



May 4th, 2020

**Dear Hidden Villa Summer Camp Community,**

Each year our goats, pigs, chickens, and staff stir with excitement as June arrives and we await our very favorite day: the first day of Summer Camp. On this day, hundreds of adults drive down our long dirt road to drop off those that they care about the most - their children. We take immense pride and responsibility in the trust and faith that you have in our staff at Hidden Villa to keep your campers safe.

The health and safety of our community is always our number one priority. Each season we spend countless hours preparing for emergencies and communicating with local public health officials and first responders to do everything that we can to ensure a safe and healthy summer for everyone. As we've watched COVID-19 change the way that we live our lives, we've been developing a number of scenarios about how our Camp programs might look this summer.

However, as Camp draws ever nearer, and we continue to look at ways to prioritize the safety of our Camp community, we have reached the sad but unavoidable conclusion that we need to cancel the **first four weeks** of this year's Summer Camp programs. **This means that all Camp programs before July 13th have now been canceled.**

This includes Day Camps 1-4, Outdoor Innovators 1-4, Farm and Wilderness 1&2, and Residential Community Camp 1&2. For campers enrolled in Bay to Sea and LIT or CIT programs, please await further communications from our team about potential shifts to later session dates.

We know the power of attending Camp and connecting with the natural world, and how much children (and parents) need this now more than ever. Please know that this difficult decision was made with the utmost care and deliberation, and we will really miss being with all of those campers from the first four weeks of Camp on our farm this summer. Please see the attached digital card we made for you to share with them.

**In Camp Spirit,**

*Chris Overington*  
**Chris Overington**  
Executive Director

*Brenda Jones*  
**Brenda Jones (Sparklefire)**  
Summer Camp Director

# MOVING FORWARD

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **CANCELED**  
PROGRAMS

REFUND INSTRUCTIONS  
(INCLUDING DONATION  
OPTIONS) WILL BE SENT  
TO YOU BY FRIDAY MAY



## Refund Options



You can choose to receive a full refund of your camp fees, including the \$75 deposit.

Please consider donating all or some of your camp fees to support Hidden Villa. We are facing significant loss in revenue due to program cancellations. Your support, at any amount, is truly valued and appreciated.

You are welcome to move your reservation to later in the summer if/as space allows. If you do this, we ask for your flexibility due to the ongoing uncertainty presented by COVID-19. We may need to modify our staff-to-child ratios. Also, please be aware that the remainder of Camp could still be canceled at a later date.

We know that camp will not be the same virtually, but we are planning to offer some sort of online programming to stay connected with all of you. Please tune in and stay connected with Hidden Villa Summer Camp for further updates.



## Virtual Connections

Check out Hidden Villa Environmental Education Program's (HVEEP's) new World of Wonder Series where you can explore the farm, learn about the animals, and meet our educators virtually. There are also resources connected to these virtual lessons for at-home activities that you can do yourself!

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INFORMATION FOR PROGRAMS **NOT**  
CANCELED

OUR NEXT UPDATE  
REGARDING THIS  
SUMMER'S CAMP  
PROGRAMS WILL BE  
SHARED BY MAY 20TH

## Possibilities

We are considering several programming possibilities at this time, as we await further guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Camp Association (ACA) for this summer:

Sessions may be modified to run programs with a smaller number of campers. If this happens, we will reduce program sizes based on the time/date that each camper was enrolled.



WE HAVE MOVED  
OUR **FINAL**  
**PAYMENT DUE**  
DATE FROM MAY  
15TH TO **JUNE**  
**10TH, 2020**

It is still possible that we will not be able to host Camp at all this summer if we receive directives from the CDC/ACA that do not allow us to operate. Should this occur, we will notify you and you will have the option for a full refund. We ask that you please stick with us until that time.