



ST. CHRISTOPHER

Camp and Conference Center

May 4, 2020

Dear Summer Camp Families,

I am writing to update you on our plans for camp this summer. We are continuing to diligently monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, while also awaiting further guidance from the CDC and the American Camp Association, under which we are accredited, on how to safely serve our campers this summer. In light of the information currently available to us, we have come to the first phase of decision making involving our current Summer Camp schedule.

At this time, we have determined that we are not able begin camp **any earlier than June 22, 2020**. Should this date hold, we hope to **begin with Session 4**. Consequently, **Sessions 1-3 are canceled**. This has been a difficult decision to make, but it comes with our strongest desire to make sure that Camp Saint Christopher remains a safe experience for all campers.

Please note that at this time we DO still hope to host Session 2 OAC (June 8-13) and Session 3 OAC (June 15-19). These Outdoor Adventure Camp (OAC) sessions already allow for significantly smaller group size that we believe we can safely accommodate.

As we continue to move forward, please know the following:

- **What is guiding our decisions:**
 1. The ability to keep our campers and staff safe.
 2. Guidelines from federal, state, and local government agencies regarding limits on group size, residential density, and our own facility limitations.
 3. Specific guidelines for the operation of residential summer camps that are forthcoming from the CDC, in conjunction with the American Camp Association.
- **What you should know:**
 1. We will continue to communicate by **email** to let you know of any changes that will be occurring this summer.
 2. **We are adjusting the due date for final payments and the online medical form to June 1**. The completed and signed Physician's Release & Parental Consent Form also remains due by June 1.
 3. We really want to provide a fun and meaningful summer camp experience for your camper this summer. If we are able to safely operate a summer camp program that can remain compliant with all applicable safeguards and guidelines, we will!
- **What if my camper's session was cancelled:**
 1. We will be contacting you directly to offer some remaining options.
 2. Please know that this has been an incredibly difficult decision for us to make, and one that was made fully with your camper's safety in mind.

- **What we are doing to prepare for camp:**
 1. Praying.
 2. Continuing to prepare for your arrival.
 3. Amplifying various protocols for health and hygiene at St. Christopher to include:
 - (a) Stringent hand washing guidelines and increased use of hand sanitizer.
 - (b) Sanitizing and cleaning all common areas, bathrooms, and touchable surfaces with hyper-diligence.
 - (c) Enhanced health screenings at Check-In (temperature checks & additional screening questions).
 - (d) Staggered check-in times on opening day.
 - (e) Reducing group sizes for camp activities and teachings.
 - (f) Staggered meal times to increase safe distances.
 - (g) Serving meals either prepackaged and/or “cafeteria” style.
 - (h) Daily temperature checks.
 - (i) Upgrading isolation protocols if a camper comes to the health center with a fever.
- **What you can do:**
 1. Continue to prepare for Summer Camp. Obtain a completed physical exam on your camper within the last year. Many offices are offering virtual visits.
 2. Do not send your children to camp if they *or a family member* is exhibiting any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19.
 3. Contact us via email with any questions you have: summercamp@stchristopher.org or thiers@stchristopher.org
 4. Continue to pray.

It is our desire to serve you and your family this summer. We will only do so inasmuch as it is deemed safe with our full implementation of all applicable precautions, guidelines and procedures. As we continue to monitor this ever-changing situation, additional decisions will be made as new guidelines and updates are released. Please be assured that we will remain in contact with you to inform you of updates as they are known.

The True King is our theme for this summer. During these uncertain times, our peace and hope reside in knowing that our true King, Jesus, sits on His throne as the true and sovereign one who loves His people dearly, and will see us through this time.

In His Mercy,



The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence
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