

To Our Camp Dark Waters Family

Camp Dark Waters is our community. It is our home. It is our family. For the last two months the Camp Dark Waters staff and Board of Directors have continued to plan, prepare, and hope for another transformative summer. This decision ultimately came down to one question: can we keep our campers, our staff, our community safe? The answer was we do not know, and that was not good enough. It is with this sad realization in our hearts that we have made the decision to cancel the summer of 2020 at Camp Dark Waters.

Every morning in the summer as the bell rings to come and get it, I come down to the Main Area. I see everyone rushing, I hear the clanging of canoes, sleepy eyed we gather as a community beginning another exciting day filled with hope and promise of what is to come. We open the morning with grace, as we do every day. Every morning I am surrounded by smiles and joy.

We spend ten months of the year planning for this and looking forward to this. Our memories of the summer keep our hearts warm in the cold of winter and carry us through the spring until we can be together again in this magical place. Dark Waters is where we create those perfect moments and special memories. Those memories are going to have to carry us a little bit longer this time.

We will all be back. We will once again put our arms around each other at a campfire. End our nights hand in hand at Friendship Circle. Next summer is not soon enough to be sure. But no matter how long you have been away, camp will always be there for you. Our community will be there.

We cannot wait to see you as soon as we can, to gather again as a community. To play in the Main Area with our friends, sing songs, overcome new challenges, make life-long friendships, to spend our days together. Until then we will find ways to connect. To be a loving and caring community. To be the Dark Waters community.

Until we can reunite again

Timothy Eager