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Hello Campers/Caregivers:

The long-awaited information is finally here. Thank you so much for being patient and praying with us. The operations team and board have met, discussed the research and recommendations, and have come to a decision. Summer 2021 we are happy to get to offer an in-person Day Camp option along with Virtual Camp! This allows us to safely serve a higher number of campers and to physically be with our campers and participate in traditional camp activities. Summer 2021 Adult and Youth camp will be July 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be two different options for our campers to choose from: Day camp plus Virtual Camp and Virtual camp only.

**Day Camp** plus Virtual camp – Virtual camp will be happening each day. You will choose one day (Monday -Friday) to attend in-person day camp at Sumatanga. The other 4 days you will attend camp virtually online through Special Camps' Facebook page. We will send you a camp box so that you will have all the items needed for virtual camp.

**Virtual Camp** – We realize everyone won't be comfortable with the in-person option, and we have something for you too. You can attend camp virtually all five days. You also receive a camp box so that you have all the items needed for virtual camp.

**You will receive further instructions about our online registration process once registration is open.**

Our priority this week will be the safety of our campers while they are with us. **Attached to this email** is more detailed information from our camp nurses on what will be required. This will mean that even though some of the social distancing and masking requirements have been lifted in your everyday lives, at camp they will still be needed.

We are so excited to be able to be together again and are looking forward to another great camp year.

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- Questions about Youth Camp contact Collen and Rod at 404-964-9514 [collencrotty@hotmail.com](mailto:collencrotty@hotmail.com).
- Questions about Virtual Camp contact Sarah Kim at 256-203-6928 [specialcampskim@gmail.com](mailto:specialcampskim@gmail.com).

See you soon!

Blessings,  
ESG Foundation  
Operations Team and Board of Directors



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Dear Caregivers,

Hello all from your camp nurses! We are very excited that we will be able to have Special Camps in person at Sumatanga this year, although it will be different than what we are used to. We can't wait to see everyone again and are especially thrilled to be able to offer many of the campers' favorite outdoor activities.

Our highest priority is keeping our campers and counselors safe. We will continually be updating our policies for camp as we get closer to keep up with the latest guidelines and recommendations. However, I wanted to give you a general idea what it might look like. We will be following the CDC and American Camp Association's guidelines for summer camps this year. I have also been working with our camp physician and medical staff regarding how to adapt these principles to the special high-risk population that many of our campers fall into. Some of the main principles we will be following are as follows:

- When your camper arrives for Day Camp they will be screened for any Covid symptoms, they will not be allowed to stay if they have any
- Whenever possible we will be outside, this gives us room to spread out and reduces the chances of spreading any germs.
- We will limit the number of campers per day to allow us to adequately spread out.
- Campers will need to bring a mask with them to wear whenever they are closer than 6ft to another person (I will have extras for when they get lost or dirty).
- We will have lots of areas to wash hands frequently.
- We will have cooling stations so we don't get too hot while outside and also have indoor areas we can cool off in if it gets too hot.
- If we are inside due to weather, we will spread out as much as possible in large open areas and will be wearing masks.
- All equipment will be cleaned between uses and high touch areas like bathrooms, doorknobs, etc will be cleaned frequently during the day.
- We are asking you to be extra careful the week before camp. Please social distance and wear a mask when in public whether you are vaccinated or not. Please avoid large crowds as well. This limits the potential of bringing undetected germs to camp.
- Medical Forms: If your camper is attending in-person day camp, you will download medical forms during registration that will need to be signed by your camper's health care provider. The physical form and over-the-counter form are required. The medication form is only needed if your camper will need a daily medication while at camp. If your camper can take their medication before they arrive and once they get home, I do not need this form. If they do need mid-day medications, I only need those mid-day medications listed on the form.

These are just some of the major guidelines, as we get closer to camp, we will update with the latest recommendations and provide more details for you.

We will not require that our campers or counselors receive the covid vaccination before attending camp. However, the vaccine is one of the best ways you can protect your camper and their fellow campers. Please discuss with your camper's healthcare provider if this vaccine is appropriate for your camper. If you have any questions, I will try to answer them or point you to resources where you can get more information. Please feel free to contact me, I have listed my information below.



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I know this past year has been isolating and hard on many of us. That is why I am so happy that we have created an option for camp that allows us to see our camp family in person and gives a chance to do camp activities and socialize. This option, while not completely risk free, also greatly reduces the chances of our campers getting ill at camp or even bringing illness home to their families. We have put a lot of research and prayerful consideration into our guidelines and feel that this is the best way to serve our campers while protecting those who are at a high risk of having severe illness from Covid.

We look forward to seeing you all!

The Special Camps Medical Team

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