



## **BAYVIEW GLEN CAMP**

Dear Bayview Glen Families,

First, allow me to thank you all for choosing Bayview Glen Camp for your family, for entrusting us with your most prized possessions and for your kind words of encouragement, patience, and positive feedback during this very difficult time. Bayview Glen has been delivering summer experiences for campers and staff since 1962.

As Bayview Glen's Camp Director since 2006, it pains me to deliver the message that Bayview Glen Camp will be suspending its program for summer 2020. Today, Mayor John Tory made an announcement with great regret about the cancellation of all City of Toronto summer camps and recreational programs, at the request of Public Health professionals.

Based on the information from Mayor John Tory, as well as the information from The Ontario Camps Association COVID-19 task force, we have been faced with this very difficult decision, in order to ensure the safety and well being of our campers, staff and families, which has and always will remain our top priority.

We know how important time at camp is for our campers and families, particularly this summer, but the situation has given us no alternative. Bayview Glen Camp will continue to be a leader in children's camping, as we begin to prepare for the summer of 2021, which will offer the same enriched, balanced, inclusive, creative, energetic, caring, and safe Bayview Glen Camp experience in adherence to our mission:

To provide an individualized camping experience rich in tradition which:

Nurtures camper talents;

Provides challenges that stretch camper's skills;

Fosters deep abiding friendships;

Encourages a sense of belonging in a vibrant and caring community.

As we move ahead with the task of canceling registrations, **we are committed to providing you with a full refund of fees paid to date** (this varies depending on which payment option you chose at the time of registration). We hope to have fees refunded by June 30, 2020. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through this incredibly difficult experience.

Camp teaches us to be resilient, to be hopeful and to stay connected. We look forward to having our counsellor greeting campers with a high five as they get off the bus, feeling the energy as the entire camp gathers together for morning flag, sharing a meal with everyone under the same roof and participating in our camp-wide singalongs, special days and overnights. We know one thing for sure, summer 2021 will be a victory celebrated by all of us.

Please stay connected over the summer through our Instagram posts and messages.

With sincerity and gratitude,

Dara Kahane, Camp Director