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Dear Parents,

Although there is no love like a parent's for their child, we share a very deep affection for all your daughters. In this time of unimaginable challenge, we know that children are deeply in need of time to be free of the stress and worry they have been experiencing and in a place where they can have the social interaction they need to manage this harrowing time. The children also need to be protected from harm and to feel fully safe and comfortable. At this time, we only see the very slightest window fulfilling these two objectives. We also require our state's permission to gather at camp, which we do not yet have, and it appears increasingly likely that our region will not reach the phase of reopening that will allow us to start camp anytime soon.

We are fully aware that your trust in our judgment was paramount in choosing Point O'Pines as your daughters' camp. Every decision we make at Point O'Pines bears the weight of knowing that you have entrusted us with the greatest responsibility of ensuring the well-being of your children. Over the past few months, we have been humbled by your love, support, and reassurance that you know we will do everything possible to keep your daughters safe at camp during this pandemic.

After an extensive process of reviewing all of the facts and data available to us and consulting with numerous public health officials and medical experts, with great sadness, we have made the decision to postpone our next camp season to the summer of 2021. This decision has been agonizing because we know that after so much social distancing and disruptions to daily life, your daughters are desperate for a summer at Point O'Pines and we want them here with their friends at camp more than anything. However, we believe that opening camp for this summer would fundamentally undermine the trust you have placed in us to keep your daughters safe.

If our region reopens this summer we believe we would be able to fully comply with all CDC, American Camping Association, and NYS Health Department guidelines that will be laid out for running a safe camp. The restrictions to meet these guidelines are severe, such as limits on the size of group campers can interact with, elimination of all-camp activities where everyone can interact (including meals, evening activities, team competition), as well as strict social distancing requirements. These changes would transform the summer and fundamentally undermine the joys of camp. In addition, with the lack of adequate and reliable testing and tracing, the likelihood of COVID-19 becoming present in our camp community is high and would

jeopardize the health and safety of both our campers and staff. There is no doubt in our minds that the best way to keep your daughters safe this summer is to keep them home.

Please reassure your daughters that we are just pausing camp for the current summer and we will move forward in 2021 with our campers in the same groups as they would have been this summer. That means that our amazing Peakers of 2020 will become the unique Peakers of 2020/2021, and the Seniors of 2020 will be Seniors in 2021. We have been so excited for the incredible leadership of Senior House 2020 and we want to make sure these girls have the opportunity to showcase their outstanding talents in the summer of 2021.

All tuition and fees that you have paid to date will be credited in full to your daughter's 2021 tuition and fees. We will begin work on setting up the 2021 application and will be in touch as soon as it is ready for you to complete. Importantly, we fully recognize the financial hardships that some of you may be experiencing as a result of this pandemic. Please reach out if your current economic situation makes it challenging to keep your tuition deposit on your account until next summer.

We understand that our decision to postpone camp until the summer of 2021 will be devastating to your daughters. It is devastating to all of us. Although we will not be together in person this summer, we are fully dedicated to making sure the Point O'Pines spirit keeps us all connected throughout the summer. We are developing an extensive plan to continue our "Point@Home" online program and hope to expand this to include live events throughout the summer. As always, we will all be available to you and your daughters by phone and video chats to help support you through the challenging days and weeks ahead.

Sending our love and hope for good health and safety to you during this difficult time,

Sue, Jim, Brandon, Caressa, Sherie, Erin, & Betsy