

Christian Summer Camp Faces Shutdown Over Gender Law

A Christian summer camp in Colorado is suing over a gender policy it says could shut it down.

Camp IdRaHaJe in Bailey, Colorado, is asking a court to allow it to follow its sincerely held religious beliefs and separate campers by sex and not gender identity, The Denver Post reported.

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The camp, which has been licensed in Colorado since 1995 and derives its name from the song "I'd Rather Have Jesus," has operated for decades, dating back to 1948, and hosts thousands of children in its week-long program every summer.

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The issue centers on state regulations governing gender, with the camp declining to operate based on newly adopted parameters due to its Christian faith.

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A May 12 lawsuit, filed on Camp IdRaHaJe's behalf by conservative legal firm Alliance Defending Freedom, details the camp's concerns after Colorado Department of Early Childhood last year created new regulations mandating licensees like the camp allow children to use restrooms and other facilities that comport with their gender identities.

"Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed a lawsuit Monday with the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado on

behalf of a Christian summer camp seeking to uphold its religious and commonsense beliefs about biological sex,” a press release reads. “The camp is challenging a recent Colorado Department of Early Childhood policy update that forces licensed resident camps to allow campers to use private facilities of the opposite sex.”

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According to The Denver Post, the camp said it attempted to get a religious exemption, which wasn’t granted. According to ADF, the purported denial forced “the camp to choose between upholding its beliefs about biological sex and risk losing its license or abandoning its beliefs and mission to minister to children.”

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