



To the RADDEST Camp Family -

We hope this e-mail finds you all healthy, safe and at home with your loved ones.

As you know, these are unprecedented times. We have promised since Day 1 that we would always do whatever we could to ensure the success of RAD Camp and its important mission. This includes creating a FUN and safe place for our campers to be celebrated and gain independence, ensuring the most amazing and rewarding experiences for our volunteers, and of course, being ever mindful of every dollar donated by the generous community to make it all happen. Given the current climate of the COVID-19 pandemic, it breaks our hearts to tell you that we have made the gut-wrenching decision to not host RAD Camp 2020 in person.

This decision was not made quickly or without serious deliberation. Alongside our Board of Directors, Advisory Committee, medical and legal advisers and trusted community partners, we weighed all the pros and cons of trying to move forward with the summer camps. Unfortunately the cons significantly outweighed the pros and collectively we have had to make the decision to ensure the health and safety of all of our campers and volunteers and to ensure the longevity of Camp for years to come.

Here are some of the key factors that led to the need to adjust our services this summer:

- We serve a population that is extremely vulnerable, many of whom have weak immune systems and other underlying health issues
- We are BIG - and while we love that our family is large and always growing, gathering in the hundreds may not yet be safe when camp is scheduled
- There is a huge strain on the medical community right now; staffing the necessary Nurses at camp would be very difficult and we do not want to pull staff or supplies from the front lines of the pandemic, assuming we could secure them
- Recruitment for new and returning volunteers would be far more challenging than normal - we anticipate that many will need to get jobs or get back to work full-time and will not be able to donate the usual duration of time we would need
- There is limited inventory of some personal care items needed - gloves, hand sanitizer, Tylenol, etc. and food staples in large quantities required for camp

We firmly believe that in the face of any challenge, as a RAD family, we can RISE ABOVE! In good news, we WILL be hosting a Virtual RAD Camp for all age groups the week of June 28 - July 4. Fittingly, this year's theme was "A First Class Trip Around the World" and now you can literally do Camp anywhere in the world!! :) We might not be able to be together in person, but we are still going to do Camper/Counselor Pairings, run custom programs, host fun virtual activities, and come together as a RAD Community. This virus will not take away the amazing community we have all come to know and love each summer.

If you would like to be a part of this Camp experience, we are building a registration site now and will send out a link by May 1. For those who registered for Camp this summer, we will be issuing full refunds ASAP in the form in which you paid. The Virtual Camp experience will not cost you anything, but if you are able, donations are appreciated to help support the program and the supplies we will be creating for each camper and volunteer. This experience will be offered to Returning Campers and Volunteers only, at this time. If we are able, we will open this opportunity up to a wider community as plans are solidified.

Please see attached for the sample Camp timeline we are working on. Your input and ideas are invaluable. If there is something you would like to see, have or need for this summer, please email us at Camp@RADCamp.org and we will do our best to incorporate it.

We know this is heartbreaking. We know that you need RAD Camp right now, more than ever. But this decision will keep us all safe and able to have a BIGGER and RADDER Camp next summer and for years to come. We are in this together. We are here for you.

Stay Rad, Stay Safe, Stay Home.

We love you all,

Katie + Meghan
Directors of Awesome and Your Biggest Fans





RAD Remote Program

Daily Activities

- Start the day off with a Camp cheer, prayer and overview of activities with the Directors
- Staff groups will take turns leading Camp through an activity
- Team Leaders will check in on their counselors daily

Sunday – Box Deliveries at Camp

- Volunteers will cheer on campers as they drive up the hill to retrieve their box
- For those who aren't able to make it in person, you can "opt in" to get the RAD box mailed to you for a shipping fee

Virtual Event Schedule

Monday – Meal with a Buddy

Tuesday – Waterfall Night

Wednesday – Concert

Thursday – Team Talent Show

Friday – Dance

Saturday – Closing Mass + Awards Presentation

We will follow up in May with a registration link, as well as all instructions on how these programs will be activated.

Stay RAD!