



Camp Hobé COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Planning

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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!!

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