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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we all know, the past year was unlike any other. We have been working diligently to follow CDC guidelines as we plan our 2021 summer camp. In order to safeguard your children, there are several changes for this year. We are outlining the most important changes below as you make your decision on whether to register your child for camp this year.

We are changing the dates this summer to only two camps instead of three. This allows us to have several days between camps to clean and sanitize. We plan to segregate the ages as much as possible so to allow for the best camp experience for each group.

Grades 4-7 are June 9 to 12 (This is for those going into these grades in the fall.) Grades 8-12 are June 16-19 (This is for those going into these grades in the fall.)

In order to allow for this change and to keep the facility at a level which promotes social distancing, we must limit the number of campers for each week. Once we confirm your child's acceptance at camp, we will send you a confirmation letter. Confirmation letters may not be mailed until May 1st to allow us time to consider all the accommodation needs.

We have developed a Covid19 protocol inline with CDC guidelines for the health and safety of both the campers and staff. Some of the highlights are listed below.

- During the camp registration process, parents/guardians/siblings and campers will be asked to **remain in their cars** while the staff takes the camper's temperature and completes the registration process. If you need to speak to the nurse, she will come to your car. The staff will then gather the camper and his/her belongings and take them to the appropriate cabin. To ensure distancing and out of an abundance of caution, parents/siblings will be asked to say their goodbyes in their car.
- Parent/guardian and staff will be required to complete a 14 day health check questionnaire which must be provided upon arrival to camp. Anyone who does not have this health check will not be allowed at camp. This health check will be mailed with your child's acceptance letter.

- Daily (and periodically throughout the day as needed) temperature checks
- Daily health checks as needed
- Masks must be worn inside all buildings except while the camper is in his/her bunk.
- Each bunk (top and lower) will be assigned to one camper to allow for maximum distance from other campers. This means each cabin will be at 50% of normal capacity.
- Masks will be worn outside when there is a distance of 6'or less.
- Meals will be provided in a way that limits exposure and seating will be socially distanced.
- Any child or staff exhibiting symptoms associated with Covid19 will immediately be moved to a quarantined area until personal items can be gathered.
- Parent(s) will be called and asked to pick their child up immediately.
- To ensure a level of transparency, an email blast will be sent to all staff and parents to report if any child or staff goes home due to Covid19 symptoms. Their names will remain anonymous.
- There will be a thorough cleaning/sanitizing performed throughout the day, as needed.

Please make sure your child understands these requirements prior to registering them at camp.

We realize this is not the camp experience any of us want.....but unfortunately these are the guidelines necessary in order to have camp this summer. Hopefully, next summer's camp experience will be more like it had been in the past.

Attached is a registration form. Please make sure to attach vaccination records if you are not able to list each vaccination in the blanks provided.

We no longer have a registration fee since camp is lovingly sponsored by those who want to provide this camp experience for your children at no cost to them. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call or email any time.

Thank you and blessings to you,

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