



May 29, 2020

Dear Briarwood Families and Staff –

It is with the greatest regret that we must say that Briarwood will not be opening in 2020.

We never thought that we would make this announcement but, in the eight days since our last email, we have encountered even more logistical and operational challenges that we have reluctantly accepted that we cannot overcome. We cannot make Briarwood work safely and properly in the way that it should, in the way that our campers and their families count on and in the way that we have all come to expect.

Briarwood is greater than simply swimming or arts and crafts or basketball - it is greater than simply ceramics or soccer or gaga – it is greater than Color War or Carnival or Halloween in July or Bunk Shows or Crazy Hat Day or Boomer or The-Totally-Optional-But-Incredibly-Awesome All Camp Wiffle Ball Tournament or anything else. Briarwood’s greatness and magic lies in the synergy between our amazing, excited, energetic kids and our caring, talented, dedicated staff. Together they make each day, each week, each summer the best, the happiest and most memorable it can be.

At Briarwood, we are committed to providing all camp families as well as our staff an amazing experience. Due to the circumstances, we unfortunately now believe we cannot deliver on that promise this summer. We are devastated. You may be devastated, too.

In 2021, we will be back and better than ever.

To all of our enrolled families who stuck with us this spring through all of the proposed changes, through the activity adjustments, through the elimination of popular programs, we appreciate you more than we can say and we look forward to continuing to deserve your trust in the future. We will send you a separate email today about credits and refunds.

To all of our dedicated staff who were ready to come to work each day – masked – to help give kids the best summers of their lives, all we can say is wow. You’re awesome and you are what makes Briarwood what it is.

Again, we are so sorry to deliver this news. We know the trust you place in us.

Please know that this letter is not “goodbye.” It’s “see you later.” We hope to see you all next year.

We wish you and your families good health and all good things.

Most sincerely,

- Matt, Mike and Anne

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