



Dear Camp Parents,

Due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, the Fairfax County Park Authority has canceled all summer day camps and programs for children, including Rec-PAC programs held at local schools.

The decision was made after careful consultation with local health officials, school representatives, other regional recreation providers and local government officials and review of guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Similar summer camp and program cancellations are also being announced by NOVA Parks, Prince William County Parks and Recreation and Arlington County Parks and Recreation, which mirror closures and cancellations throughout the Commonwealth and the nation.

"We recognize how important camps are to this community, but we need to keep the health and safety of our children first and foremost," said Park Authority Director Kirk Kincannon. "Rest assured we are continuing to search for the right programs and services we can provide based on guidance at all levels of government. These are unprecedented times and public support has been vital."

With the health and safety of participants and staff as the County's top priority, the challenge of bringing together children while maintaining proper social distancing and safety in the camp environment ultimately led to the decision to close. We fully recognize that this difficult decision will be disappointing to your family and hope that you understand our position.

The Park Authority will issue a full credit to your household account and you will receive a confirmation once the credit has been processed and is available. Once the credit has been processed to your household account you can retain the amount on your account, request a refund to a credit card, or request the amount be donated to the Park Foundation. Thank you for your patience as we process a large volume of credits.

As outdoor parks reopen this weekend, the Park Authority is working hard to create programming options for adults and children that will be rolled out in the coming weeks as safety allows. Staff will miss having your children in camp but look forward to seeing them during fall teacher workday minicamps, winter break camps and camp in summer 2021. We appreciate your continued support during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

The Fairfax County Park Authority