



## Bethelwoods Camper Families

Here at Bethelwoods the safety and security of our campers, guests, and staff is our highest priority. Rest assured that remains the case throughout the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 coronavirus. We are closely monitoring the situation as it unfolds and will follow guidelines set by the CDC, South Carolina DHEC, and our local, state, and federal governments in an effort to keep Bethelwoods a clean and healthy environment for our campers, guests, and staff.

We would like to thank you for trusting us with your children for our Summer Camp Programs. Obviously there is a lot we still do not know about the coming weeks. To date we have rescheduled/cancelled all of our events and programs through the end of March and the first part of April. We will continue to follow guidelines set by the CDC and SCDHEC moving forward. Through these tough decisions we hope to join you and others in our communities to help reduce the spread of the virus.

As of right now, we are still eagerly planning for our Summer Camp Programs! We believe summer camp is such an important experience for all children and youth to get outside, unplug from technology, spend time in community with others, and have significant faith formation experiences. The social skills, creativity, independence, and resilience that are gained in summer camp experiences are immeasurable. Bethelwoods is dedicated to continue offering those experiences as we are able.

We encourage you to visit our website at [www.bethelwoods.org](http://www.bethelwoods.org) to learn more about our programs for this summer and to register for camp! Your registrations now will help us plan and prepare for summer camp in the best ways possible. You can also learn more about our policies and procedures related to the health and safety of our campers. All of those policies are being reviewed and revised based on consultation with healthcare professionals.

We know that this is a challenging time, especially for families. You are stuck at home and not able to go about life as you normally would. Schools are closed and kids are restless. At Bethelwoods, community and fellowship are at the core of everything we do. During this time we would like to remain in community with you by providing fun resources and activities that will remind us of fun times at camp and give us hope for future adventures at Bethelwoods! Follow us on social media (facebook and instagram) for more information on how you can access these upcoming resources.

Please join us as we pray for those world-wide whose lives have been changed by this virus, to pray for calm in this hectic world, and to pray for wise decision making and leadership. We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to make Bethelwoods a safe, fun, and life-changing experience for our campers, guests, and staff.

Let us know if you have any questions about our response to the Coronavirus or our policies and procedures related to the health and safety of our campers, guests and staff.

Sincerely,

Stephen McDonald  
Camp Director