



May 5, 2020

Dear CYC Family,

We have all received communications from various businesses and organizations in the past few weeks concerning the challenges that everyone is facing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many express the same sentiments, but one thing is clear: these are unique and challenging times, making communities like our CYC family more important now than ever.

Our board and management team have met regularly to discuss all possible scenarios, and it is with an incredibly heavy heart that we inform you that **CYC 2020 will not take place this summer.**

Because camp is so unique, we face challenges beyond those that we are witnessing around the world in other businesses and organizations. We would like to be as transparent as possible and share with you a few of the factors that went into our decision:

1. SAFETY IS NUMBER ONE! Our medical staff are on the front lines of battling this pandemic, making it impossible to fully staff camp. We may also have limited access to disinfectants and other cleaning products. With these restrictions on resources, we cannot ensure the well-being and safety of our campers, Counselors and Assistant Counselors, and volunteer staff.
2. We must comply with McNeese State University regulations. While McNeese has not cancelled camps scheduled to be hosted on their campus this summer, these guidelines severely limit our ability to plan CYC 2020 effectively.
3. The uncertainty of the virus continues to grip the world, and we do not know what the climate of the world will be in July. However, we are committed to limiting the spread of COVID-19 within our CYC community and beyond.

This year would have marked the 37th year of CYC. We recognize that CYC is not just a camp--it's an entire week of acceptance, friendship, and treasured memories that last a lifetime. While we are saddened by this decision, we are already optimistically looking forward to 2021 and cannot wait to see everyone's smiles again.

All registered attendees will automatically receive a full refund in the upcoming weeks. However, if you would like to support our mission and donate your refund, in whole or in part, to CYC, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/nNf8jrAsML8JUTCG9> by **Saturday, May 9**. These funds will be used to ensure CYC continues to flourish and returns next year with the same high quality program.

Lastly, we want to take this time to say thank you. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you for your encouragement and support. We read every single comment, email, and message and hold them close to our hearts. We feel extremely grateful for your support through the years and during these trying times. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Here's to CYC 2021!

Very truly yours,

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