



March 25, 2020

Dear West Suburban YMCA Camp Families,

We here at the Y hope that you and your families are staying healthy and safe. During this time of rapid change we hope that you are staying strong together, and we would like to take a moment to let you know that our camp team and the entire Y organization remains committed to serving you and your campers.

We know that so many of you and your campers are looking forward to another wonderful summer at Camp Chickami, Pikati or Frank A. Day this summer. We, too, are looking forward to a summer full of exploring Mud City, singing camp songs, and time on the shores at Frank A. Day, along with all the other magical moments of a camp summer.

At this time, we are operating under the assumption that camp will run as planned this summer. We are continuing along our camp preparation timeline as we normally would to ensure that camp is up and running for summer.

In addition, with an increased focus on the health and well-being of our campers, we are meeting daily as a team to discuss extra measures we can take to keep your campers healthy and safe. These include a review and update of our healthcare procedures, added cleaning and sanitizing of our camp environment, equipment and even our campers' hands. Further, increased training and awareness for staff on the importance of all these actions.

Please rest assured, if a West Suburban YMCA camp session for which you have registered is disrupted as a result of COVID-19, we will fully refund all your payments toward that session of camp for 2020.

As always, we are committed to your child's health and safety, as well as to serving our community in the most conscientious way possible. Over the next couple of weeks, the WSY Camp Team, along with some of the seasonal camp staff, will be putting together some camp activity ideas, songs and other content that you can share with your kids while they are at home to try to capture some of the camp spirit. We hope to continue to have a presence in their lives as well as yours to help with this difficult situation. If you or your kids have ideas of fun activities or songs they would like to see, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We will continue to keep you all updated as this situation unfolds. Keep an eye out for emails from the camp team, especially as we get closer to the start of the summer.

Hear from our President & CEO, Jack Fucci, to learn more about what we as a YMCA have been doing to help in our community during COVID-19: [www.wsymca.org/coronavirus/covid-19-updates](http://www.wsymca.org/coronavirus/covid-19-updates)

Stay safe and healthy, and don't forget to wash your hands regularly! We will be thinking of all of you and hoping to see you this summer!

All the best,  
The Camping Team