Dear Camp Boggy Creek Families,

First, I hope all of you are doing well and taking measures to protect yourself, your family, friends and your community. You are part of our extended Boggy Creek family, and your health and well-being matter greatly to us.

As a medical camp that serves children with serious illnesses, the safety of our campers, staff, and volunteers is our top priority. Considering the rapidly changing Federal and State Health and Safety mandates to control the spread of COVID-19, restricting group gatherings, as well as the impact on the availability of doctors, nurses and other healthcare resources surrounding this pandemic, we have made the incredibly difficult decision to suspend our summer camp programs.

While no one knows how this global outbreak will play out; we're acting out of care, concern and respect for everyone involved with Boggy Creek. It's important to us to continue to put the health and safety of you and your family as our number one priority.

All of us at Camp are tremendously disappointed and we know, all our Boggy Creek campers and families are also disappointed. However, in the midst of this challenging situation, our Program Team is already exploring ways to stay connected and is making plans to continue to reach out to you over the summer.

Our goal is to continue to stay in touch and deliver camp in alternative ways, even though we can't all come together as a group and physically be at Camp. During the coming weeks, our Program Team will explore different methods to ensure you still feel the spirit of Boggy Creek, wherever you are. So stay tuned; we look forward to sharing more about how we will deliver camp over the summer months!

At Boggy Creek – *We never say "Goodbye...we always say "See You Later"!* We can't wait to welcome you back to camp, where we can all be together!

Thank you again for your understanding and for your patience as we all tackle this situation together. In the meantime, look for updates in the coming weeks about ways we can all stay connected.

To be added to a list for updates on the 'alternative ways' of staying in touch this summer, please email Mary Parrish- your child's name and the group they come to camp with. **If you are new to Camp Boggy Creek**, please give your name, your child's name, and your email address so that we may also stay in touch with you.

Mary Parrish at 352-483-4111 <u>mparrish@campboggycreek.org</u> or me at 352-483-4200 x 4282 <u>KBringelsen@campboggycreek.org</u>

With gratitude,

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