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Dear Summer Camp Parents & Retreat Guests,

The ever-changing COVID-19 environment has unfortunately affected how Hidden Acres operates, and it will continue to do so. We have had to close down the camp to guests, we have had to cancel some of our favorite retreats, we have lost guest group reservations, and we have even had to cancel a week of summer camp and limit the size of others.

Below you can read about the changes that affect Summer Camp 2020 and Hidden Acres' Public Retreats (Sportsmen's Retreat, Memorial Day Family Camp, etc.). If something is not on the list, we are still hoping to host that event as normal.

Thank you for your patience at this time. If you have a question about a certain cancellation or policy change, feel free to email our staff. For Summer Camp questions please email me (Judy Swanson) at judy.swanson@hacamps.org. For Public Retreat questions please email rachelle.rasmussen@hacamps.org.

Summer Camp Capacity Changes

Due to COVID-19, we've had to lower the total capacity of camps so that we are allowed to still host Summer Camp. We know that will affect many families hoping to send their children to summer camp, and we apologize sincerely. It is our hope that every child who wants to attend camp can do so. Maybe they'll hear about God this year for the first time. Maybe they know about Jesus, but some aspect of his character will become clear and set their hearts on fire for Him.

At the time of this letter, every single week and session of summer camp is full. Parents who log on to register online will only see wait list options. Your best chance of getting into a summer camp is to register for a wait list. A down payment will not be required. If a spot opens up due to a cancellation, we will start to move down the wait list in order.

Summer Camp Week 1 Cancellation

Last week we made the difficult decision to cancel the entire first week of Summer Camp. We still hope to hold the remaining five weeks as scheduled. If any other dates become available and we are able to add a week of summer camp later in the summer, we will notify waitlisted parents immediately and make announcements on our Facebook Page and website.



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Retreat Cancellations: Sportsmen's Retreat | Just You & Me, Mom! | Just You & Me, Dad! | Spring Senior Saints Day

Like the first week of summer camp, we have had to cancel a few retreats. So far this year, we have cancelled Sportsmen's Retreat (March), Just You & Me, Mom! (April), Just You & Me, Dad! (May) and Spring Senior Saints Day (May). Registered guests were notified, their reservations were cancelled, and their payments were returned. We are grateful to those who chose instead to donate their payment to help Hidden Acres during this time.

None of these retreats are rescheduled for later in 2020. We look forward to hosting these events in 2021.

Retreat Cancellations: Memorial Day Family Camp

We unfortunately had to cancel Memorial Day Family Camp 2020 as well. For this specific event, we were able to forward guests' 2020 reservations directly to 2021's event. All reservations, meal choices, housing assignments, and wait list requests are forwarded to 2021. Registered guests don't need to take any action unless they're unable to attend in 2021 and must cancel. New families can register online for remaining housing for Memorial Day 2021.

Again, we're so saddened to make these changes but we understand the importance of keeping our guests safe and following the requests of the state and federal leaders placed above us. We're praying for safety and are excited to see you and welcome you back to your normal events sometime soon.

Sincerely,

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