



Mayor Corroon Letter Head From the office of Salt Lake County Mayor –

Dear Principal,

Salt Lake County is proud to be a SunWise Community. In partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and as an advocate for protecting children's health and the environment, we would like to encourage all Salt Lake County students and their families to learn about sun-safe behavior both at school and at home this summer.

To kick off "Don't Fry Day" and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month, Salt Lake County proclaimed Friday, May 22, 2009, as Salt Lake County SunWise Day. Throughout the month of May, and in the summer months to follow, Salt Lake County will mark its participation in SunWise Communities through a variety of sun safety activities engaging local schools, community groups and non-profits.

The beautiful Wasatch Front provides ample opportunities to get outdoors and recreate. Salt Lake County maintains 97 parks, 5,678 acres and over 100 miles of trails. We need to raise awareness among our children that overexposure to the sun can cause cataracts, skin cancer and other adverse health effects. In fact, just a few blistering sunburns in youth can more than double the chance of getting skin cancer later in life. The SunWise program is a fun and educational way for students to incorporate sun-safe behavior into their lifestyles at a young age, so that they can continue to spend active time outdoors, while protecting themselves from the sun.

In an effort to bring sun safety information to our schools, EPA will provide a **free** SunWise Tool Kit to each K-8 school in our community. The kit meets national education standards, is cross curricular and is designed to be easily integrated into existing lessons. Through interactive lessons, children will learn about ozone science and how to protect themselves from the harmful effects of UV radiation.

Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation will host "Don't FRYday" on June 26, 2009 at all 10 County operated outdoor pools. All patrons who show their sunscreen at the pool entrance will receive 50% off admission price. Activities and games derived from the EPA SunWise Tool Kit designed to teach kids and parents about sun-safety will be held on that day.

To learn more about SunWise or to order a free kit for your school, visit www.epa.gov/sunwise and register under the "schools" heading. You may also contact Luke Hall-Jordan, at 202-343-9591, or via e-mail, at hall-jordan.luke@epa.gov for additional information.

Thank you for becoming a SunWise School and for making sun safety a priority.

Sincerely,

Mayor Peter Corroon
Salt Lake County Mayor

Gary Edwards, Director
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