



May 7, 2020

Dear Poly Summer families,

As the weather warms up and the days get longer, it just feels like camp should be right around the corner. Typically in May, our team at Poly Summer would be in full gear -- planning special events, training staff, opening swimming pools, inspecting playgrounds, ordering supplies, and finalizing bus routes. With a buzz of excitement, we would be preparing proactively to deliver a safe, engaging, and memorable summer experience.

It is with a heavy heart, therefore, that I write to share our decision to cancel all onsite programs for Poly Summer's 2020 season. **The health and safety of our community is paramount**, and after ongoing and close consideration of federal and state guidelines, as well as communications from the American Camp Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we do not believe that we could safely operate the programs that define Poly Summer.

This difficult decision was painful for everyone involved, and we know it will be devastating for so many of you. Most of our 2020 programs were full to capacity, and our talented faculty and staff - more than 200 members strong - were looking forward to spending the summer with your child. We are confident, however, that we've made the right and necessary choice, prioritizing the health and safety of campers, staff, and our local communities, and we have appreciated your patience and loyalty in the process. Rest assured, we have already begun our preparations to deliver **the best summer ever in 2021**. We are counting on your continued participation.

As promised in April, we will apply our "peace of mind policy" to all 2020 Poly Summer registrations, thereby issuing **full refunds** on any tuition payments made to date. Additionally, we will cancel auto bills scheduled for May 15. Please allow a window of approximately four weeks to complete this complex process. We are unable to maintain credits for future camp seasons.

Your overwhelming response to our recent survey indicated little interest in a virtual camp experience. However, you did indicate how highly you value Poly Summer for socialization, friendship, community, and skillbuilding. We appreciate your feedback, and we will keep it in mind as we work to develop creative and meaningful opportunities for your child to remain connected to Poly this summer.

We eagerly await the time when we can welcome our campers with open arms. Until we can safely do that, please hold your families close and know that we are here for you amidst the uncertainty. We welcome your questions and concerns at any time via email at summer@polyprep.org.

Sincerely,

Carrie Quigley
Director of Summer Programs