

Campers, Families, & Patrons,

If you've ever been to camp, you know that there are days that do not go as planned. Staff members know that when there is severe weather, we move our campers to shelter & wait out the storm together. While in shelter, we don't sit and wallow about how the storm has disrupted camp activities. Instead, songs are sung, games are played, conversations are had, & connections are made. In the storm shelter, not only are we honoring our first goal (safety), but we are maximizing what is in our control at the moment. Just because we're doing things differently than the schedule says, that doesn't mean we can't continue to do the important work that the world needs.

It was in my first summer at WCC Summer Camp when our Camp Director told us that, "Camp can happen anywhere". He pointed out that camp is not the old cabins, or the lake, or the dining hall, or any kind of tangible thing. Rather, **camp is the connection between people**. It's the love, compassion, & friendship that grows in each person while in a nurturing community. The buildings & activities help with this - but they're just tools that we use.

Since WCC Summer Camp was founded ten years ago, safety has always been our number one goal. Safety is something for which we continuously strive. To do anything that would put the health & safety of our campers, staff, & volunteers at risk would be completely against what camp represents.

Camp will look different this summer. **Simply put, we cannot safely do our traditional camp model.** Due to this, we have been working on a different option for camp.

We have been at work developing plans to bring the hope and meaning of camp directly to each of our students. **Together we want to invite you to be a part of "Camp in a Box: The Game of Life".**

Our Mission is to provide children, students, and young adults connection to each other and to God. To spark joy in a time of social distance. This programming is designed to share the goals and mission of camp in a new light. We want to provide campers with ways to connect with their peers, counselors, and also families.

****Attached to this email is a quick preview as to what "Camp in a Box: The Game of Life" would look like this summer. ****

The following are key items for you to review & discern:

- We are not holding camp at Chi Rho this summer due to COVID-19.
- **"Camp in a Box: The Game of Life" will be Wayzata Community Church's digital option for campers to register & participate in.**

- Please open the attached document for a preview of “Camp in a Box: The Game of Life”. This will include a daily schedule & a sneak peak of what activities will look like for campers.
- Your camper will remain registered in the session they signed up for (i.e. Middle School #1, High School #3, Children’s #2, etc.), however the session dates & length have shifted slightly to accommodate our digital model. Costs are \$100/session.
- **Please refer to the payment & registration options below - where you will also find refund information.**
- More information about our Work Crew program will be sent in a separate correspondence.

2020 Camp in a Box Session Dates

- Middle School Session 1:** Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12
High School Session 1: Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19
Middle School Session 2: Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26
High School Session 2: Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 3
Children’s Session 1: Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10
Middle School Session 3: Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17
High School Session 3: Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24
Children’s Session 2: Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31

Work Crew - Camp in a Box 2020 Sessions

- Session 1: June 8 – June 19, 2020**
Session 2: June 23 – July 3, 2020
Session 3: July 6 – July 17, 2020
Session 4: July 21 – July 31, 2020

Financial & Registration Options:

- My camper(s) wants to participate in Camp in a Box. Please refund all payments except the \$100 per ‘Camp in a Box’ fee (sibling discount of \$50 still applies).
- We are not interested in ‘Camp in a Box’. Please refund all of my payments including the \$100 deposit per camper (or \$50 deposit if you received a sibling discount).
- We are not interested in ‘Camp in a Box’, but I would like to donate my \$100 deposit to WCC Summer Camp.
- We are not interested in ‘Camp in a Box’, but I would like to make a donation in the amount \$_____ to WCC Summer Camp out of my refund.

In the next few days, you will receive an email from Campsite with your camp statement and a form for you to select your preference.

We ask that everyone respond to the form by May 15th.

**Once we have received your response, we will send further details & instructions about
“Camp in a Box: The Game of Life.”**