, but it may require parents to supply special meals at their own expense. Very limited storage is available for such requests.
8. Parents of cadets with special requirements will have to make choices as to whether they can attend the encampment based on the foods being served. We cannot support diets that are "life-style" choices.

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