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Dear Friends of Round Lake Christian Camp,

First, we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times together. COVID-19 has impacted nearly every aspect of our society and our lives, and camp is no exception.

**On Saturday, May 9, Round Lake's Board of Trustees voted to cancel all previously scheduled summer camp sessions for 2020.** Much conversation and prayer has been involved in the decision. This call was not made lightly, but we believe it is necessary for the health and safety of our campers and their families. We are deeply saddened to make this announcement, and we know this will be a great disappointment to our campers. We will miss seeing you this summer. As we continue through the year, we ask that you keep the camp in your prayers.

Many families are facing job loss or a significant decrease in income. Some of our churches are experiencing financial hardship. You are in our hearts and prayers, and we do not wish to further burden you. We do intend to make refunds available to those who have already made a tuition deposit for summer camp this year. Information on how to apply for a refund will be sent out to registered campers and volunteers by June 1, and you will also have the option to treat some or all of your pre-paid fees as a donation to help Round Lake during this difficult time. You will have until June 30 to make decisions on refunds, and we will begin processing refunds in July. Full refunds will be available to those who need them. We greatly appreciate your patience in waiting to hear from us for further details on how that process will work.

**If you have not been negatively affected from a financial standpoint by COVID-19, we ask that you prayerfully consider [supporting our ministry through a donation](#) so that we can continue to be "a unique place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is experienced" for years to come.** Summer camp tuition accounts for roughly 30% of our operating budget. Some of our expenses will go down since we are not hosting camps, and we are implementing measures to cut costs. Still, some expenses are unavoidable and continue regardless of summer camp being cancelled. If you are in a position to support Round Lake during this difficult time, please consider donating to the camp. Your gift will help us maintain the camp both now and long-term.

This will be our first year since 1949 without summer camp. We understand that many of our kids are hurting right now and that the future feels uncertain. Churches, schools, sports and other activities have also been impacted. Many children and teens are feeling isolated and alone. Camp provides a respite and a safe space for many, and we are prayerfully considering what camp ministry can look like in the midst of a pandemic prohibiting large gatherings.

As new information on the virus comes available and restrictions lift, we will look at when and how to resume in-person programming. Though we don't know dates, we are already working on how it can be done safely. **It is possible that you may see additional programs added to the schedule in the late summer and early fall** if this can be done safely and in compliance with government regulations and recommendations in place at that time. If you have not already done so, we suggest you follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up-to-date with the latest developments as we progress into the summer and have a clearer idea of when and how we will be able to reopen. We anticipate this will be a gradual process, and we commit to doing it with the health and safety of our campers as our highest priority.

Please join us in praying for our campers, volunteers, donors, churches and their communities. We are all in this together and trust that God will continue to lead us and to provide during these times. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

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