Statement from Rob Schutter, Chief Executive of Leisure Systems, Inc., (LSI) Franchisor of Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Camp-Resorts

Many locations are open; guests urged to contact campgrounds directly for updates

CINCINNATI – As a family focused business, our hearts go out to all of the families and their children who are being impacted by the COVID-19 situation. We understand how much uncertainty this event has created. Spending time together outdoors as a family can go a long way to alleviate stress and anxiety. Everyone who is part of the Jellystone Park Camp-Resorts system is committed to providing families with safe, enjoyable experiences to help them through these trying times.

Currently, about one third of our 75 parks are operating with the rest expected to open later this spring as usual. Each Jellystone Park location is an independent franchise and its owners are making decisions regarding whether or not to stay open based on direction from government agencies and local business conditions.

 As each campground is operated locally, guests are encouraged to contact each park directly for the most current information.

We are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and we will continue taking whatever steps are necessary to safeguard the health of Jellystone Park guests and employees. Our franchise owners have been urged to follow the directives of federal, state, and local authorities, and they have been provided with a list of operating best practices and recommendations from the nation's leading health organizations.

Based on those guidelines, parks have been advised to eliminate any activities that involve large groups of individuals or that cannot be modified to include social distances of at least six feet between participants. They also been advised to close their pools and splashgrounds.

The coming months will be challenging for all of us, but I am confident that our country and the Jellystone Park system will persevere and that American families will continue to enjoy camping for years to come. Everyone at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resorts looks forward to a return to normalcy and to once again helping families create happy, fun-filled memories.

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