

As we say in Staff Training, "if safety isn't our number one priority, it doesn't matter what the rest of our priorities are." We would never offer a summer camp experience that is not safe before all else.

Unfortunately, we will be canceling our July 4-H Summer Camp sessions (#1 - #4) at this point.

As the state slowly moves along with the reopening process, it has become clear that a large group of us congregating and living together here at 4-H Camp will not be possible by July. We anticipate this decision will be mandated by the State and Department of Health, either because overnight summer camps are not being issued permits or because proposed safety measures would not be feasible in our communal facility.

Depending on the health situation in New Jersey and broad decisions around education, we are still holding out hope for the possibility of on-site camping sessions in August. However, as I'm sure you're aware, there is of course a very good chance our August sessions will not be able to run either. We'll be in touch when we have a better idea about what late summer will look like – probably sometime early June.

We're still endeavoring to provide our campers with some Camp spirit and Camp connection even when they can't be here in person. We've been hard at work with over fifty 4-H Camp volunteers crafting a virtual camp program. Like the best parts of 4-H Camp, it's based on interaction, community, humor and support. It's called 4-H Camp HAFHAH. (Home Away from Home At Home, of course.)

The best way to sustain 4-H Camp for summers to come AND have your camper join this (hopefully) once in lifetime virtual camp program is to transfer a portion of your Summer Camp 2020 fees to the HAFHAH program. We also have the option to help support Camp by crediting to a future season, or the option for a refund.

For our CIT II campers who were set to age out in Summer 2020 – we will find a way to get them their final week as a camper – be it later this summer, next year, or somewhere in between.

As always, please reach out to us at the Camp Office if there's any further details you'd like us to provide, or anything we can help with.

Meanwhile, we will be busy planning for and dreaming of the time we can all safely and happily be here at 4-H Camp again.