



The safety and health of our campers and our entire camp community is, and always has been our first priority. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that **Meadowbrook Day Camp has made the difficult decision to suspend our 2020 programs and begin to focus on the 2021 summer.**

Over the last couple of months, we have all been riding a roller coaster, faced with a great deal of uncertainty and unease as our country has been battling the COVID-19 crisis. We have been saddened by the loss of life, the multiple challenges of coping with social distancing, remote schooling and working, as well as the loss of jobs for so many. We thank you for your patience and support as we researched how we might be able to carry on safely with a summer camp program.

Meadowbrook Day Camp is inherently a social experience. It is a community designed for children, youth and adults who live together, play together, learn together, and laugh together. Meadowbrook is a community based on hugs, pats on the back, high fives, and helping each other. The very essence of camp is incompatible with the strict form of social distancing and health restrictions currently in effect.

This has been a very difficult decision and we share your disappointment. We also know it is the right decision at this time. Meadowbrook has provided a camping experience every summer since 1950. Each year, the benefits of a summer at Meadowbrook have enabled thousands of children to grow in the out-of-doors, explore personal relationships, become independent, excel at swimming and truly discover who they are at the Meadowbrook Day Camp.

**For our campers:** We will be lost this summer without seeing your many smiling faces every day as you embark on your summer camp adventures - reuniting with and making new friends, enjoying activities and testing your skills, and helping to build such a wonderful and unique camp experience for yourselves. We are sad we can't be together, for now, but we have saved a spot for you in 2021, and we are counting down the days!

**For our parents:** We are profoundly grateful for your support, trust and patience. We are so disappointed we cannot move forward with our typical summer and make a world of difference for your children at camp. However, as we have collected data over the last two months, it has become abundantly clear that operating our camp programs this summer would not be in the best interest of your children, our staff and the families they return to every day. **We will begin refunding all deposits and payments soon.**

**For our staff:** You are the heartbeat of a successful summer at Meadowbrook and we are equally sad we cannot come together to create a magical camp experience for all members of the camp community. Whether this was to be your first summer as a staff member at Meadowbrook or your thirty-first, thank you for your commitment to us, your loyalty, and your dedication and contributions over the years to build an unforgettable camp experience for each member of the community.

We are heartbroken that our 70th camping season will not happen in 2020, but we look forward to "Our Best Summer Ever" in 2021! We will communicate frequently as we plan for opportunities to connect with the Meadowbrook community and our plans for next summer.

Thank you for your patience and consistent words of encouragement and gratitude. If you have questions or concerns, please let us know. In the meantime, we hope you stay healthy and safe.

Best to you always,

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