



May 17, 2020

Dear Kawanhee Community,

As some of you may have already heard, we have come to the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Kawanhee season, which includes postponing the Centennial Celebration Reunion in August.

Recently, Governor Janet Mills announced her 4-tier plan to reopen the state of Maine. The plan stipulates that through August, at least, gatherings of more than 50 are prohibited and anyone entering or re-entering the State of Maine must self-quarantine for 14 days. Because of this and the fact that camp will not be opening for the regular season, we are unable to host the Reunion as planned.

Over the last year and a half of planning, we have been so moved by the interest and excitement for the reunion. Over 400 people have registered to attend! We know how much you were looking forward to being back at camp. We were looking forward to seeing each and every one of you, too.

Mark, Liz, and JP shared the following video with campers and their families in order to deliver the message to them as personally as possible.

<https://youtu.be/dbjqSpVIXEo>

We plan to host the Centennial Celebration in August of 2021, and we look forward to seeing you then. Given the ever-changing nature of the situation we are not yet able to announce the new dates, but we will keep you posted in the weeks and months ahead.

Given these unusual circumstances, we want to be as flexible as possible in working with you regarding your registration fees already paid. We have worked out three options from which to choose from*:

- The FIRST is to ROLL OVER your registration for the rescheduled 2021 celebration. Dates to be announced as soon as possible.
- The SECOND is to cancel your registration and receive a FULL REFUND of your registration fees.
- The THIRD is to DONATE to the Frank Foundation some or all of registration fees already paid. When you donate, you will lock in your 2020 reunion registration rates and we will continue to hold your spot for the 2021 reunion. We will follow up with you later this fall to pay your balance for the 2021 reunion.

Many members of the Kawanhee family have reached out to ask how they can help Kawanhee during this difficult time. While the Frank Foundation Board is taking steps to maintain our financial position during the season closure, your contribution to help defray our fixed costs of the reunion will be much appreciated. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by the law.

****Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will automatically roll over your registration and continue to reserve your spot for the rescheduled reunion.***

Cancellations, refunds, and donation transfers will be available at any time before July 2021. Should you determine that you are unable to attend once the new dates are confirmed, we are happy to refund or donate your registration at that time.

Sarah Schechter, our event coordinator, is ready to hear from you should you have any questions or if you would like to request a refund or donation transfer. Her email is reunion@kawanhee.com.

At this time of uncertainty, we hope that you will draw on the feelings of community, gratitude, strength, and joy that camp helped instill in all of us. Reflect on the simple, meaningful moments with friends around the campfire and the beauty of the sunset over Lake Webb. And have faith that we will come together once again as a community to celebrate 100 years of Kawanhee and look ahead to the future. Please feel free to be in touch with any questions or concerns.

With gratitude and all of our best wishes,

The Centennial Celebration Committee

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