

March 12, 2021

Dear Camp Family,

Last spring, Inspiration Hills made the difficult decision to cancel in-person summer camps for 2020. The State of Ohio had closed all camps at that point, and it was unclear as to when they might reopen; although, it was hoped they could open in late June or July. After discussion with health professionals, Camp Administration Committee, District Board, insurance carrier, and many parents, the risk of continuing with summer camp was determined to be too high.

This year is different. The metrics of COVID-19 are changing, and we understand more about how to provide activities and experiences that keep campers safe. We have learned much from schools, our colleagues at camps across the country, our parents and camp leadership. Unless there is a dramatic change in the course of the pandemic, camp will be open in 2021!

It is appropriate that our summer theme is "Creation Speaks!" this year. We will celebrate by rediscovering and embracing the amazing world God has given us. Exploration of the beauty and intricacy of creation will keep us focused on God's gifts as we discover the wonder of the world around us.

There will be small changes this summer that will provide all the blessings and fun of summer camp while maintaining common sense practices to ensure the safest environment possible; these are listed on the back of this letter. With your attention to safety and the measures we have taken, we can become a thriving community once again.

If you have questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you. You can share through email: info@inspirationhillscamp.org or call us at 419 846-3010. We will take your questions and respond to you within a day or two.

It has been difficult to limit our ministry to small groups and families this last year, but the experience gives us hope for the future. You have been faithful in your support and have volunteered many hours of labor to clean and refresh all areas of camp and we deeply appreciate your efforts. God continues to bless us, and we are excited for the opportunity to welcome you back. We wish health and strength to all, we continue to pray for you.

In Christ,

Shannon M. Kahler



Summer Camp COVID-19 Update

Plans are in progress for a safe and welcoming summer camp experience for all campers. There are several safety measures we will have in place, likely for this summer only. They include:

- Looking for extra adult volunteers to help create smaller groups of campers without affecting the budget
- Additional pre-camp screening for all staff, volunteers and campers
- Activities scheduled in small groups that will remain together for most of camp
- Adjustments to community activities such as campfires and worship times that honor the purpose of the activities as well as safety recommendations
- Emphasis on outdoor activities
- Changes to mealtime routines
- Mask usage for staff and campers in indoor spaces and when in close contact
- Additionally, there will be guidelines for campers that will include recommendations for what to do before coming to camp as well as an updated screening process used during registration