

Dear WLC Community,

It is with great sorrow that I share William Lawrence's decision to suspend our traditional camp program for the summer of 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. We are heartbroken that this will be the first time in our 108 year history that we will not have campers onsite for a traditional camp program.

The Board, Nat and Jess have spent a tremendous amount of time weighing different scenarios and considering numerous options and variables. Our decision is based on your child's safety and that of our staff. If we could have figured out a way to provide a safe and healthy William Lawrence experience for our campers, we would have. Opening camp in a manner inconsistent with our dedication to safety and unfaithful to our commitment to confidence, independence, and community living would be too at odds with our core values.

Now is the time for our entire community to come together, albeit virtually, to support each other. Remember the four cornerstones of William Lawrence: Willingness to accept the things we cannot change, Loyalty to the trust you have in us to make the best decisions we can, Comradeship of our camp community when processing this heartbreaking news and Sportsmanship in the face of this adversity.

We have been blessed to have Nat and Jess working tirelessly to stay informed and communicate that information with our Board as well as with all of you. We want to continue to support our community as you process this decision. Nat and Jess have tried to anticipate some of your needs and provide answers in a special section of our website that includes a set of pointers on how to break the news to your son(s), a letter from Assistant Director, Goose, specifically to the campers and a section with anticipated questions and answers.

Please know that you are all in our hearts. We are here to support you and we want to hear from you!

As soon as we can be together again safely, we will!

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The Rev. Gail Avery

William Lawrence Camp Board President