

Dear Camp Families,

As the nation continues to reel on the unprecedented issue facing the coronavirus, camp has also been updating procedures, policies and emergency plans should this continue into the summer months. Regardless of the virus itself and when the new cases cease, the impact this has had will continue for a very long time.

Camps across the country are feeling the impact with low enrollment. The Barton Center campers attend from across the country and international locations. Early indications are enrollment will be at an all-time low. We are hearing from families that there is just too much uncertainty, and they are choosing to take a summer off and stay close to home. We understand this and hope you understand that this will have an impact on the organization, and we have had to adopt changes to reduce the financial loss as much as possible.

After lengthy discussions, The Barton Center made the decision to:

- Cancel Sessions 1 and 2 at Clara Barton Camp and Camp Joslin. This includes the 3-week session and sessions 2A and 2B.
 - Campers already registered for these sessions will be given the first opportunity to move to sessions 3, 3A, 3B, 4, 4A, 4B, and 5 (session 5 is coed).
 - Depending on registrations, we may expand coed session 5 to both camps rather than being held at just one facility.
 - Anyone who has already paid camp fees may have these fees transferred to the session of their choice.
- Open House at the resident camps will not be held. You may contact camp staff and schedule a private tour.
- Springtime Family Camp will not be held.
- Spring Work Day will not be held.
- Wiffle Ball Tournament will not be held.
- At this time all day camps are still scheduled to occur including Vermont Overnight. We will continue to monitor and make decisions as things evolve.

By consolidating camp sessions this will significantly reduce the costs of running sessions that are only half full. We hope you understand that this will mean an overall reduction of available beds. If you still plan on attending, please register soon. You do not need to pay in full until two weeks before the program start date, although you will need to pay the \$50 registration fee to register.

Please feel free to reach out to us for additional information or questions. Additionally, please check our social media sites and website for updates as they become available.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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