



CAMP KINTAIL COVID-19 UPDATES

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Dear friends,

We are witnessing one of the greatest acts of love ever seen on the planet. We are all doing our best to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbours near and far by staying home and physically distancing. It is truly beautiful to watch the co-ordinated efforts of our global family to keep those who are most vulnerable – our elders, our immune-compromised friends, and our essential workers – safe and healthy. It is equally heart-breaking to see when our best efforts have failed and the virus spreads into vulnerable populations.

At Camp Kintail, we are glad to be part of this love and care. Our site is closed to the public and will remain so until guided by Huron Perth Public Health. This means that, along with the rest of Ontario, our plans for the summer are not certain. We remain hopeful that we will be able to offer a summer program of some sort, but we know that it will look different from previous summers. We continue to work on our policies and procedures to ensure the safety and health of our campers and guests for when we are able to be open.

The Camp Kintail Board is meeting regularly to monitor the situation. We continue to be in conversation with the Ontario Camps Association, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Huron Perth Public Health about whether it is safe to operate summer programs. We are also in conversation with many families, who are working to sort out what life looks like now. We value the trust you have placed in us to care for your children.

We are not ready to make any final decisions about the summer yet. A decision on the summer will be made by May 15th at the latest, or earlier, depending on the guidelines from health officials.

We do know that some families need to make decisions earlier. We know camp is not an option for some families this summer. The board has adapted Kintail's cancellation policy in light of the extraordinary circumstances of the coronavirus and this policy is in effect whether the summer program is cancelled or families choose to cancel existing registrations.

1. Full Refund – We know that many families are struggling financially during this crisis. If you require a refund, this will be provided via your original method of payment.



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2. Credit – We are glad to give a credit to families for the amount that has already been paid to Kintail. This credit would extend over two years and could be used by any member of a family for any Kintail camp session or retreat or for any Camp Kintail clothing. This is helpful to the camp as it allows us to have cashflow at the present time and reduces banking costs.
3. Donation – For those who are able, we hope you will consider donating some, or all, of the amount already paid to Kintail. The coming year will be a difficult one for Camp Kintail, and any donation you could make would help to keep Camp strong for the years to come. Your donation will help with the costs that will happen this year, even with reduced income, such as taxes, electricity, staffing, and maintenance. A tax receipt will be given for every donation made.

All registered families will be sent an email with this information and instructions for communicating your family's decision.

Be well and love others in all you do.

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