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Dear Families,

During this unique and challenging time, supporting each other and our community has been our primary focus for the past few months. You and your children have been in our thoughts, and we hope you have been staying safe and healthy.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have closely followed communications from federal and state authorities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the local health department. As more information continues to emerge daily, it has become clear that we cannot operate our summer camp programs safely for all that we would be servicing. This decision was very difficult for all of us. Our department has been meeting virtually to discuss the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our overall programs and operation for this summer. After careful deliberation, lengthy discussions, and consultation with experts in the fields of public health, **we have decided to suspend all our summer camp programs, as well as sports camps and clinics for the summer of 2020.** This decision to suspend programs was painful for everyone involved, as we know it will be for many of you and your children. We are in the business of making summer fun for your children and filling the summer months with memories to last a lifetime. This is the first time in 70 years that we had to cancel an entire summer of camp/clinic programs. We are confident that this is the right and necessary decision. **The health and safety of your children and our staff is paramount,** and the only way we can guarantee their safety is to refrain from holding these programs.

We understand that many families are under tremendous stress and pressure both personally and financially, and can rest assure you that **payments received to date for our summer programs will be fully refunded.**

We recognize this decision is devastating to all, including our staff, who were looking forward to a fun and exciting summer with you all. Even though the pandemic required us to suspend summer plans, we have already begun preparations to deliver distance recreation programs. Although, not exactly ideal, our department feels that it is so important to let participants know that we are here for them and miss them dearly. Our staff really enjoys spending summers with your children and we don't want that to ever go away. Over the next few weeks, we will sharing more of our summer plans with you. Our staff continues to work diligently in order for your children to experience THE BEST SUMMER in 2021! We're counting on your continued support in all of our efforts.

We eagerly await when we can come back together and recreate with your child!

Wishing you all best and most importantly good health,

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