**Summer Camp 2020**

**Dear Blue Lake Family**,

**Decisions and announcements:**

For the safety of all involved, the staff at Blue Lake and our Board of Trustees have made the decision to cancel the 2020 Blue Lake summer camp program. We owe it to our campers, their families, summer staff, and volunteers to run a safe camp. I feel like the guidelines to open our facility for the summer camp program cannot be met and we will not jeopardize the safety of all involved. In the almost 70 years that Blue Lake has existed, summer camp has never been cancelled and this decision was not done lightly. For those who have already signed up for camp, a full refund will be given upon request.

**Implications for camp:**

While we join campers and their families in being saddened by the loss of a wonderful summer camp experience and the possibility of missing out on any future camp experiences, our staff and Board are committed to finding a way to offer camp in the future. The decisions we have had to make thus far have cost Blue Lake a significant amount of income ($300,000.00+). This loss of funding is what allows us to keep utilities connected, facilities insured, staff employed and ready to make camp happen should we be able to open soon. Our 2021 budget from the conference apportionments have recently been cut by $185,000.00. This cut will greatly affect Blue Lake. We need your help and the help of your church to fill in this gap.

We must think outside of the box when focusing on how Blue Lake’s ministry can be supported during this difficult time. Recently, one of our churches had to cancel its mission trip and decided to send us the funds raised for that trip to help the mission of Blue Lake.

Our Program Director, Jessie Spangler, is looking into ways to still provide some type of 2020 camp experience which will include **Blue Lake in a Box**. So, keep checking our web site (www.bluelakecamp.com) and your emails for more information.

We continue to be honored by your trust in Blue Lake to serve you and your family. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns while remembering that it may take a little longer than usual to respond during this time as our staff are working Monday-Wednesday only.

May we find our way through this time together and know that **God is still in control!!!**

**In His service,**

**Steve Lewandowski - Executive Director**

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