



CAMP ROBIN HOOD

Dear Camp Robin Hood Families,

It is with profound sadness and regret that we have determined that we are unable to safely host children and staff at camp this summer as planned and accordingly must unfortunately cancel our Summer 2020 day camp program.

After spending the last two months analyzing the influx of ever-changing information, talking to experts, meeting regularly with our Leadership Team and patiently waiting for government and public health guidelines for the safe operation of day camp, it has become clear that the Camp Robin Hood program we traditionally deliver simply cannot safely take place in our current COVID-19 reality.

The daily vigilance of monitoring and screening for COVID-19, given the size of our program, would not be feasible. The existing and anticipated future restrictions would prevent or materially impact our ability to provide the level of hands-on care our campers would require and deserve. These restrictions would particularly impact the participation of our campers and staff with special needs and health challenges - an integral part of the Camp Robin Hood commitment.

No bussing, no Flagpole, no “high fives” and significant limitations to “in-camp” interactions are just some examples of how camp would be required to significantly modify. How could our caring staff “distance” from a camper who needs a hug, a quiet piece of encouragement or a lending hand with sunscreen application and other aspects of the daily camp routine? This type of environment is just not compatible with the Camp Robin Hood experience we have designed. Our priority at this stage must be focused on reducing transmission of the virus, and ensuring that campers, staff and families are safe and healthy; something we just cannot guarantee in a setting with numerous people, interactive programs and people leaving the facility on a daily basis.

It is for all of these reasons and more, that we have determined that our commitment to inclusion, community and spirit cannot be safely and feasibly delivered for Summer 2020. We are still at the infancy of our knowledge about COVID-19 and at this stage of the pandemic, we will not place your children at a risk greater than the threshold for safety Camp Robin Hood families rely on. We are heartbroken. Our 75th season was going to be like no other. We will just have to wait for Summer 2021 to celebrate.

Although we have been forced to cancel the Summer 2020 day camp, our attention has now turned to ways that we may be able to provide in-person experiences at Camp Robin Hood later in the summer. We will continue to monitor the evolving government restrictions and guidelines in order to assess whether it would be safe and feasible to possibly operate an in-person experience in late July or August.

We cannot even begin to imagine a summer without the daily joy of working with our amazing campers, their families and our wonderfully dedicated staff. The two of us have spent every summer together at Camp Robin Hood since 1987. This announcement is clearly the most difficult thing we have ever had to do, but we are at peace knowing that our decision is based on what we have always been committed to; open and honest communication and maintaining the health and well-being of our entire camp community. We recognize that sharing this news with your kids will not be easy. Please let them know that we send hugs and fist-bumps from afar and will continue to bring camp into your home as regularly as we can. Staying connected is our priority and promise to do so throughout the summer. Please pass on this [video message](#) to your kids.



“The Dreamer Keeps on Dreaming...”

The imagery of campers crossing arms and singing these lyrics from the camp song, “Hands Our Strong”, is what we wish for. May we all do our part so we can return to camp in the ways we were meant to be.

Stay Safe & Healthy.

Much Love,

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