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Greetings, Mark Jenkins, Executive Director for Cedar Springs Camp & Retreat here and I bring you an important announcement today about the status of our summer programming.

With a heavy heart I must tell you that the Camp Board and I have decided to cancel all of our programmed events through July 9th. This will include youth camps (as previously announced by the youth leadership), the Creation Science Seminar scheduled for May 2nd, our Recovery Retreat scheduled for June 5th-7th, and Kids Camp scheduled for July 6th-9th.

Regarding Tadpole Camp and Family Retreat scheduled for later in July, we will be assessing the situation in early June. Until such time, registrations for these two events will be accepted with NO deposit required.

This was an incredibly difficult decision and we have been prayerfully considering it for some time. Yet in the end, our first priority is and will always be the safety of our guests! This decision was also made in accordance with the guidelines put forth by the Governors of Iowa and Minnesota. We will be continuing to monitor this situation as it develops on both the state and national level and make ministry adjustments accordingly.

While this situation is discouraging, we are not losing heart. As the Apostle Paul tells us in **2 Corinthians 4:1-18** *“though we are hard pressed on every side, and outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all! So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*

And so, we are fixing our eyes on what is unseen, and we are filled with hope as we consider what the Lord has in store for our ministry. We are being challenged to think outside the box more than ever before to develop new ways to engage our community.

Throughout this summer we will be ramping up our social media engagement, and we are hoping to develop some fun virtual programming for the whole family to enjoy as well. We are looking forward to reaching out to more churches and growing the Cedar Springs family. And further down the road, we are hoping to expand fall and winter programs. Keep an eye out for more info!

We hope that Cedar Springs can continue to be a source of strength, comfort, and joy for all amidst this challenging time. Our cabins and 117-acre campground are open now and we would love to host you here. Come and discover the peace that these grounds have to offer. We want to be your outdoor destination! Please call us at the camp office to make a reservation. This will help us maintain social distancing guidelines.



For 52 years now, Cedar Springs has been your camp, your refuge, and your place to experience God and his awesome creation. Cedar Springs is part of your story. And in order for us to continue our ministry, we need to raise \$25,000. This covers our bare minimum expenses to keep the camp running over the next three months until we can reestablish our traditional programming.

If God has blessed you and you feel lead to donate to his work at Cedar Springs, please reach out to us via an online donation or by mailing a check to the address below. Your gift, however large or small, will be a great blessing to us, and will be honored by God as he makes himself known in the midst of this storm.

Finally, we ask that you keep us lifted in prayer. These are trying times for us as well, yet we know that God's word tells us "where two or three are gathered there I am in the midst of them".

We might not be holding camps and retreats as usual right now, but we are still busy, preparing to provide our supporters with a variety of options to utilize Cedar Springs Camp & Retreat in new and exciting ways. We believe, with God's guidance, we will come out on the other side of COVID-19 stronger and better equipped to minister in His name.

Watch for more information about upcoming programming, creative fundraising events, and announcements! If you have access to Facebook like and follow our page at the link below.

Our hearts and prayers are with you always, and we hope to see you real soon.

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