



Dear Calvin Crest Friends, Campers, and Stakeholders,

It saddens us to share with you that in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the leadership team and Board of Trustees have made the very difficult decision to suspend summer camp programs in 2020. We know this is such a disappointment to so many of our families, to our campers, and to our staff who look forward to coming here every year and who call this place home. Walking through camp these days in the midst of the quietness and stillness, it makes us so sad to think that this sacred space is going to sit empty for the course of the summer and be devoid of the life, energy, joy, and transformation that typically characterizes camp.

We want you to know that we have not made this decision lightly. We have been in prayer with our leadership team and our board. We've sought the counsel of many, and we are making this very difficult short-term decision to ensure the long-term mission of Calvin Crest.

We are heartbroken. This is really hard. And we know it will be hard for a lot of you. We are praying for you and your family as you navigate this disappointing news and continued challenging time.

And what we need right now is for you to pray for us. Please pray for the families who will miss family camp and won't be challenged in their faith in the same ways this summer. Pray for the kids and our Week in the Forest campers. Pray for summer staff who were planning on being here all summer, loving on kids, shaping and molding lives. Pray for our full-time staff who have been working since September to get ready for this summer, but now are facing difficult realities. Pray for the camp to survive this season and emerge with a renewed passion and innovative ideas for the future.

We're grateful we serve a God who is good, and who is going to use all this somehow to his glory, and we rest in knowing we can trust Him as our refuge and fortress. We can't wait until we can see you all again at Calvin Crest!

Trusting with you,

Tiffany Staman
Executive Director

Bill Ekhardt
Chairman, Board of Trustees