

UPDATE

On Summer Camps for 2020

Hello Disciples Crossing Camp Family,

It is with heavy hearts that the Board of Directors, with a recommendation from the Programming Committee, has voted to officially cancel all Disciples Crossing programmed Summer Camps for 2020. This is a decision that all board and committee members have wrestled with for weeks.

We realize camp is still several weeks away. However, we have used the current guidelines from the Texas Governor's Task Force, the Texas Department of State Health Services and the CDC, and we have consulted with our Medical Director on his recommendations. This, in combination with much prayer on the part of our Board has informed our decision. The safety of our campers, counselors, summer camp directors, and camp staff is our highest priority and as such we had no choice but to cancel camps.

Additionally, we need time to plan for camp and get camp ready for you. It takes time to write keynotes and develop activity stations. It takes time to find adult counselors. It takes time to set up the pool and lake toys. It takes time to plan meals and order supplies. You deserve more than a sub-par camp and we fear we wouldn't be able to provide our best experience possible.

Please know that this decision only affects summer camps. It is our sincere hope that Fall retreats will resume as they have in the past. Further, we have already begun planning Summer 2021 to make it out of this world and even better than ever!

We want to address a couple of groups specifically:

Youth currently in 12th grade and getting ready to graduate: we are looking at some ideas specifically for you. We know that this Summer was one you have been looking forward to since you started coming to camp. We will do our best to figure out a way for you to have your moment.

Youth currently in 8th grade and looking forward to Eighters: Never fear there will be Eighters for you! This is a camp we know you have been waiting for since you were old enough to know to wait for it. Be patient: just a little longer as we continue to make plans for you.

The camp staff and all decision makers are devastated that we don't get to fulfill our calling this summer and minister to each and every one of you. Please keep the Board of Directors, the Programming Committee members, summer camp directors, counselors and camp staff in your prayers. This is also a financially devastating decision. If you are able please consider donating to the camp.

Most importantly pray for the ministry of the camp. Our commitment to providing *a place of sanctuary and retreat for people of all ages to experience God through rest, renewal, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment* hasn't changed.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Programming Committee,

Mark Bender
Board President

Matt Chandler
Executive Director

P.S.

If you have already paid for Summer Camp 2020 we have a couple options for you. Please respond to this email indicating which option works best for you.

- a. 100% refund of Summer Camp 2020 registration fee
- b. Donate a portion or entire registration fee to the ministry of Disciples Crossing (if choosing this option please indicate how much)



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