



Dear Friends of Camp Whitman,

With the spread of COVID-19 within the United States we understand you may be concerned. The safety and health of our campers, guests and staff is always our highest priority at Camp Whitman. Our first camp session begins on July 5 this year. We are hopeful that over the next 15 weeks before our camp season is set to begin that the trajectory of this virus and the landscape that we are living in now, will be much different.

We feel deeply called to serve our community by living into our mission statement: *"Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake lives for those who are longing for belonging, seeking connection with community and creation, respite from chaos and competition, and an opportunity to encounter both the Holy and themselves."*

While the coronavirus currently poses no immediate implications for the summer camp season, we will continue to review and revise our plan in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health, and monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control as additional COVID-19 guidance is provided.

In the event that your family needs to cancel or change your camp session, ***or should we be compelled to cancel the camping season***, below is some information related to cancellation and rescheduling.

- As a reminder, all camp deposits are always fully refundable before June 1.
- In the event you need to cancel your registration after this point due to illness or circumstances related to Covid-19, you will receive a full refund (including deposit).
- If Camp Whitman makes the decision to cancel a program, you will receive a full refund (including deposit) or you may choose to have us hold your deposit for the 2021 camping season or make the deposit a tax-deductible contribution to Camp Whitman. Your choice.

There are many things to worry about right now, camp doesn't need to be one of them.

Camp Whitman is a place as well as a community that provides peace, respite, joy and hope to all in our midst. We will continue to be so, no matter what the 2020 season may look like. Although many of us are feeling isolated and alone right now, we know that "this too shall pass," and that we can gain strength and hope in our connections with one another and with God.

We hope to be a resource during this time to your families. Over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing more on social media in the forms of discussions, songs, activities and stories to help keep us all engaged and entertained while inside more. Please make sure that you are following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay updated as well.

Thank you for being part of our camp family. We will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to contact me at (315) 201-0193 or director@CampWhitman.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lea Kone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lea Kone, Camp Director
Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake