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Dear Camp Roosevelt Firebird Families:

We hope this email finds you well. In light of the outbreak of Covid 19, we are writing to update you about the approach that we are taking to keep our camp community safe and healthy this summer — always our number one priority.

We know you have a lot on your mind as you navigate school closures, social distancing as well as disruption to your own work schedules. We know you may have significant concerns right now, from the well-being of your children and immediate family, to how we can all continue to care for the most vulnerable among us.

Fortunately, current reports indicate that children are not at great risk from the coronavirus, and so we continue to prepare for camp, knowing that camp is something they can look forward to.

Here's what we are doing to prepare for camp with these concerns in mind:

- As information is changing quickly, we are monitoring the situation carefully and reviewing and updating our policies to ensure that we stay up to date.
- We plan to follow all the latest guidelines on health and safety, cleaning and preparedness from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the local Carroll County departments of health where we operate camp.
- We are consulting with the best camping professionals across the country including the Association of Camp Nurses to make sure we will be following best practices for a residential summer camp.
- When camp commences in June, we will follow all the latest CDC and local Health Department procedures.

This may include:

1. Taking more rigorous measures to verify that parents do not send sick kids to camp.
2. Performing extensive health screening on campers, staff and visitors as they arrive at camp.

3. Being extremely diligent about cleaning all camp facilities and providing extra hand washing stations.
4. Preparing a staging area for parent drop-offs to insure healthy kids stay healthy.
5. Reviewing all out-of-camp trips so that our healthy community stays healthy.

At this time, we are continuing to plan a great 2020 summer of camp. We're hopeful camp will take place as scheduled and we're rolling along with our summer plans, including recruiting new campers, planning new programs and hiring highly qualified staff members.

We want you to know that we are making every effort to insure our campers' safety and health. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We will keep you informed regularly as this situation evolves. These are uncertain times, but with patience and communication we will come out the other side.

We can't wait to spend a safe, healthy, and fun-filled 2020 summer with your camper!

Be Well,
Joe and Cynthia

PS: Some Fun Virtual Plans

In the next few weeks we plan on launching a series of online gatherings and live performances for campers and their families to tune into on [zoom](#), a free online video conferencing tool. For example, a visit with our camp chickens, maybe a dance-party tutorial from Alison, a creative writing night with Cynthia, "story-time" with Joe, and maybe even some of our favorite campfire skits and songs. More details to come.

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