

April 22, 2020

Dear Bixby Summer Camps Families:

We hope that you are all safe, healthy, and navigating the current challenges as best you can. We are reaching out to provide you with an update on our plans for Bixby Summer Camp 2020.

Bixby is currently doing its part to contribute towards our region's proactive approach to slowing the spread of coronavirus in our community. Ideally, these efforts, combined with improved access to testing and implementation of health measures will make it possible for us to safely launch our summer camp by June. While we remain hopeful that we will be able to provide a summer program, we expect that our schedule and program will likely be adjusted due to projections about pandemic peaks and restrictions. Although we continue to prepare for a full summer, we also have realistic expectations for camp operations during a pandemic.

What we predict now, is that this will be a different kind of summer at Bixby. But, we are making every effort to ensure that it is just as fun and special. As always, our main priority will be the health and safety of our campers, staff, and broader communities. Currently, in person classes at Bixby have been suspended through the rest of the academic year, as announced by Governor Polis at a press conference yesterday. We remain in frequent contact with local health officials who are working to provide guidance on if and when it is safe to open summer programs, and how to run them in a way that protects the safety and health of campers and staff.

While we remain prepared to offer our full summer program, the primary contingency that we are exploring right now is the possibility of starting our summer late and revising the structure so as to create more consistent groups of campers and staff throughout the summer. We will continually reassess our options based on the rapidly evolving body of information being analyzed daily.

We are waiting as long as possible to make these decisions because we want camp to happen as much as you do and we believe that this summer could be the most important camp season in our camper's lives. With their increased levels of stress and anxiety, face-to-face social interaction in a fun and caring community that empowers agency for campers has never been so needed. However, we will make these decisions without compromising our commitment to the quality of our experience or the safety of everyone in our community.

**COVID-19 REFUND POLICY:** In the event that we are forced to cancel a week of camp (or more) due to the spread of the coronavirus, here is what we are planning to do:

1. If your camp week is cancelled, you will have the option to transfer your registration to another camp week, without penalty, if there is availability. You will also have the option to apply your registration towards Summer 2021 and lock in the cost of next summer's camp at this year's price.

2. If you are unable to transfer due to lack of availability, your registration fee will be refunded.
3. If you make the decision not to attend, your registration fee will be refunded (minus the deposit).

You can help us make decisions as well. Soon, we will be sending you a survey that will give us a sense of where you are with respect to alternate programming, etc. Please keep an eye out for that survey and fill it out when it comes so we are well informed about your needs for this summer.

Over the next few weeks, we expect to have more information that will help us make decisions about our summer program. **We will provide an update if there is a change to any of the above and in any event an update no later than May 15, no matter what the circumstance.** In the meantime, please watch the Bixby Summer Camp webpage for updates or email us at [Summer@BixbySchool.org](mailto:Summer@BixbySchool.org)

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are healthy, hopeful, and hanging in there. We have no doubt that when this is over, everyone will be ready for connection and summer fun! If there is something we can do to help you, or you have questions or concerns, please let us know. Supporting you and understanding your perspectives is a primary concern.

Thank you so much for your continued patience and partnership as we work through this together.

Be well. Stay safe.

Bixby Summer Camp