



Dear Camp Families –

It has been a strange and quiet time here at Camp Sealth, where we missed the hundreds of campers and staff that would normally be playing and laughing all summer long. July and August just weren't the same without the noisy arrival of Da Boata and singing on the Trail of Happy Feet.

As 2020 starts to wind down, the anticipation is starting to build for summer 2021. While we know that life isn't back to normal yet, we are cautiously optimistic that we will be ready to welcome kids and staff back to camp next summer. The Camp Sealth staff will have had over a year to plan and prepare for running a camp while keeping kids and staff as safe as possible. We will be relying on the expertise of camps who have remained open during COVID-19, as well as guidelines from the American Camp Association and Washington State, to implement changes to keep our community healthy.

With that, we are **excited to announce that the [2021 Summer Calendar](#) is now available**, and that registration opens in just a few weeks!

- **November 17:** Priority Registration opens for families who chose to defer their 2020 fees to 2021, or those who have generously donated their fees to Camp Fire. If you qualify for priority registration, you'll receive a separate email from us with a code to register.
- **December 1:** General Registration opens to the public.

We feel that it's important to be transparent about the changes that we'll need to make for 2021. These changes are needed both to keep campers and staff safe as well as to ensure Camp Fire's financial stability. These policies apply to all summer overnight programs at Camp Sealth.

Non-Refundable Deposit: The deposit of \$100 per reservation is non-refundable, even if we have to cancel programs. Any payments made beyond the \$100 deposit will be refundable until June 1, or later in case of medical cancellation. Exemptions will be made for financial aid recipients.

No Boata: For both financial and health/safety reasons, we will not be offering transportation to camp aboard Da Boata this year. There may be limited transportation available from West Seattle or Tacoma for a fee.

One Reservation Per Child: Due to the need to limit capacity, we are limiting registration to one summer camp session per child.

COVID Safety Policies: We will be implementing COVID safety procedures determined by Washington State guidelines and recommendations from the American Camp Association. Known protocols will include health screening and temperature checks, wearing masks, frequent cleaning, limiting interactions between cabin groups, and meals eaten outdoors or at socially distanced tables. Possible requirements for campers and staff may include COVID testing or a 14-day quarantine prior to arrival at camp, or receipt of a vaccine if available.

Specialty Programs & Field Trips: Due to the lower camp capacity, many specialty programs will not be offered in 2021, including Kiwanis, Adventure trips, and Shooting Stars. We will also not be able to offer any field trips out of camp, including for CITs and day camp.

In 2021, Camp Sealth will celebrate 100 years of providing impactful experiences for kids. Although we know camp might look a little different this year, we're ready to get back to doing what we love. Together, we can make sure our kids stay healthy and have an incredible camp experience.

-The Camp Sealth Staff