



To all of my Campers, Families, and Staff,

First, I want to say thank you. Thank you to each and every one of my campers, families, and staff for being here with us every step of the way. You are the heart of this program, and I am grateful every day to be your Camp Director.

We as an organization have been working tirelessly all spring to design a camp that would be safe and accessible for all of you under the current COVID-19 conditions. There has been endless research and discussion, which culminated in a final decision this morning:

I'm heartbroken to announce that we will not be able to operate Camp Garrett for the 2020 season.

We've had to make this decision for many reasons, but at our core, our number one priority is always safety. It's our literal first camp rule. We feared we wouldn't be able to provide a camp experience that is safe, kind, and fun for everyone, and is ultimately why we've chosen to wait until next year to open.

So what comes next? Please stay tuned for information about how we're going to keep our campers connected over Zoom, through the mail, and with social media. A plan for you is already in the works. But in the meantime, have a conversation with your campers. Invite them to share their feelings, and help them process this news with you. Check out some resources below.

And please know that we are still here for you! Share your questions, concerns, hopes and fears with us, and encourage your campers to reach out to us, too.

We will miss seeing all of you in person this summer, but we're already looking forward to seeing you next year with bigger and better programs than ever! While there are still many unknowns and uncertainties, we are all processing this loss as a family. Thank you for being with us every step of the way, and always remember to BE SAFE, BE KIND, and **HAVE FUN!**

With love and compassion,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Morrison".

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Resources to Consider

https://goldarrowcamp.com/app/uploads/2020/05/Notes_Grieving_Summer_2020.pdf
<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/talking-children-about-tragedies-death-national-disasters>
<https://vimeo.com/417064795>