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Hello PHC Teen Leadership Camp Families,

This Spring and Summer have been different than we had all imagined and the nation is still recovering and sorting out safety, health, and regulations amidst it all.

At PHC, we've been asking, "What is the Lord asking us to do through this time?" We believe He is calling us to continue our Teen Leadership Camp ministry this summer, but instead using a revised platform—the **virtual interactive camp experience**.

This is an important ministry to us at PHC! We want your camper to grow spiritually, build on academic growth, experience a bit of college life, and have fun while doing it.

You may be spending lots of time on Zoom and other screens this Spring, but Teen Camps will be different. Let me tell you what we are doing to make this year's Teen Camps as special as we can, in the last month before the first camp begins:

Virtual

- We're creating a one-of-a-kind experience with technology rooms. These rooms give instructors a place to speak, lecture, and even write on dry erase boards, where you can all watch and interact. Other rooms will hold breakout sessions, and one room is designed specifically for corporate worship!
- Opposite our team is a large screen where the instructors or counselors can see all of the faces of their students. They'll be able to interact with students individually and help them stay engaged.
- Additionally, the Camp Counselors will be in the room, assisting the lecturer with their students, watching for raised hands, making sure students stay engaged, and more.

Interactive

- One of the comments that we have received most from families is "I don't know if my child can stay engaged on Zoom," and we understand! We don't want Teen Camps to be a laptop-to-laptop experience.
- I am working with each instructor to incorporate new ideas into their camp to keep students engaged and to keep the content rotating.
- For example, Strategic Intelligence Camp is looking at using some new technology. The camp will incorporate members of the intelligence field into a morning interactive podcast Q&A format, and create a fantastic Crisis Management Exercise program as the penultimate piece of the week. These new technologies will vary from camp to camp of course, as content is different for each.



Camp

- The comment we have received most from students is “I am sad that I won’t be able to see my friends!” Well, we are thinking of that too! During breakout sessions, you’ll be interacting with your wing more than ever before.
- We are creating some spaces in the day specifically designed for meet-and-greet with friends.
- At the beginning and end of each day, we will be focusing on Christ through devotionals, prayer, wing chapel, and worship. We are creating a “worship zoom room” where our musicians and singers can lead all of us in worship.
- Finally, at the end of each day, there will be a breakout game where you will all get to know each other better and have some fun together.

Experience

- We want you and your student to love the experience this summer! Your experience is our focus. In every moment from now until camps begin, PHC will be focusing our attention on improving and fine-tuning all aspects of our virtual Teen Camps.
- We’ve been working on our plans for these last two weeks since we announced our decision, but we have been taking feedback from families as we go along (we’ve adjusted our schedule to end earlier in the evening, for example). Let us know what you would like to see! We are trying to incorporate our families into the planning process as much as possible.

Please let us know if you have any questions and know that we are praying for each and every camper. While this is different than we imagined this summer, you can’t even fathom how excited we are to pursue this virtual platform with you all this summer. We can’t wait to have you join us!

God bless,

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