



OVY Camp 2020

5360 La Honda Road, San Gregorio, CA 94074 ● (650) 747-0321 ● www.ovycamp.org ● info@ovycamp.org

May 11, 2020

Dear Ovy Camp 2020 Families,

On behalf of the Ovy Camp 2020 Staff, it saddens me to announce that all of Ovy Camp 2020's in-person summer camp sessions are canceled. We know that families have been staying hopeful that summer camp could move forward in some capacity despite the public health crisis caused by Covid-19. However, there are still heightened transmission risks for campers, volunteers, staff, and their loved ones that conflict with Ovy Camp's commitment to health and safety.

For months, the Staff of Ovy Camp have stayed optimistic that we may be able to come together for another fun-filled summer camp season with your youth. This was not an easy decision to make, but it is the right decision based on science and careful consideration of public health guidelines.

VIRTUAL OVY CAMP 2020 - We are now fully focusing our efforts on providing an alternative to our in-person summer camp programs. Ovy Camp 2020 is going virtual! This will be a first for us, but we will be working hard to create video content that captures the essence of Ovy Camp. We understand that Virtual Ovy Camp 2020 will be very different from our normal camp, but we promise to fulfill our mission of building community and connecting youth with nature as best as we can. We are excited to bring a little of Ovy Camp into your lives despite these challenging circumstances. Please stay tuned for a more detailed announcement about Virtual Ovy Camp 2020 in the coming weeks. Thank you! We are confident that this will make the Ovy Camp community stronger in the end.

REFUND POLICY - In order to help fund Virtual Ovy Camp 2020, we are asking that families donate a portion of their camper registration fee. Specifically, we are asking families to donate at least 50% of their camper registration fee. Ovy Camp values equity. Ovy Camp has always believed that all Bay Area youth deserve the opportunity to attend summer camp. That is why we offer our week-long, overnight summer camp programs for as little as \$25. In that same spirit, we understand that many families' financial situations have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, we are offering up to a full refund of your camper registration fee. All refunds will be issued by written request only. To request a refund of any amount, please message Ovy Camp through CampDoc with the name of your camper and what amount of your camper registration fee you would like to be refunded. If you decide to not request a refund of any amount, you do not need to message us. All of the funds will be used to pay for the creation of Virtual Ovy Camp 2020.

CONTACT STAFF - If you would like to speak to a Staff member of Ovy Camp, please call the Ovy Camp Office at (650) 747-0321. You can also message us through CampDoc. We are happy to answer any questions.

Again, we are so sad that we will not be able to see you all this summer! Personally, this will be my 11th consecutive summer camp season with Ovy Camp. I first got involved because I believed in the mission of Ovy Camp: to create a safe, fun community for youth to return to summer after summer to make friends and have outdoor adventures. These challenging times have only strengthened my desire to continue this mission. Take care of yourselves, and if you can, take care of someone in greater need than you.

I'd like to end this announcement with a specific message to the following groups that make up Ovy Camp each summer:



OVY Camp 2020

5360 La Honda Road, San Gregorio, CA 94074 ● (650) 747-0321 ● www.ovycamp.org ● info@ovycamp.org

NEW CAMPERS - The Staff of OVY Camp are really sorry we couldn't meet you this year. The first year of OVY Camp is always so exciting. It's a summer full of new people, new places, and new experiences. You would have had so much fun at OVY Camp! We know that you will enjoy Virtual OVY Camp 2020, but we are really looking forward to having you join OVY Camp in person next summer. We will have the best summer ever... together!

RETURNING CAMPERS - Whether you're returning for your 2nd year at OVY Camp or your 5th year, we will sincerely miss your smiling faces this summer! We are already looking forward to seeing you next year. Trust us, we are not going anywhere. The pool will be open, the campfires will be roaring, and of course, we will play six flags. Next summer will be the best summer ever! If this was your last summer as a camper, then we definitely encourage you to apply to be a CIT next year!

CIT'S- You are the backbone of OVY Camp. We couldn't run camp without your passion, time, and efforts. Thank you for applying to be a volunteer at OVY Camp 2020. We were honored to have you as a part of our CIT Team. The Staff of OVY Camp often say that they return each year to watch CIT's become leaders at camp. This year would have been no different. For Virtual OVY Camp 2020' this summer, we will be creating videos specifically for CIT's - so stay tuned! If this was your last summer as a CIT, we definitely encourage you to apply to be an OVY Camp Staff member next summer. We will miss you this summer.

Keep an eye out for announcements about Virtual OVY Camp 2020!

Sincerely,

Matthew Lyles

Matthew Lyles
Executive Director
OVY Camp
(650) 747-0321
info@ovycamp.org