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Thank you to those who filled out the survey we sent. We heard from many who are hoping we will be able to provide onsite programming this summer. We also heard that we need to assure it will be as safe of an experience as possible. Safety for all is a priority. This helps us as we continue to adjust plans and seek how we can provide a "camp experience" in 2020. We remain closed to groups until at least May 18 following Minnesota Governor Walz's executive order, and Shetek will continue to follow guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the MN Department of Health.

The guidelines for camps from the American Camp Association (ACA) and the CDC are delayed. Initially they were to be available the end of April. We are still awaiting those guidelines. There will be a lot of preparation using those guidelines before we can consider any onsite programs. In light of the delay, we will not be offering any of our onsite Weeks 1-3 programs (June 7-26). We will be contacting the campers registered for those weeks within a week to hopefully move them to later programs in the summer. I do want to share the outline for the Camp Operations Guide that ACA is creating for camps - <a href="https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020">https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020</a> It is a very comprehensive resource we will use to evaluate and prepare for any onsite programming.

Some good news if you are missing camp. Many items from our camp store will be available in our new online camp store! Watch for the store opening next week!

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

If you have questions please send an email to <u>camp@shetek.org</u> or Marv at <u>marv@shetek.org</u> and we'll get back to you.

One of the songs we sing at camp (Cast Your Burdens) is from 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." We know God cares for us, give God your worries today.

Peace, Marv Nysetvold

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