



Campers, Counselors, Staff, Parents, and Families of Camp Stevens,

During this global pandemic, we at Camp Stevens have been monitoring local, state, and federal guidance and predictions about what comes next. Throughout that time, we have committed ourselves to make sound decisions based on science and our shared moral obligation to protect each other and especially the most vulnerable among us.

As we consider those priorities it has become increasingly clear that Camp Stevens Summer Camp as we know it simply can't happen this year. Accordingly, Counselor Training, all Adventure Sessions, and all Wilderness Trips are canceled for Summer 2020. We are heartbroken by this decision, as we have relentlessly planned, prayed, hoped, and evaluated our options over the past few months with the goal of making camp possible.

It's important to us to acknowledge the sadness and grief that we are all feeling, and to stay connected during this time. We are working with staff and chaplains to put together a virtual gathering that will offer time for reflection and connection among our summer campers, counselors, and staff.

As we look towards summer, the staff and board of Camp Stevens are working on creating options for people to get their taste of camp this summer. Currently, we are exploring the following options and working with our local health departments to determine if and when each of these is safe and legal:

- Day use on-site
- Family camps and retreats (we're still planning on 4th of July Family Camp, but it will certainly be different from our usual programming)
- Week-long summer programs on-site for groups of youth from the same church/community/partner organization.
- Childcare for essential workers in partnership with local churches and nonprofits
- Volunteer opportunities for summer counselors and staff

We will be reaching out to families currently registered for summer camp this week with more information on their specific options and how refunds will work. It's our sincere hope to see each of you again soon, and we wish you wellness and comfort in these challenging times.

All my best,

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