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Dear parent,

Thank you for your patience as we wrap up our planning for our summer camp. We know waiting to make decisions about your summer has been frustrating because of the COVID-19 virus and unknowns regarding reopening of the many types of activities in NC. Summer camps have been able to open since Phase I and our staff has been busy planning the new Camp guidelines, policies, and procedures recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), NC Department of Health and Human Services and Orange County Health Department guidelines. As a staff, our commitment to a fun and safe summer camp is as high as it has ever been and that is saying something since this is what we live for each year.

We are excited to begin. We have been adapting our programming and our operational procedures to promote the health and safety of our staff and campers. We have created a balance between safety and fun. This year it is more important than ever for our children to be outside playing, jumping around, and seeing their friends again. Camp increases positive emotions which all leads to being a 'happy camper'.

We are ready to see our happy campers!

This letter presents a brief summary of our 2020 operational changes. At time of registration you will receive a booklet with more details. This will be emailed to all families who have registered to date. In short, here is how this year's Camp will operate:

- The number of children in a "group" has been capped at 10 campers with 1 counselor who will remain with this group for the entire week. It is important to us that we have a contact trace mechanism in place.
- Camper drop off and pick up will no longer take place in a communal building. Each group has been assigned a building which will be referred to as a "hub". The hub will be the location for drop off, pick up, and snack time. It will also function as the building to be used by that group for rainy days. Each hub will have sanitizing products. Cubbies will still be used and will remain at a hub for the duration of the Summer Camp season. They will be sanitized each night.
- Groups will remain separated from other groups during the day by rotating activities except at the pool, where up to 3 groups can swim. We are following the guidance provided to us from the NC Department of Health and Human Services on pool standards such as separating entrance and exits to the pool, putting a 6 feet circle around the guard stand, and separating chairs out for groups. This is possible with the reduced numbers in our groups and is below the 50% capacity threshold that we have been permitted to use as a measure of safety.
- The "all camp events" will be conducted in our front or back fields where there is plenty of room to separate groups and campers within the individual groups. Our morning energizers will look strange but we have enough space to spread out and have fun with all our crazy singing and dancing. Our morning devotion will also take place at this time.

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- We will use a staggered lunch system so we can separate groups to stay below 50% capacity in the dining hall. As an alternative, groups may dine outside at our picnic tables.
- All materials will be sanitized between each group's uses.
- Activity times have been lengthened, so campers will not feel rushed. This is also so we rotate less groups per day and allows more time for cleaning between groups.
- Counselors will wear a mask when unable to maintain a 6 feet social distance from our campers. It is expected that our campers have washable masks to use if an activity cannot provide adequate distance between campers or if we are confined to a building during a rainy day. Parents are expected to provide washable masks for their child. New Hope Camp and Conference Center will not be responsible for your child's washable face mask.

Due to the financial impact that we have suffered due to COVID-19, we are unable to provide campers with a complimentary t-shirt this year. If you are interested in purchasing a 2020 t-shirt please let us know and if we have enough interest we will be able to place an order. We think the cost will be around \$10.

We hope that the information above answers some initial questions that you may have. More information can be found on our website and you can always call us at 919-942-4716. A description of the complete 2020 program will be sent to you upon registration

We are ready for Camp.
Now it is time to register your camper!

Best Wishes and See You Soon

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