

May 1, 2020

Dear friends,

Cal-Wood Camps and our dedicated board have been watching the **COVID-19 pandemic** very closely. We have spoken with parents, campers, other camps, government officials and medical professionals.

We truly cherish our campers and want nothing more than for our community to be happy and healthy. Because of this, **we have made the decision to cancel our 2020 residential camp programs**. This has been incredibly difficult. Our camp community at Cal-Wood has grown tremendously and we are grateful for the memories we have shared together. We hope we can resume the important youth development work we do soon. Our goal is to not stop our mission of connecting people to the mountains. We are hoping that as the summer approaches, guidelines allow us to offer opportunities to connect you all with Cal-Wood in some way. Our board is currently deciding what additional programming we could possibly offer. If you and your campers have ideas please email camps@calwood.org

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has heavily impacted Cal-Wood financially. We are mostly dependent on program revenue to continue our basic operations as a **non-profit organization**. Cal-Wood probably would not survive this crisis if we were to lose 100% of our revenue during this outbreak. Just for the summer camps, we already spent \$30,000 for the planning. Therefore, **if it is financially doable**, and very respectfully, **we are asking you to consider donating your deposit** or any other amount to Cal-Wood, **we will appreciate it significantly**.

We are also asking for you to take a moment **to make a short video** of what camps means to you. If you don't want to make a video - get a picture of your camper holding up one word to describe Cal-Wood. We have asked our counselors to do the same. We will edit this together and release it as a way to say thank you for the incredible relationships and to hopefully raise money to guarantee future programming at Cal-Wood.

Next Steps:

1. Please login here to **access your account**:
<https://calwood.campintouch.com/v2/login/login.aspx>
2. Go to **Financial Information** to check what you've paid.
3. Go to **Forms & Documents**.
4. Fill out the **Camp Cancellation Form** - to let us know if you would like to:
 1. Donate to Cal-Wood
 2. Defer Payment to 2021
 3. Receive a full refund
5. Please fill out this form by **May 8th** to help us ensure that refunds are done by **May 15th**.

Donations:

- **They are tax deductible**
- **We will send a receipt once all requests are processed**
- **On the form you can type in how much you'd like to donate!**

We are all working from home and won't be available at the office so if you have any questions or concerns please email camps@calwood.org or **schedule a call with Joel (Super Shark) our Camp Director** here: <https://calendly.com/supershark/chat-with-super-shark>

in camp spirit -

Joel Van Egbert - Camp Director
Rafael Salgado - Executive Director
And Everyone at The Cal-Wood Education Center.

