

Dear parents/guardians,

We hope this email finds you well and finding some time to enjoy the outdoors.

Kristen and I met recently to discuss our summer programming. To date, we have not received direction from CSU administration regarding our ability to hold summer camps, nor have they communicated a timeline for making such a decision.

In our discussions, we considered staff and participant safety, our ability to be adequately prepared to implement new health and safety measures, and the necessity of making a decision for our planning purposes and those of camp families. With those things in mind, we've made the difficult decision to **cancel all June camps**, but remain hopeful that we can run camps beginning July 6. Please know that we share your sadness about this cancellation.

We will be taking the next few weeks to examine our ability to run camps in July and August, taking into consideration the needs of our staff and the families we serve, as well as guidance from public health officials and university administration. We will make a decision about July and August camps no later than the end of May, and we will contact you if we can make a decision before then.

We will begin processing refunds for June camps over the next few weeks. If you paid via a credit card, your refund will appear as a credit on your card. If you paid via a check, we will mail you a refund check. You will receive an email when your refund has been processed.

If we are unable to run any summer camps, we would still like to support your family in connecting to nature this summer in any way that is helpful. While we know that nothing can replace the special connections and memories created during summer camp, we'd like to hear your thoughts on other enrichment activities we could provide that might be useful to your family. We would very much appreciate you taking the time to [complete this survey](#) to help guide our development of alternative programming.

As a small non-profit, most of our funding for our annual budget is brought in via summer camp fees and this cancellation is a financial blow. If you are able to, please consider [making a donation](#) to support our programming and ensure we can continue to serve our community into the future. On the [CSU Foundation website](#), search for "Environmental Learning Center Educational Endowment" (47855).

We recognize that this process has been drawn out and frustrating. Please know that we understand your frustration and appreciate your concerns. We are doing our best with the limited information and resources at our disposal, and we will continue to keep you informed to the best of our ability.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are still working remotely, so email is the best way to reach us.

Sincerely,

Nicole Stafford,
Director

&

Kristen Wilkinson,
Program Director