



## Camp Hobé COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Planning Updated May 17, 2020

### **New 5/18/2020– see next page for Virtual Camp Schedule and FAQs**

Hello Camp Hobé Family, Hey, hey, listen up, listen up! It's Jamie, your Camp Hobé Medical Director, and Wapiti Mama, your Executive Director. For more than 30 years, we have had the pleasure of running Camp Hobé for your kids. We believe camp is one of the most powerful, magical, and important parts of the year. Camp Hobé campers are some of the strongest, most compassionate, inspirational, and joy-filled people we have ever met. And our camp staff and volunteers are incredibly caring, hard-working, and selfless.

We at Camp Hobé have made a very difficult decision this year. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, we are changing our summer camp program a bit this year. As we all know, the past few weeks have been very uncertain. There have been many questions about COVID-19 (coronavirus) and how it might affect the summer, the children, and camp.

- The Hobé team discussed cancelling or postponing summer camp, **but that wouldn't do!** We ourselves could not go this summer without our community and the joy camp gives us. And we don't want to deprive our camp family of the community either.
- We discussed holding camp as usual, **but that wouldn't do!** We could not risk the health of those we care so much about. Our campers are at high-risk for infection, as are many of our volunteers and staff.

Instead, we ask that you join us in the very **first ever** Virtual Camp Hobé! We know this change might make us all a little sad. That is okay, change can be hard. However, we can still share in the community, fun, and activities of camp. It will just be a little different than we expected.

We look forward to the days when the uncertainty has faded, and we can once again gather around the campfire together to dance and sing. We hope you will join in this new experience with us because camp would not be the same without you. We will update our community every 7 to 10 days as we develop the program and have a timeline for the offerings. A couple things to keep in mind:

- There will be no charge to participate in virtual Camp Hobé.
- If this was your family's last year to participate in our programs, we will extend your eligibility by an additional year so that your kids can come back to the beautiful campsite in Settlement Canyon.
- We made this decision to protect your precious children.

Thank you so much for letting us be part of your lives. Know that we're here to support you in this time of change. Please reach out (use the website contact form) with any questions or if we can help with this transition.

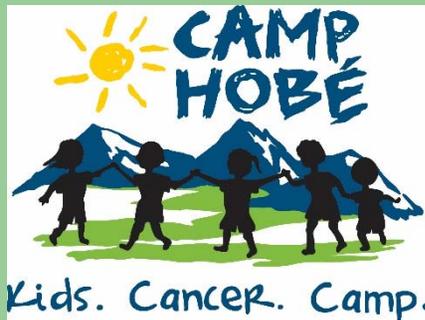
Here's to a fabulous Camp Hobé 2020. Ahoy Mateys!!

Jamie Seale, NP, Medical Director  
Christina Beckwith, PharmD, Executive Director



# Parent Information - Frequently Asked Questions

- *What is the URL for the database?* <https://camphobe.campmanagement.com/campers> Please note that our database works better in Chrome or Firefox **not** Internet Explorer.
- *Where do I find Camp Hobé Policies and Information?* Please see the “Forms” section of your camper’s Campsite profile, which includes PDF files with policies and other useful info for Virtual Camp Hobé. Please read everything in each child’s “Forms” section as some info varies by camp session.
- *Where do I find required forms for my campers?* Good news! There are only a couple forms needed for Virtual Camp Hobé. These are also in the “Forms” section of each camper’s Campsite profile. As a parent/guardian, you will need to fill out **all** the assigned forms for each registered camper.
  - **Please complete all your camper’s forms before May 31st** so we can better plan for your camper’s needs.
  - *More Good News!* All pre-camp forms for Virtual Camp Hobé are completed online.
  - *Even More Good News:* No physical exam is required for Virtual Camp Hobé.
- *What platform(s) will be used for Virtual Camp Hobé?* Virtual Camp Hobé will occur via several platforms, depending on type of activity and whether campers may interact with others in real time.
  - **Interactive activity sessions** will be conducted via Zoom so that the campers can see and interact with other campers. We will record these sessions so the campers can watch them later, in case they miss the activity. Only registered campers may participate in and view the Zoom sessions, to ensure compliance with children’s Internet safety regulations.
  - Campfires and performances will be conducted as watch parties streamed via **Facebook Live**. Campers, their families, and invited guests may join during the live program. In addition, our Facebook followers may watch these sessions at a later date on our Camp Hobé Facebook Page.
  - **At-home activity supplies** will be provided for every registered camper. **Activity kits** will include games, puzzles, and crafts to do at home. **Camp-in-a-Box kits** will include this year’s camp T-shirt, pirate swag, candy/goodies, and other surprises. These supplies will be delivered/available the weekend of May 30th.
- *What is the schedule for Virtual Camp Hobé?* The basic schedule for Virtual Camp Hobé is now available (see page 2 for the “big picture”). Find the schedule for each camper’s specific session in their online forms. The daily activity schedule will be shared by the end of May.
- *How will my camper access the online sessions? Will our family get a link before the events happen?*
  - Links and passwords for Zoom sessions will be sent to the family of each registered camper in the week prior to the opening of the camp season. Please note that all Zoom sessions will be password protected and moderated. Only registered campers and assigned camp staff may log in to these sessions.
  - Links to the Facebook Live streaming events will be sent at the same time.
- *What supplies does my camper need for Virtual Camp Hobé?* Please refer to the checklist on the last page of your camper packet for more details. The most important supply is an Internet capable device so that your camper can connect with and join the activities.
  - We want to make this easy for you. Please don’t feel like you need to run out and buy supplies just now. Please wait to purchase additional supplies until we confirm your camper’s activities. In general, virtual camp will make use of items that many people have in their home. If other specific supplies are needed, we will provide them in the “Camp-in-a-Box” or give you a list well in advance.
- *Does my camper have to participate in every day of activities during their camp session?*
  - No! We know this is a brand new world for our campers and their families. We also understand that campers and their families may have other commitments during the sessions.
  - We’re happy to have your camper join when they can, **and** we hope to see them every day.
- *How does this affect our family’s eligibility to participate in Camp Hobé programs?*
  - *If 2020 was going to be your family’s last year:* We are adjusting eligibility periods for families whose eligibility was ending in 2020. For these families, we are extending eligibility by an additional year. We want to make sure that those kids have the opportunity to attend in-person camp in the future.
  - *If your family is currently eligible to participate **after** this year:* At this time, we are **not** adjusting the eligibility period for families whose eligibility does not expire this year. We don’t have capacity to extend everyone without turning campers away from in-person camp. That said, this may change as the situation changes.
- *What if my camper has special dietary needs or food allergies?* **Please tell us ASAP**, so that we can better plan for your camper’s needs and avoid sending any potential allergens in their Camp-in-a-Box.
- *Is there road construction in Tooele this year?* We left this in for giggles. We are happy to say that your family’s camp experience is **unlikely** to be significantly affected by road construction. 😊



# Virtual Camp Schedule - The Big Picture

- Day Camp / Hobe' Juniors
  - Friday 6/5, Sat 6/6, Sat 6/13, and Sat 6/20
  - Daily Zoom activities from 10A to Noon, and from 1P to 2:30P
- Kids Week / Teen Week
  - Monday 6/8 to Friday 6/19
  - Kids Week Zoom activities weekdays, 1P to 2:30P
  - Teen Week Zoom activities weekdays, 3:30P to 5P
- Family Activities 6/8 to 6/19
  - Evening campfires streamed via Facebook Live every day but Sunday from 7:15P to 8:15P
  - Family BBQ Night: Saturday 6/13