

Dear 2020 Day Camp Families,

Over the past few weeks, there have been some decisions that we were wrestling with in response to COVID-19. At the board meeting today, these decisions were finalized, so we are sharing them with you now.

#### DAY CAMP IS A GO!

We will be starting Day Camp on June 15! Woo-hoo! For those of you returning, it will look a little different, but we feel that we can still offer a summer camp experience in a safe manner. With our pod system, we have space for 67 campers per day. If you know of anyone thinking about registering, encourage them to sign up now!

Please watch for an email the week before camp that will discuss some of the changes, including new drop off and pick up procedures.

#### DAY CAMP LUNCHES\*

With the new safety measures that would need to be put in place, we feel that it would be best to NOT offer lunches to our Day Camp. That will mean that parents/guardians will need to send a packed lunch each day. We will continue to offer two snacks per day. Lunches will be collected at drop off and stored in a refrigerator until lunch time.

In response to this, we will be reducing our weekly rates to \$160 for Full Weeks and \$140 for Partial Weeks. Our bookkeeper will be working on updating invoices. If you have already paid, you will have the option to donate your overpayment, apply it to another week this summer, or request a refund. Please wait for your updated invoice from the bookkeeper to indicate what you prefer. Please be aware that this may take a little while – he is a volunteer that has a full-time job, and he has many invoices to update.

\*If your child is registered for a specialty camp, please watch for a separate email.

#### DAY CAMP CO-DIRECTORS

Day Camp will be led by Kayla Flemmens and Charlotte Bodoh this summer. Kayla was a counselor last year and will be heading up the administrative side of Day Camp, while Charlotte, who was the Middle School Director last summer, will be overseeing the day-to-day function of the program. Over the next week, Liz will be transitioning them into their roles. She is stepping down to help limit unnecessary exposure to her husband, who would be considered high-risk to the coronavirus.

#### A MESSAGE FROM LIZ

Hey Day Camp Families! I am so bummed that I will not get to spend this summer with you and your children!! It is still quite a shock to me when I think about it. However, when I realized what the summer would look like for me – engaging with all of the pods, specialty camps, SG staff and volunteers -- I knew that I could not do my job effectively and feel safe about coming home each night. I do think our pod system, though, is a great way to keep your kids as safe as

possible while still enjoying a typical Summit Grove summer with slight modifications. Miss Kayla, a recent grad from Messiah College, will keep you informed and the program organized (if you know of any 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade math or science teaching positions, please let her know!). Ms. Charlotte, a reading specialist at St. John the Baptist, will oversee your children's safety, advise the counselors and help them with behavior situations.

Until you hear otherwise, keep using my email address for questions or concerns about Day Camp. The plan is to transition Kayla and Charlotte fully by June 7, and I will be on-call for them as questions pop up.

I will miss seeing you, our returning families, and I will miss not getting to know you, our new families! Amid all of the swimming, games, band-aids and bumps that will happen this summer, my heart hopes that your children will know Jesus a little better, realize His love for them is a little bigger than they were aware, and want to follow Him more closely. May you all trust in the Lord...with all your hearts! Proverbs 3:5-6

In His love,  
Ms. Liz