

## Camp Sunrise

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A camping experience that will change a child's life

Dear Camp Sunrise Friends,

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy. These extraordinary times have forced all of us to put so much on pause and constrained us in ways we couldn't have imagined before this crisis began. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has you wondering what our plans are for Camp Sunrise.

We've been closely monitoring the COVID-19 developments, examining countless scenarios and contingency plans. We formed a number of working groups to determine the best way forward, considering guidelines from the Johns Hopkins medical community, the State of Maryland, and the Children's Oncology Camping Association (COCA) and American Camping Association (ACA) communities. We have concluded that the continuing risks of COVID-19 exposure are simply too great for our medically vulnerable campers.

So while we are profoundly sad and disappointed to announce our decision to cancel Camp Sunrise at Elks Camp Barrett in Annapolis (Aug. 2-8), and our hospital-based Johns Hopkins Camp Sunrise (Aug. 3-7), we are thrilled to be offering a **VIRTUAL CAMP SUNRISE EXPERIENCE**. We have lots of excitement planned! In a few days' time you will receive an email with more information on Virtual Camp Sunrise.

These decisions were difficult, and were not taken lightly. We know that the closures are incredibly disappointing for our counselors in training, volunteers, families, staff, donors, vendors, medical team – and most especially our campers. We love camp and know that our kids need camp now more than ever and we promise you that we will make their virtual camp experience one that they will never forget.

We pledge to continue to work to keep our camp community connected and we look forward to hearing from you as together we navigate the 'new normal' of our 2020 camping season. As always, we thank you for your shared passion for camp, your support and most of all, your trust.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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