

Camp Lutherhaven Outdoor Ministry Center COVID-19 Response

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As Camp Lutherhaven navigates with you and our entire world through this coronavirus pandemic, we want to not only create a spirit of encouragement and sensibility among our staff team and our guests, but we also want to be a part of the public health solution, working together with all those around us to reduce transmission.

In order to be part of that solution, we have cancelled all Camp and retreat guest groups and programs through April 12th (Easter). Our highest priority is keeping our guests, staff, volunteers and families safe and healthy. However, as I write this, the birds are chirping, the robins have arrived, and I can hear frogs off in the distance! As of now, Summer Camp is still on and we're excited for the day to reconnect you with Christ, creation, and community out here at Lutherhaven where we can partner with you in all that a retreat, special event, outdoor education, or summer camp has to offer!

Lutherhaven staff are monitoring daily recommendations of the [CDC](#), our local/state board of health, and other government leaders. We also know that our friends, families, congregations, and communities have a lot of moving puzzle pieces that are being shuffled moment by moment. We will revise and update these guidelines as necessary.

We recommend you seek information for yourself and your family from regional, state, or national health resources to help answer specific questions.

Remember to take everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Avoid close contact with people that are sick.
- If you are the one sick, stay home and limit contact with others as much as possible.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects regularly.
- Wash hands often

SPECIFIC ACTIONS WE'RE TAKING:

1. Camp and retreat guest groups and programs are cancelled through April 12th.
2. Asking volunteers in high-risk populations, including adults over the age of 60 years and people with underlying chronic medical conditions to stay home temporarily.
3. As of now, Summer Camp is still on. But if you're thinking ahead to summer camp like we are (with excitement as always ☺), please know that if it would be necessary to cancel any Camp programs because of the COVID-19 virus, you will receive a full refund.

We want to be open and share with you as much information as possible during this time of uncertainty so please, let us know if you have any questions via email tim@lutherhaven.org or give us a call at 260-636-7101.

Finally, the God who is the imaginer and maker of all that is around us, who knows and loves each of us by name, speaks even into this surreal time of history: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

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