

Dear Resident Camp Families-

I hope this email finds you doing well. At Camp Canaan we have waited as long as possible before making a decision about going forward with resident camp. As you know, COVID-19 has produced challenges for everyone and summer camp programs are certainly not exempt.

At this point, our Governor has not provided clear guidelines for opening resident camp programs. As a result, we are making the decision to cancel the June 7-12th session. We will make the decision about the subsequent weeks of resident camp as we learn more and receive further guidance from the Governor. Obviously our hope is that we will be able to hold all other sessions.

We have also attached a copy of our COVID-19 protocols that will be in place once we open our Resident Camps. There is no way we can guarantee families a totally risk-free environment, and there is no way we can guarantee that children will remain 6 feet apart at all times. However, in working with our staff and board of directors we have altered our programs to limit the close contact among campers. In the new COVID-19 policies and procedures, you'll see that we have created a highly controlled environment and a plan for consistently disinfected facilities.

We understand that this news comes as a disappointment. We waited as long as we could to make this decision but wanted to give you enough time to make alternative plans. We remain hopeful that we can open our Resident Camp programs in the coming weeks. Once the state and federal guidelines are in place, we are confident that we will be able to facilitate a safe fun-filled summer.

Here are other options for you to consider:

- We can refund the credit card that you paid. Since COVID-19 is out of both of our controls, we are asking you to consider a refund minus the 3% credit card fees, all other costs associated with processing registrations will be absorbed by Camp Canaan.
- We can move your camper to a week later in the summer that has availability or place you at the top of the waiting list for a week that you are interested in.
- We can move the tuition that you have paid up to now to next summer. As you know, our camps sell out quickly, and transferring your tuition will secure your camper's spot for next summer.
- You can donate the tuition that you have already paid to help offset the loss that we have experienced due to COVID-19

For June 7-12 registrants, please reply to this email with the option that best suits your family. We ask for your patience as we work as quickly as possible to reply to responses. Families with June 7th registrations will be given priority as their date is most near.

Thank you in advance for working with us and we look forward to serving your family in the future.

In Christ,

Matt Harper
Executive Director