



April 22, 2020

Dear Families,

I thought of you yesterday when I overheard my kids playing virtual karaoke with their cousins in New Jersey. As they belted out the words to a song I'd heard before, I caught myself listening to the lyrics for the first time. "Can't wait to see everyone; Can't wait to sing in the sun; You know I'm ready for fun, alright; Gotta, gotta, gotta get to camp!"

Time slowed for a moment as I was reminded of the many reasons that Poly Summer is important to our children, families, and staff. We create community in a safe environment where fun is a daily criterion. We empower kids to explore and discover their talents and interests. We connect campers with positive role models who have time to listen, talk, reflect, and relax. We celebrate participation and effort and belonging.

For these reasons, we continue to plan for camp to happen because we believe THIS summer will be the most important we've ever run. With all our hearts, we are hoping for the best. However, we also are planning for other outcomes.

We are working on three scenarios for summer 2020:

- Move forward as scheduled
- Modify the summer schedule
- Cancel onsite programs for the summer

Our goal is to remain a valued and trusted resource to your family, even if we cannot operate as normal. Our Poly Summer team is creatively developing alternate ways to foster community, skill building, structure, and fun, and we welcome your honest feedback regarding this option.

In the end, the health and safety of our campers, staff, and community remains our top priority. As we await the release of day camp guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we are working collaboratively with camp directors from around the country to develop and implement best practices. We remain up to date on guidance from our state and local health departments, and we utilize valued resources from the American Camp Association.

By mid-May, we will make the most informed decision possible on how to proceed with summer 2020. Please be reminded of our peace of mind policy, offering camp families a full refund for deposits and tuition paid to date if we need to cancel our programs.

There is a lot of uncertainty in all our lives right now, and much we cannot control. We are here for you. We welcome your thoughts and ideas, and we are happy to answer questions at any time.

Sincerely,

Carrie Quigley
Director of Summer Programs