



*It is with a heavy heart that we are suspending all Impact 2818 events for the summer of 2020. Through countless plans and tireless efforts, we have exhausted any remaining avenues to provide a safe experience for participants and staff both during camp and upon reentering homes and communities.*



Dear friends, campers, counselors, families, and leaders,

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, our team has been preparing multiple contingency plans, plotting possible scenarios, writing cleaning and care policies, innovating social distancing camp strategies, and researching functional operation considerations. While we strategized, we kept alive the hope and promise of the impact of camp on children, youth, and adults.

Unfortunately, we are out of time. Our communities are still being impacted in ways we can't overcome. Information and policies are still changing at a rate that can't be integrated across our camps. Our partner churches are having a tough time regaining community themselves.

***Finally, we were left with no choice when we considered our Christ-like imperative to put the care for others over our own desires, agenda, and assumed future.***

We know that our God is sovereign. This will not be our final chapter or our last opportunity to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Even as we mourn the loss of a summer of making disciples, we are beginning to see light: the possibility of site improvements we've never been able to make during summer, the extra time to reach out to partner churches and join in new ways, the irresistible proposition of being a catalyst for student ministry change and expansion. God knows no crisis.

Even though we don't know exactly what His plan is, we do know this: We need you. In every community that knows Christ, He has placed people of prayer, of discernment, people gifted in trades, and those generous with His resources. Now, more than ever, we are better able to see our need for this community of believers.

***We invite you, today and throughout the breadth of this crisis, to partner with us as you are able. Together we will prepare new ministry opportunities for the months ahead and the generations to come.***

*Blessings, peace, and health,*

Nick Yarde  
Impact 2818 Executive Director

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### **Answers to Common Questions**

What will happen to my existing camp registration? - Our staff will contact every camper family to choose:

- 1) Forward your registration and any fees paid to a future event at Impact 2818.
- 2) Convert a portion or all of your event fees to a donation to 2020 operations; refund remaining amount.
- 3) Request a full refund of your event fees.

Will retreats continue to run at any of the camps? - Yes. With an abundance of caution, our facilities can still be utilized with limited staff support. We will continue to run some smaller events in coordination with guidelines and limitations. We will not be hosting or operating events that resemble a camp experience.

Are volunteers still needed or welcome? - Yes! We are eagerly accepting volunteers who would like to serve alongside our teams on summer projects. Start serving at: [impact2818.org/serve](https://impact2818.org/serve) or call (574) 834.2212.

How do I keep up to date on what happens next? - Please join this email list and our team will keep you connected to our next steps, needs, and continued response: [impact2818.org/follow](https://impact2818.org/follow).