



To our extended camp family,

Our board of directors, our leadership team, and I are heartbroken to share, due to the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, we will not have regular summer programming for summer 2020.

As this extremely difficult decision was becoming clear, all I could think about was one camper who was excited to share with me that Camp Eagle has become the place he calls home. He explained how God has so moved in his heart that he is a new person, seeing the world in a new light. And my heart broke for all the kids, families, and guests that have a similar place in their heart for what God does through camp and how camp won't be a part of that this summer.

We took great care to seek wisdom from the Lord, humility, and to seek the counsel of many advisors - this decision was hard. Its effects are painful to us and to many of you.

There was a point last week that I was on a prayer walk at our lookout, praying to God and seeking answers for this unprecedented event that we are all experiencing. I looked up and saw this beautiful view. A view that maybe you've experienced before too. The sun was setting and there was a purple tint to the sky and the water and I noticed that at that moment, all the striving and the anxiety - was simply gone. I realized in my heart then, that God is in control and he cares so much for this ministry and for you and he'll continue to take care of all of us. I find myself coming back to that moment often. And I pray that you are finding those same moments with our Creator, where you realize he is in control and all the anxieties are simply gone.

You know, we like to dream big and so much dreaming has gone into the preparations for this summer of ministry. So many big hopes for what God might do in and through this place. We ask that you pray for each guest that was going to experience the Bible brought to life this summer. Pray for each shared adventure, for each walk-n-talk and time around the campfire where relationships deepen.

We believe this short-term decision to suspend summer camp for a little while, will protect the mission of Camp Eagle for the long-term.

As you can imagine, as a not-for-profit ministry with limited cash reserves, losing our spring retreat season and suspending summer programming puts Camp Eagle in a very difficult financial position. Since September, we have spent a significant amount of money preparing for Summer 2020:

- Recruiting & hiring summer staff
- Improving our facilities
- Adding a new activity
- Remodeling cabins
- Purchasing supplies for the summer

It was vital for us to make this decision now instead of later so we did not put this ministry in a more difficult position.



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The dreaming isn't done. We have some thoughts about how we might be able to continue to share our mission with you this summer. We'll share those with you as they become available. We would also love to hear how you think Camp Eagle can best serve you, your family, and/ or your church through this season.

We can't wait to share adventure, relationship, and truth with you throughout the next retreat season and the following summer.

Sincerely,

Matt Reed
Executive Director

PROGRAMMING THIS SUMMER

While regular camp programming for summer 2020 is suspended, we will begin scheduling with groups, families, and individuals, for retreats and events at camp, as soon as we are allowed. We'll be in touch with you and updating our website as the situation allows.

We are working through some ideas right now. We would love to hear how you think Camp Eagle can best serve you, your family, and/ or your church through this season.

YOUR ACCOUNT

Due to the difficulty of this time, we would like to refund 50% of deposits and 100% of additional payments.

We will roll forward the remaining 50% deposit to future programming at Camp Eagle, allowing us to plan and prepare for another great season of ministry.

If you are able, would you consider donating your 2020 deposit and any payments you've made to help our ministry navigate this unprecedented financial challenge? *(Camp Eagle is a 501(c)3. This option is tax-deductible. Also, the new CARES Act allows for some donations to be claimed on your taxes without itemizing.)*

If neither of these options is feasible, please **use one of the emails below** to request a full or partial refund.



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If we have not heard from you by May 9, 2020, we will assume you are in agreement with rolling forward 50% of your deposit for future programming and refunding the remaining 50% of your deposit and 100% of additional payments.

We appreciate your patience as it will take us several weeks to process the thousands of campers registered for Summer 2020.

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