



Camp Icaghowan Camper and Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health. A sincere thank you for your patience and understanding as we've navigated these uncharted waters. After months of deliberation and contingency planning, and with the support of senior leaders at the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities and our dedicated community board, Camp Icaghowan has made the heartbreaking decision to cancel our overnight camp programs this summer.

The YMCA Camping Team worked hard to plan for every contingency; however, the uncertainties are still too great with the ever-evolving situation surrounding COVID-19. This summer we've decided the most prudent course of action is to not hold overnight camp programming.

Our dedicated staff spend the entire year preparing for your camper's arrival and provide them with programs that inspire growth, learning, and love for the environment and community. Like you, we are disappointed by the loss of your camper's experience of a favorite horse ride, a 10-day paddle down the Namakagon, a sea cave adventure on Lake Superior, a high ropes course that tests courage and unites a cabin, or a culminating experience as a Work Leadership Camper or Counselor in Training. For more than 110 years, Icaghowan has welcomed staff, campers, alumni and friends to the shores of Lake Wapogasset, and though we pause for now, we know we will again gather beneath the oaks. In the meantime, we will continue to share with you on social media, to keep our community connected, kind, and strong.

You will receive a full refund (including your deposit) and no action is necessary on your part. However, you also have the following options:

- Deposit: Turn your refund into a credit on your Y account for a future 2020-2021 program.
- Donate: Instead of a refund, you could make it a donation to support the continued work of YMCA Camp Icaghowan.
- Refund and donate: Do both. Consider taking a partial refund and making a partial donation.

If you would like to pursue one of the alternate options, please [fill out our online form](#) by June 1. After Tuesday, June 2, a full refund will be applied to your account and no action is necessary on your part. Please contact our Customer Service Center at [customerservice@ymcamn.org](mailto:customerservice@ymcamn.org) to assist with any cancellation questions. Additional information pertaining to these changes can be found on the [YMCA Summer Program Hub](#).

At Camp Icaghowan, we teach resilience and perseverance, so that we can make it through tough situations. None of us ever imagined we would see a summer without camp, but we are confident that the spirit of camp will endure.

Although our overnight camp programs are being cancelled, the YMCA does intend to offer summer experiences through our Day Camps, Family Camps, Nature Power, Summer Power,

Summer Uproar and Childcare programs. If you are interested in any of these program offerings, please visit our [website](#) to see availability and schedules.

Please stay safe and healthy, and we hope to see you for summer 2021.

Sincerely,

Michel Tigan  
Executive Director

Lauren Ott  
Program Director