



DUNKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

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Dear Campers, Parents and Friends

It is with great disappointment that the Board of Trustees of DCC is announcing the suspension of the summer camp programs through August of this year. Our decision was a difficult one, considering the passion that our campers have for their annual “Dunkirk experience”. First and foremost, we considered the health and safety of our campers and staff. In the end, it was based on a number of factors, not the least of which was what is best for DCC in 2020 and beyond.

We had hoped that the recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic would be much further along at this point. While it is not clear what restrictions will be in place later this summer, we are seeing other area businesses opening up with some significant restrictions. The social distancing requirement alone would greatly impact the very nature of our camp activities and fellowship. Moreover, the added cost to modify the environment, combined with a projected drop in campers, would negatively impact our bottom line. It is in consideration of the current environment and the unknowns for the next several months that the board voted unanimously to close camp for the summer.

With that said, we have a number of options available for those who have already registered for the 2020 season.

- **Roll over to the 2021 season**...we can hold your deposit and credit it to camp in the 2021 season. If you choose this option, no action is needed on your part.
- **Donate**...if you can support DCC during this difficult time, we can also convert your deposit/registration to a donation. If you would like to convert to a donation, Please contact our Camp Manager, Anne Wilmot. 716-366-1900 or exec.director@dunkirkcc.com
- **Refund**...we will be offering a refund for deposits and camp dues already paid. Please contact Anne at the DCC office if you would like to request a refund.

Anne will be contacting all registered campers that she has not heard from to determine the next steps. If you have a question on outside rentals, please contact Anne to discuss viability and timing.

What is next for DCC?...The staff and key committees are identifying opportunities to reduce expenses in 2020. The Programming Committee and camp directors will be exploring ways to engage campers virtually, and the board will monitor CDC and state guidelines to see if there is the possibility of any on site events later in the summer. Lastly, we will begin work on a special DCC 2020 fundraising opportunity that will help us cover ongoing expenses. Please stay tuned!

You may donate today at www.dunkirkcc.com

We have had many challenges in our 98 years of outdoor ministry, including the Great Depression in our first decade. Nonetheless, the Camp survived and thrived, eventually incorporating in 1989. There is passion and resilience in our history, and this is but another challenge for us to overcome together. With your help and support, we will work to make the 2021 camping season the best ever.

Take care and stay safe!

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