



Dear BOLD & GOLD Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health. A sincere thank you for your patience and understanding as we've navigated these uncharted waters. After months of deliberation and contingency planning and with the support of senior leaders at the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities and our dedicated community board, we have made the heartbreaking decision to cancel all BOLD & GOLD programming this summer.

Considering the ever-evolving situation around Covid-19, we feel we are unable to offer the safe and enriching experience your child was looking forward to this summer. The YMCA Camping Team has worked hard to plan for every contingency; however, the uncertainties are still too great.

We imagine this news will be devastating for your camper. For some, this would have been their first introduction to the Boundary Waters. For others, their first time at Camp. And for some, it would have been the culmination of three years of progressively challenging BOLD & GOLD adventures. Please know that this decision has weighed heavily on us. Ultimately, it is our program's strong culture around risk and safety that allowed us to clearly see that this is the right decision not only for this summer but also for the long-term health of the program. Let us remember that relationships are the core of the BOLD & GOLD experience. We hope that campers will remain connected to their camp friends and join us on Facebook and Instagram to relate with one another in the months ahead. We have confidence the BOLD & GOLD community will come out of this stronger than ever.

You will receive a full refund (including your deposit) and no action is necessary on your part. However, you also have the following options:

- Deposit: Turn your refund into a credit on your Y account for a future 2020-2021 program.
- Donate: Instead of a refund, you could make it a donation to support the continued work of BOLD & GOLD.
- Refund and donate: Do both. Consider taking a partial refund and making a partial donation.

If you would like to pursue one of the alternate options, please [fill out our online form](#) by June 1. Otherwise, a full refund will be applied to your account on June 2 and no action is necessary on your part. Please contact our Customer Service Center at customerservice@ymcamn.org to assist with any cancellation questions. Additional information pertaining to these changes can be found on the [YMCA Summer Program Hub](#).

At BOLD & GOLD, we teach resilience and perseverance so that we can make it through challenging situations. None of us ever imagined we would see a summer without camp, but we are confident that the spirit of camp will endure.

Although our overnight camp programs are being cancelled, the YMCA does intend to offer summer experiences through our Day Camps, Family Camps, Nature Power, Summer Power, Summer Uproar and Childcare programs.

Please stay safe and healthy and we hope to see you for summer 2021.

Sincerely,

Kurt Simer
BOLD & GOLD Director