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Dear 2020 Camp Parents,

What a joy it has been to feel the energy of this community at our talent show, sing-along, and through emails and phone calls. You are in our thoughts and we hope you are safe and well.

Our Board of Trustees recently met with our Aloha Foundation leadership team. After consultation with federal, state, and local experts in the fields of medicine and public health, and thoughtful discussion, **the Board unanimously decided to suspend all existing programs at our camps, Aloha, Hive, Horizons, Lanakila, and Ohana, for the summer of 2020.**

The decision is painful for everyone, as we know it will be for you. This will be the first summer in our 115-year history without our campers. We are confident, however, we have made the right decision. Our commitment to the health and safety of our campers and entire community always has been our top priority. For those who have paid 2020 tuition already, we are offering a full [refund](#).

I know well that sharing this news with your campers is not easy. The Alohas specialize in these conversations and we want to support you with them right now. **Each of our camp directors has prepared a [video message](#) so you and your child can hear directly from them.**

A few days ago while I was walking at Hive with my family, my seven-year-old daughter ran through the paths and asked, “I’m so excited to find my unit. Which one is it?” This was to be her first summer at Hive. Our oldest son was eager for his second year in Brookside at Lanakila and our youngest was thrilled he was going to be a Chipmunk at Horizons. It goes without saying that my husband Nolan and I were looking forward to our ninth summer at Ohana.

Whether this is your ninth, 29th, or first summer—or you are a parent, grandparent, alum, or a supporter of the values and mission of the Alohas—camp is always with us. You are part of this community.

We often find our way to camp because we are looking for “something more,” perhaps simplicity, friendship, discovery, nature, mentors. We know when we’ve found it because we feel inspired, confident, and ready to grow. Now, we’re being called upon to shape that space together in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and across the globe. Imagine what we can learn. Imagine what we will create.

Our camp directors are working on new, engaging ways for us to connect this summer. [And we need your input and ideas](#). **We’ll be in touch early next week to share more. Any of the information we send, we will also post on our [Aloha Connections](#) and [safety](#) pages.**

Thank you for being part of this incredible Aloha family.

All my best,  
Vanessa

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