Hello from Wonderland Camp! My name is Mike Clayton, and I’m the director of fund development and communication for the camp. I wanted to take a quick moment to update all our wonderful campers, summer counselors, staff, donors, and everyone else that’s part of our big family who loves and supports Wonderland Camp. We hope that you and your loved-ones are healthy and safe at this time.

We know that for many of you, Wonderland Camp is SO much more than a little vacation getaway or summer job. It’s a life-changing adventure that you have been looking forward to all year. Many of you return year after year and count down
the days in anticipation. It’s almost like a great big family get together. And that’s what we are....a family.

Many of you have been asking how this coronavirus pandemic will affect Wonderland Camp and especially this summer’s camp season. We’ve been discussing this extensively with our Camp physician advisor, and monitoring the situation with the state of Missouri and the CDC guidelines very closely. It is regretful but we are announcing today, April 5th, that we will NOT have our REGULAR 11 weeks of Camp this year. We’re all in this together, just like family, and you need to know that we will ALWAYS do what’s best
for the health and safety of our family – our campers and staff and summer counselors. Now, this is very important…as the circumstances hopefully improve and as staff is available we hope to add back....some weekends or special days of camp later in the summer or early fall. And here’s more good news...As of now, we are still planning to have all of our Fall camps and events. This may be a unique opportunity to do some creative things we’ve never done before, but will require some planning, patience and flexibility. So we are asking you, our Wonderland Camp family, to please have some patience as we work out the details in the coming days and weeks.
Now...If you are one of the nearly 800 campers already registered for summer camp and have already paid your deposit, we will be giving you more information very soon, possibly this week, about your options for refunds or rescheduling. So please stand by for upcoming announcements.

Summer staff: We love and appreciate your passion for working at camp, and hope we can get back to normal as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will continue to be in contact with you about what opportunities we will have as they develop.

So, in wrapping up, I’d like to leave you with a general note about the strength of Wonderland Camp.
Wonderland Camp has stood strong for 50 years. 50 years! We are a debt-free non-profit organization with a strong network of donors and community that support us and love our campers. A community that stretches all across the state and the Midwest. This will be an unprecedented year and the most challenging year ever. But we are preparing for it, without compromising the health and safety of our campers and staff. So I just want to thank our long-standing supporters for all that you have done for us over the years. We will be reaching out for some assistance. We depend on your continued support, especially now.
Ways you can contact us:

Our website address is [www.wonderlandcamp.org](http://www.wonderlandcamp.org)

You can also find us on Facebook at Official Wonderland Camp, and on Twitter and Instagram as Wonderland Camp.

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We will be updating you again soon as we have more information. Thank you, and God bless you. Please stay safe and healthy until we see you again soon!