

Dear Hofstra Camp Families,

I hope this letter finds you safe, healthy and doing well during these trying times.

As you know, we had hoped that the Hofstra camp families would be able to be together on campus for a version of our traditional summer offerings. The goal of our planning during these last few months was to continue, in some form, the summer camp we knew and loved. That it would be altered by the pandemic was inevitable, but we planned to come together and provide our families with a healthy, fun and enriching outlet on campus.

At the moment, there are still too many variables and unanswered questions to set up a traditional camp successfully, train staff, alter the schedules and transportation, and purchase and operate the necessary health and safety materials and protocols to open next month. We are disappointed to announce that we are not able to hold our traditional in-person camp programs this summer.

We understand that this is disappointing for the thousands of Hofstra camp family members who come back year after year, or count on us for care, for recreation, and for learning. We have made this decision with great reluctance, but with your overall health and safety in mind. We too are disappointed, for the Hofstra camp family is a very special group of families and teachers, and the Hofstra camp experience is uniquely enriching.

That is why we're working very hard on providing an extension of our highly regarded virtual Saturday activities, including ones on other days of the week for our youth audience. We are hoping to offer exciting virtual programs ranging from academics, arts, athletics and engaging STEM programs where kids can explore their passions from the comfort and safety of home. Next week, we will be able to provide details about exact program offerings, cost and registration.

Refunds will be issued to all current registrants in a timely manner. For those who wish to join us for virtual programs, information will be sent on how to re-register for those. Please understand that we will do our best to process the refunds as quickly as we can from our remote offices. If you have any questions, please contact us at ce-camps@hofstra.edu.

Please know that we love each and every one of you — and the laughter and smiles that usually brighten up our campus each summer will be sorely missed.

We plan on coming back better than ever for Summer 2021 with new ideas and incredible enthusiasm. We wish you the best of health and we look forward to seeing you all again as soon as possible.

Warm regards,
Terry Ryan, Director, Hofstra Summer Camps