

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

May 27, 2020

Dear Camp Families,

I'm writing to let you know that the Board of Directors & Leadership Team at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center have come to the difficult decision to cancel WildQuest Summer Camp for 2020.

Since 1999, WildQuest Camps have offered kids the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow in nature at Prescott Farm. Over the years, many young people have called WildQuest Camp "home" during the summer months. We understand that losing that connection, even for a season, will be painful for many. Our leadership team and board went through an incredible amount of research, thought, and care in making this decision, considering recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, the American Campers Association, and the NH Camp Directors Association. In the final analysis, the decision came down to the safety of our community and our ability to offer a fun and enriching camp experience while following COVID-19 related safety protocols.

With so much still unknown, we cannot mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 and assure the safety of our campers, their families, or our staff. If we had tried to offer camp, the stringent rules and social distancing limitations we would have put in place would have diminished the camp experience significantly and forced us to eliminate many of the camp traditions that WildQuest campers know and love.

For those of you who have paid all or part of your camp registration, we thank you for your support of our programs. You will be refunded any pre-paid camp fees and we appreciate your patience as we go through the process of getting those refunds back to you. If you're in a position to do so, please consider using your refund to make a tax-deductible donation to Prescott Farm. A gift now will allow us to ensure WildQuest Camp and all of the programs at Prescott Farm meet and exceed the expectations of our campers, families and program participants in the future. You can donate online [here](#).

While we cannot be **with you** in person this summer, we will be creating **for you** the very best opportunities to learn and explore in nature going forward. The staff at Prescott Farm will be fully engaged with other projects that will improve and enhance our programs and the 160 acres of property that make Prescott Farm so special.

We care very much about our WildQuest campers and families and empathize with the disappointment, frustration, and inconvenience you may be feeling. Please know that our decision to close was a very difficult but necessary one. This outcome is sure to raise many questions, so please feel free to contact me at jnewcomb@prescottfarm.org. I wish you all a summer of healthy, outdoor adventures that keep you asking great questions and making new discoveries and I look forward to seeing you next summer!

Sincerely,

Jacob Newcomb
Camp Director