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Dear Greenfield Recreation Parents, Campers, and Friends,

It is with incredible sadness that we write to you today to inform you that we have made the extremely difficult decision to cancel Summer Camp for 2020. Camp holds a special place in our hearts and we are devastated.

Throughout the past several months we have been working tirelessly to develop feasible operations and safety plans based on CDC Guidance to operate during this COVID-19 Pandemic. We have had multiple discussions with our Health Director, local Board of Health and other camps within the area. On June 1st, the state finally released their Massachusetts Child and Youth Serving Programs Reopen Approach with the Minimum Requirements for Health and Safety. Although we were hopeful, after thoroughly reviewing these guidelines, it became clear that our Swim Area Facility would not comply. From there, we explored the possibility of working with the schools who were eager to help in any way they could, but with all of the unknowns regarding summer preparations needed for fall opening; it only added to the complexity of the situation.

Additional concerns regarding the potential of exposure also weighed heavily into our decision. Camper and staff safety has been on the forefront of our minds since the beginning. If camp were to operate, in order to ensure safety amongst the campers, we would have to limit all camper interactions, try to maintain six foot social distancing, and encourage mask wearing at all times. What would camp be without being able to play capture the flag, kickball, tag, predator prey, and other games requiring close contact and shared equipment and supplies? We strongly believe that if camp were to run, it would not be a rewarding experience for either our campers or our staff given these restrictions.

We know all of this waiting must have been very tough on you and our campers, and we truly appreciate your patience as we worked through the details. We hope to stay connected with our families throughout the summer. Again, thank you for your support, patience and kindness over the last difficult few months. We hope to see you back at Camp in 2021. Stay safe and be well.

From the Bottom of our Hearts,

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