Dear Cheerio Adventures Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I have to announce the cancellation of the 2020 summer. As you all know, these have been very trying times for everyone during the Covid-19 outbreak. Families have had to adjust to homeschooling, children have had to go without seeing friends, and everyone is wondering when this will be over. Now we are not going to be able to go to summer camp. I say we because as much as the campers look forward to Camp, we do as well. It is what makes our year so great.

Being a wilderness/adventure camp, we are all accustomed to things not quite going the way we planned. It is like going on a river trip to run the rapids, seeing wildlife, testing your skills, spending time with great friends, and communing with nature. Along the way, we come to a rapid that we don't know, or something about it has changed. "When in doubt, eddy out," as they say. It is time to scout out the situation. We need to see if there is a safe way through the rapid. Or do we need to pull out our canoes and kayaks to portage around it? Well, it is time to portage this year.

After sitting through a plethora of virtual meetings, phone calls, news reports, government reports, phases, and guidelines, we have come to what we believe is the best decision for our campers' health and safety. We do not have the information needed to prepare for Camp properly. What we do have creates an image of anything but Camp. With that in mind, it became painfully clear that the correct thing to do was cancel this summer and refocus our energies to summer 2021.

What's next -

Cheerio Adventures session -

- Available on Wednesday (6/3), go to campcheerio.org and log into your account. There will be options available for getting a refund, donating, or deferring your money for 2021. **Click on the red Refund Button to view your options.**

Extreme Session -

- Please call the business office 336-869-0195 if you want to remain in the Traditional week of Camp and cancel only the Adventure week of Camp.

Having spent the past thirty-one years at Cheerio Adventures, I never thought I would see us not opening for Camp and all our adventures. What I do know without a doubt, is that the rapid will not stop us and that we will be back stronger than ever in 2021 and ready for the next great adventure. Many of our campers want to get out, explore this wonderful world of ours, and make new friends and memories. For now, we will have to use the memories we already have and look forward to the adventures in the future. We wish everyone a safe and pleasant journey, and we will see you next year!

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call if you have questions or need more information by calling our office at 276-579-6731 or email registration@campcheerio.org.

Sincerely,

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