



COVID-19 VIDEO UPDATE (TRANSCRIPT) – April 5th 2020

Below is the transcript for the April 5th 2020 video message from Michelle “Konk” Roberts, Executive Director.

Hi Friends,

Today’s update is coming to you from the Decky Knoll. It’s been a week since I spoke to you last and spring has now truly taken hold at camp – I don’t even need a jacket today! With the leaves still off the trees you can see all the way up to Eagles Nest and Seekers Edge and all the way down to the beach. As you can see the snow is almost completely gone and the mud has taken it’s place. Soon there will be green on the trees and Little Dipper will be turning on the water, the first step in preparing our site for another season.

This past week was the second week of Cairn Connects and I have to say it was even more amazing than the first week. If you haven’t had a chance to tune in I can’t recommend it enough. This past week we woke up everyday to Mhorning Has Broken, had story time with Palais and Firefly. Did a baking challenge with Ambee, a dance challenge with Match, ate lunch with Fauna, Daia, Rizoto, Cessa, Zula, and Kinniq. We learned ASL with Dolce, did calligraphy, trivia, and fitness. We stretched with Rizma, had teen time, and sang everyday with Iscus and Baya. Tomorrow we’ll be back again with another week of events, you can find the schedule at ilovecamp.org or on our Facebook or Instagram.

I can’t say thank you enough to Mapes and the huge team of alumni and staff volunteers who continue to make Cairn Connects possible. Their time and dedication have not just allowed us to come together during this period of physical distance but has given us hope, inspiration, and connection to carry us through our days. I want to give another huge thank you to all of you. To everyone who attends events, comments on videos, and shares camp’s posts. We have been overwhelmed by the support and the love that our camp family has given us and each other over the last few weeks.

Like all of you, us at camp are still waiting to see how the next weeks and months will unfold. With so much unknown it is hard to say exactly what will happen, but the Board and I continue to plan for a variety of scenarios. We hope to be able to meet again in person soon, but regardless of what the next few months bring we will continue to provide programs and the opportunity to connect, whether that be online or in person. We often say that camp is not a place, it’s a feeling – and these past few weeks have proven that to be true. We know that our camp family will continue to keep that feeling alive whatever the circumstances.

Last week during the Cairn Connects songbook series we sang Do Not Fear. The song is based of a verse in Isaiah that says “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Since we sang it that verse has stayed in my mind, reminding me that we can always find strength in God and in each other, and that our faith will help us through even the most difficult of times. I encourage you to remember this verse as you go about your week.

Know that all of us up at camp are praying for health, safety, and happiness for you and your families. I hope you have a great week.