

Western Kentucky Youth Camp Cancels 2020 Summer Season

(May 4, 2020) MARION, Ky. – All nine week-long and weekend summer sessions are cancelled amid COVID-19 concerns.

Western Kentucky Youth Camp summer sessions have been cancelled for 2020 in response to government-supplied guidelines and public health concerns surrounding COVID-19. The Board of Directors issued the decision upon review of the recommendations made by the state of Kentucky surrounding social distancing protocols, group size restrictions, and the anticipated public health directives for summer camps expected to be released in the near future.

“This was a difficult decision because the Board believes so strongly in the camp’s mission of *building strong Christians*.” said Board President Jamey Boone. “The safety of our campers and volunteers is very important to us, and our decision to cancel camp was made out of an abundance of caution and care for our kids. We look forward to the day when our campers can be reunited with their friends at WKYC.”

The Board of Directors sought input from a variety of sources, including the government, local health department, physicians, leaders of other summer camps, and a survey of camper parents and guardians, which drew nearly 400 responses. “We’re especially grateful for the input given by so many camper families. The feedback has been tremendous. It’s clear that our families and their campers love WKYC and want the best for the camp, its students, and its staff,” noted Vice President Dr. Landon Clark.

Based on feedback given in the survey, families will be given a variety of financial options on how to appropriate their student’s summer tuition fees. Parents and guardians who have already enrolled their campers in a summer session are eligible for the following: a) full refund of deposit/tuition, b) donation of all or a portion of deposit/tuition, or c) application of their camper’s tuition to a future summer session in 2021. Parents and guardians that have already submitted payments for 2020 will be contacted directly via email. **If you have specific questions regarding refunds or donations, please email WKYC at contact@wkyc.org.**

This is the first time in the 60-year history of the camp that an entire summer season had to be cancelled. While there are no plans for summer programs, the fall retreat schedule remains in-tact and can be viewed at www.wkyc.org/fall-retreat-dates.

About WKYC

Founded in 1959, WKYC exists to *build strong Christians* by supporting the ongoing work of churches and families to strengthen their children’s faith in Christ. WKYC hosts more than 1,000 campers from the four-state region during its summer sessions each year. WKYC is overseen by a governing Board of Directors, and is affiliated with the churches of Christ. For more information, visit wkyc.org.

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