



Camp St. Croix Camper and Family,

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, Camp St. Croix has made the heartbreaking decision to cancel our overnight camp program this summer.

The YMCA Camping Team worked hard to plan for every contingency; however, the uncertainties are still too great with the ever-evolving situation surrounding COVID-19. This summer we've decided the most prudent course of action is to not hold overnight camp programming.

We spend the entire year preparing for your camper's arrival and provide them with life-changing experiences at Camp St. Croix. For your camper's summer experience to be interrupted - to miss the reunion of friends, the hours of playing at the beach, canoeing, kayaking, climbing, riding horses, singing at Flagpole and sleeping in a tent - feels devastating. We are as disappointed as you that we can't enjoy these experiences with your child this summer. Camp St Croix is committed to continuing our efforts to share nature activities with you for the summer on social media so you can enjoy the wonders of the outdoors.

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 YMCA Camp St. Croix.
- 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. After Tuesday, June 2, a full refund will be applied to your account and no action is necessary on your part. Please contact our Customer Service Center at [customerservice@ymcamn.org](mailto: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 Camp St. Croix, we teach resilience and perseverance, so that we can make it through tough 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. If you are interested in any of these program offerings, please visit our [website](#) to see availability and schedules.

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

Sincerely,

Amy Schneider, Executive Director, & the Camp St. Croix Team