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Markel Honors Camps and Clubs With Distinguished Safety 1st Award

Richmond, VA, February 1, 2010 – Markel Insurance Company, a division of Markel Corporation, announced today that 64 camps and 4 Boys & Girls Clubs have received the prestigious Safety 1st designation for 2009. Each year, Markel's Safety 1st program recognizes policyholders who have shown an exceptional commitment to the safety of their employees and customers.

Michael Swain, Senior Loss Control Specialist at Markel stated, "Camps and clubs must meet stringent criteria to qualify for the Safety 1st designation. They must have a proven safety record for at least three consecutive years, undergo formal assessments and inspections, and participate in continuing education and certification programs. These facilities deserve to be recognized for keeping safety a top priority."

Many recipients have been awarded the Safety 1st designation for multiple years. The Markel Safety 1st Award recipients for 2009 are:

Ten Years

Pompositticut Farm Day Camp, Hudson, MA

Nine Years

Setebaid Services, Inc., Winfield, PA

Eight Years

Camp Mary Orton, Columbus, OH

Camp Ronald McDonald at Eagle Lake, Sacramento, CA

Seven Years

Camp Bear Track, Drasco, AR

Camp Highroad, Middleburg, VA

Catalina Island Camps, Pasadena, CA

Six Years

Camp Kabeyun, Alton Bay, NH

Five Years

Camp Fern, Marshall, TX

Camp Marimeta for Girls, Mundelein, IL

Evans Creek/Upward Bound Camp, Stayton, OR

Peninsula Activities, Inc., Palos Verdes, CA

Four Years

4-H Camp Middlesex, Ashby, MA
Galileo Learning Center, Oakland, CA
Melody Pines Day Camp, Inc., Manchester, NH

Three Years

Camp Boggy Creek, Eustis, FL

Camp Horizons, Harrisonburg, VA
Camp Jump Start, Imperial, MO
Camp Odayin, Stillwater, MN
Camp Olympia, Trinity, TX
Carmel Valley Tennis Camp, Carmel Valley, CA
Children's Association for Maximum Potential, San Antonio, TX
Common Ground Center, Starksboro, VT
DAR Boys & Girls Club, Menominee, MI
Our Kids Day Camp II, Woodbourne, NY
The Phoebe Needles Center, Inc., Callaway, VA
Summer's Edge Day Camp & Tennis School, Lexington, MA
Tamarak Day Camp, Lincolnshire, IL

Two Years

Adventure Treks, Hendersonville, NC
Boys & Girls Club of the Emerald Coast, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Boys & Girls Club of the San Luis Valley, Inc., Alamosa, CO
Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, Woburn, MA
Camp Endeavor, Inc., Baraboo, WI
Camp Howe, Goshen, MA
Camp Lee Mar, Dresher, PA
Camp Magical Moments, Swan Valley, ID
Camp Onas, Ottsville, PA
Camp St. Andrews, Millbrae, CA
Camp Thunderbird, St. Louis, MO
Camp Unity, Leechburg, PA
Campfire USA Southeast Michigan Council, Holly, MI
Crissy Field Center, San Francisco, CA
Keowee Adventure Center, Salem, SC
Mountain Day Camp, Boulder, CO
Nature Camps, Inc., Monkton, MD
Princeton University Sports Camps, Princeton, NJ
Strong Rock Camp and Retreat, Cleveland, GA
Whippoorwill Farm Day Camp, Fairview, TN

First Year

Camp Aranzazu, Rockport, TX
Camp Birch Trail for Girls, Inc., Minong, WI
Camp Chippewa Foundation, Tulsa, OK
Camp Coyote, Huntsville, TX
Camp Doodles, Inc., San Francisco, CA
Camp High Rocks, Inc., Cedar Mountain, NC
Camp Olympia, Rockville, MD
Camps 'R' Us, Hicksville, NY
Camp Timberlane for Boys, Tucson, AZ
Camp Ton-A-Wandah, Hendersonville, NC
Diabetic Youth Foundation's Bearskin Meadow Camp, Concord, CA
Episcopal Diocese of Idaho, Boise, ID
Greenfield Health Camp, Inc., Greenfield, MA
Happy Acres Ranch, Jacksonville, FL
Living Well Foundation, Imperial, MO

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