



DEAR CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ FAMILY,

I hope that you and your family are healthy and doing well.

Typically, in early May, I'm writing a letter to families filled with meaningful and exciting reveals about cool new facilities, awesome staff, incredible activities and adventures, and special moments we'll soon share with new and old friends. However, during these past few months our lives have been anything but typical.

The Camp Barney team has been continuously consulting with a team of medical professionals and representatives from local, state, and national health agencies. As always, the health and safety of our campers and staff is our top priority.

We have made the heartbreaking, but necessary decision that the start of Camp Barney will be delayed, and that there will be no Camp during the month of June.

We have modified our summer schedule and we are currently working on an innovative concept for July to include both First session campers and Second session campers. We ask for your patience as we finalize the details and also continue to assess medical recommendations and guidelines from the CDC and the American Camp Association about overnight camps. We will be back in touch with you by mid-May to let you know if we are able to implement this concept for all CBM campers, and if we are, we will provide all the details.

We fully recognize the disappointment that this delay brings. We feel it along with you as there is no other place we'd rather be than at "Our Summer Place." We remain hopeful that we can be together at Camp in July as we continue to monitor coronavirus developments and obtain guidance from public health officials.

We know many of you have questions about camp fees. As of now, no action is necessary on your part, but we wanted to share the options with you. The financial implications for us as a non-profit organization are serious, and we have already incurred significant non-recoverable expenses preparing for summer 2020. We would ask that you consider converting all or a portion of your camp fees paid to date to a tax-deductible donation. All donations are being matched dollar for dollar by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation so the positive impact for Camp Barney is even further magnified.

If a donation is not possible, we will automatically rollover the entire amount you've paid to a credit towards Camp Barney summer 2021. If your child does not plan to attend camp in 2021, the entire amount will be refunded when registration opens in the Fall. Of course, we understand that everyone's situation is unique, and we will work with you if alternate arrangements are needed. We will be back in touch in mid-May with a decision about July and next steps related to camp fees.

We sincerely appreciate your patience, passion, expressions of genuine kindness, and support as we continue trying to solve the interplay between new guidelines and the dynamics of camp. Ultimately, our decisions are always made with the safety and health of our campers and staff as our top priority.

To you and our entire Camp Barney family, we remain hopeful for your good health, for a return to normalcy, and of course for Camp Barney in July– because we all need “Our Summer Place” now more than ever!

Sincerely,

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