

May 5, 2020



Greetings from the shores of old Lake Kimball,

We wanted to connect and provide this update as we continue to plan and prepare for summer camp.

First of all thank you! If you are receiving this message, that means you have a child that is registered for summer camp at Camp Henry this summer. Thank you for sticking with us and for your patience. We realize that there are still many unknowns yet, we believe that in the coming days, the path forward may become a bit clearer.

Our sincere hope is that we will be able to safely welcome campers to Camp Henry this summer. We realize that now, maybe more than ever, children crave and need the social and emotional benefits and opportunities that a summer camp experience can provide.

We believe that there are four primary factors that will significantly impact how we re-open:

1. Executive Orders and mitigation strategies mandated by the State of Michigan as well as local health department and government officials
2. The forthcoming recommendations and guidelines for operating summer camps from the Center for Disease Control (anticipated to be shared by 5/11)
3. The American Camp Association has hired Environmental Health & Engineering (EH&E), a national, third-party environmental health consulting firm, to evaluate and clarify the health standards a camp would have to adhere to operate this summer.

The process includes consultation with an expert panel of public health specialists in pediatrics (and associated with the American Academy of Pediatrics), camp medicine and nursing, epidemiology, infectious disease management, biological safety, industrial hygiene, organizational design, and other technical specialties. Ultimately, they will create a Camp Operations Guidebook that summarizes and defines best practices/ recommendations for day camp and overnight camp operations in the COVID-19 environment based on current knowledge of the virus and public/environmental health science. EH&E recommendations will align with the CDC's guidance. It is anticipated that the Camp Operations Guidebook will be completed by mid-May.

4. You, our summer camp parents. Partnering with all of you and navigating this path together is critical. We are encouraged knowing that if we can provide summer camp this year, close to 75% to 80% of parents would send their child to Camp Henry.

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We had a tremendous response to our Camp Henry Camper and Family Survey. We deeply appreciate all of the supportive and encouraging comments shared. The quote below from a parent respondent helps capture what we heard from so many of you:

"Our kids would be crushed if they can't come to Camp Henry this summer. We are in support of any measures that can be taken to keep campers and staff safe while preserving the summer camp experience! Crossing fingers a solution can be found!"

We are determined to do what we can while prioritizing the safety of campers and staff members to continue seeking solutions to welcome campers to Camp Henry this summer. With some of our sessions still 2 and 3 months away, we are not prepared to make decisions now for the entire summer.

Here is our current plan for moving forward:

- Make decisions about running each week of summer camp on a rolling basis, with those decisions being made three weeks ahead of each camp session.
- Align our final payment deadline with this rolling decision timeline. While it would be helpful for our planning and preparation for summer camp to have payments made at this time, we are happy to provide some flexibility. Final payments or cancellations can be made anytime between now and three weeks prior to the beginning of your particular camp session.
- Continue to offer a range of options for anyone that decides to cancel:
 - Generously donate all or a portion of what you have already paid to Camp Henry
 - Roll your money over and utilize it as a credit toward a future camp session or event in 2020 or 2021
 - Generously donate your \$100 deposit, and have the rest rolled over or refunded
 - Request a full refund
- Share our Summer 2020 Camp Operation plan with all camper families, to help keep you informed and up to date on what to expect for your camper this summer.
- Continue to explore options where we can deliver on our mission to: Provide life changing experiences for all in a Christian environment.

In the coming weeks, as we know more about the health and safety strategies, plans, and procedures that will be put in place at Camp Henry we will be certain to communicate with you as we work together toward welcoming campers to the shores of old Lake Kimball.

If you would like to make or schedule payments or view your balance you can login to your family account at this link: <https://mycircuitree.com/CampHenry/Account/>

If you should have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Leigha Oberle at info@camphenry.org or 616.717.5562.

Please know that we would love nothing more than to welcome your camper to Camp Henry and we look forward to serving you. Thanks so much for your patience and understanding.

Looking forward to warmer and brighter days ahead,

Camp Henry