

NORTH COUNTRY SCHOOL CAMP TREETOPS



Dear Friends and Families:

These past few weeks have been challenging for everyone, and we hope that you are all safe and healthy in the midst of this fast-moving COVID – 19 pandemic. The values of Camp and School remain more important than ever before. As an institution, we are deeply dedicated to this community, to practicing social responsibility and persevering through this time of tremendous adversity.

It is with the well-being of our students, faculty, and staff in mind that North Country School has made the difficult and necessary decision to close the campus to all students, with the exception of the 21 international students who remained here during spring break, rather than returning to their home countries during the early stages of the outbreak. To balance our commitment to both safety and education, online classes will soon be available to all students, including children currently residing on campus.

A lot of schools across the country are offering distance learning, but thanks to our mostly non-digital, place-based educational model, NCS online classes will look different from others. That means our daily commitment to collaboration, creativity, and community will still be an important part of the NCS experience, even with our students spread across the globe. Now, more than ever, we need to stay connected, foster innovation, and practice resourcefulness and resilience. We are in this together.

While we hope things have returned to normal before summer, we admittedly don't know what this pandemic will look like in the coming months. As with NCS, Treetops has communicable disease plans in place that will be revised in cooperation with public health authorities as additional coronavirus guidance is provided. Camp Treetops Director Karen Culpepper will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available, and we optimistically look forward to welcoming our campers to Treetops in June.

As the state of this public health emergency changes from day to day, we will remain focused on keeping our North Country School and Camp Treetops communities safe, healthy, and informed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Todd Ormiston
Executive Director