



COVID-19 VIDEO UPDATE (TRANSCRIPT) – March 29th 2020

Below is the transcript for the March 29th 2020 video message from Michelle “Konk” Roberts, Executive Director.

Hi Friends,

I’m coming to you today from the Thicket. As some of you know, I live up at camp all year round. I have the privilege of getting to see camp through every season – through snow, through rain, through beautiful sunny days, and through muddy springs. But today, as I sit and look out at the empty, muddy, courtyard, and worry about all that’s going on in our world, I’m missing busy summer camp days, more than ever.

We are all facing unprecedented times, and the situation around COVID-19 is rapidly evolving and ever-changing. In the midst of this I wanted to take a few moments and share with you both where camp stands today and some insight into the approach we are taking as we move forward.

The question we’ve heard a lot is – will camp run this summer?

We are doing everything in our power to insure that it does. Camp is home to so many people, and brings with it family, community, and connection to our faith that our campers, staff, and alumni spend the whole year looking forward to. With all that is happening in our world right now, the connection and community that camp provides is more important than ever.

As we all wait on news from the our government and health officials all of us in the camp office are busy doing everything we can to prepare for the summer ahead and to support our camp community. Mapes along with a huge number of staff and volunteers are working hard to bring camp into your homes during this time of social distancing through Cairn Connects.

And while we all pray that everything resolves quickly and we are able to run a full summer the Board and I continue to plan for a variety of other potential outcomes – be that a late start to the summer, needing to adjust programming, or other variations to ensure the wellbeing of our community.

I’m going to be honest – it’s an uncertain time, and we at camp are feeling that too. But watching our camp family band together to support each other gives us so much hope and joy. I think of the verse in romans “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” and I remember that this is just a moment in time, and we will get through it together, with patience and faith.

Over the next weeks I will be sending out regular updates to let you know what is happening as the situation with COVID-19 progresses. And Mapes will be on your screens daily with Cairn Connects events.

Before heading out I wanted to take a moment to send out gratitude and thanks to everyone who is helping keep our communities running and strong during – and especially to our camp nurses who have spent their summers looking after all of us and are right now on the front lines, caring for so many



others. Know that I am praying for each of you, and for the health and safety all your friends and families.

Have a great week!