



## ROUGH ACRES BIBLE CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

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Dear Parents,

We're all dreaming of being back here at Rough Acres Bible Camp with your kids and families this summer. We are praying that this will resolve well and quickly enough for us to return to our home away from home this summer and for our collective health, safety and happiness.

It goes without saying that we 100% endorse the measures taken by our government to bring the safest outcome to all of us. We are following their direction in our homes and office and will continue to do so as we navigate these unprecedented and uncertain times. We have never been able to know what the future holds, but this feels more apparent now than ever. We feel a sense of obligation to responsibly prepare for the summer of 2020 and to communicate with you about those plans.

Let's dive into what we're all thinking about...

### WILL THERE BE CAMP THIS SUMMER AT RABC?

We certainly hope so! With all our hearts we hope for the best and with our brains we plan for the worst. You all have access to the same science and educated guesses that we do. So, your guesses are as good as ours. I do know this:

If we all DON'T hope and plan for an RABC summer, then there CAN'T be an RABC summer.

If we all DO hope and plan for an RABC summer, then there MIGHT be an RABC summer.

At this point we feel there are enough reasons to continue to plan for a summer together.

### WHY BOTHER?

We feel that the summer of 2020, if permitted to proceed, will be the most important camp season in our children's lives. Our children have never been exposed to such stress and increased levels of anxiety. Never have positive face to face social interactions and sharing the love of Jesus Christ been so important and needed.

### SHOULD I CANCEL MY REGISTRATION:

For all the reasons described above, we really hope you don't. So far, we have not had a single cancellation request this season. We are encouraged by the collective hopefulness of our community. Having said that, we respect whatever decision you feel is best for your family. If and when we get confirmation that our summer will be cancelled, all remaining registrations will be refunded fully. We hope you stay with us.

We will be prayerfully discussing our plans for the summer with the RABC Board of Directors, and continue to look for guidance from our government, Northern Health and the CDC. There are several imaginable outcomes:

If we need to start late, we will make every effort to adjust.

If we need to run shorter season, we will make every effort to adjust.

If we are not permitted to operate at all this summer, we will look into other ways in which we are able to continue to connect with our families and campers to keep the RABC summer alive, while continuing to follow social distancing in our homes and communities.

While people are suffering all over the world, we are conscious not to take a "head in the sand, business as usual" approach with our communication or plans for the coming summer. Having said that, we do want to provide joy and light for all our children. With you, the parents, our communication might be a little more serious. With your children, our social media posts will be lighter. The goal of this letter was to let you know how deeply we are thinking about the months to come.

Our ancestors survived persecution and wars – we just have to stay home, watch Netflix, and wash our hands. But the struggle is no less important and succeeding no less bountiful.

May God bring us peace and hope during this time of uncertainty.

May our children bring us comfort and joy.

May we all be safe and healthy.

May we be at Rough Acres together soon.

Jesus said: *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33 NIV

Sincerely,

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