

## Camp Namanu - Summer 2020 Updates FAQ

### Summer 2020 Update

Due to the Governor's latest announcement, Camp Namanu **will not be allowed** to run Summer Camp programming.

*If you missed the Town Hall for Camp Namanu you can watch it here:*

<https://campnamanu.org/summer-2020-update/>

### FINANCES, PRESERVING & SUPPORTING CAMP FIRE

- **With no overnight youth camps running this summer, is Camp Namanu at financial risk?**

Overall, the total loss to Camp Fire is almost \$1 million dollars and some year-round Camp Namanu staff will experience furloughs at different levels. Part of this will be mitigated by the generous families who are able to transfer their registration fees into charitable donations or camp rentals this summer. We are working to get board approval to liquidate Camp Fire long-term investments, if necessary, to be able to provide refunds to families who can't afford to donate given the difficult state of the economy and the high unemployment rates impacting family budgets. While not having overnight youth camp this summer will have a significant financial impact on Camp Fire Columbia *we are hopeful that we will make it through this crisis and offer resident camps at Namanu for generations to come!*

- **Does Camp Fire National have any resources to help local councils maintain their programs and camps?**

Our national organization Camp Fire USA has waived the charter fees we pay each month for the months of April-July.

- **What are the immediate plans to preserve Namanu & it's programs?**
  - We are working to set up summer rentals to bring revenue in to support Namanu.
  - It is rare to have an empty camp and without outdoor school this spring, we are maximizing large projects using restricted grant funds and bequests.
  - Camp Namanu owns 24 horses that are used for the ranch program and we have begun to place them with people who have the property and means to care for them for the next 10 months.

*The biggest way to support Camp Namanu if you are able is to donate and ask your circle to donate to ensure we have the staff capacity and resources needed to make summer 2021 a safe, healthy, and successful resident camp season.*

- **Is there stimulus money available for non-profits as small businesses in this next potential stimulus package?**

Camp Fire Columbia was successful in receiving a Payroll Protection Plan loan which covers expenses through June 24<sup>th</sup>. The State of Oregon has announced small grants for child care

providers (Camp Fire's Before and After school program would qualify for this but as of right now, summer camps do not) to help cover some costs, which we will apply for when opened.

### **Summer camp payments options:**

Please use the Namanu Cancellation form below to let us know which option you would like to choose:

A: Donate to help relieve the financial burden on Camp Namanu due to lost revenue over the last four months and through the summer

B: Use as a Camp Fire credit for:

1. Cabin rental credit at Camp Namanu good until December 31, 2021
2. Before and After School care credit--Camp Fire Before and After School operates in over 15 schools around the Portland Metro area
3. Roll your credit towards 2021 and lock in at 2020 prices with an early registration day to reserve your spot
4. Refund (less the credit card processing fees if you used a card)
5. Partial donation and any combination of options 1-3

\*If you are choosing a refund, please be patient. These refunds are being processed as funds are available and will come to you in the form of a paper check to the address we have on file.

The Namanu Cancellation Form can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPGM\\_ESvPbcCDK322zsA\\_FvnNH4MExp9pJji4q5NENmkniA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPGM_ESvPbcCDK322zsA_FvnNH4MExp9pJji4q5NENmkniA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **GEARS, CITS, & MODIFIED PROGRAMS**

- **Will campers accepted into the Gears program for summer 2020 be able to carry over their spot into 2021?**

All 2020 accepted Gears applicants will receive priority placement for the summer of 2021. We will reach out to applicants later this year when we begin planning our 2021 summer to discuss what that process will look like.

- **How will the Counselor-in-Training program be impacted?**

At this point we are not permitted to run any youth overnight camps including the CIT program. We will be reaching out to CIT families once we have an updated plan for 2021. We are exploring multiple options including extending camper eligibility for an additional year, creating a modified program for 2021, and other creative solutions. But most importantly, we love and appreciate our Counselors-in-Training and are working hard to honor their passion and commitment to camp.

- **Can interested CITs or Gears come volunteer at camp in other capacities this summer?**

Camps have been directed by the State to not utilize any in-person volunteer work at this time. We will be hosting rentals this summer that will be open to the public. If you are looking to spend time at Camp Namanu this summer, information should be posted on our website shortly. Should anything change, we will reach out with volunteer opportunities.

- **What will happen to counselors and other hired staff?**

Because we aren't permitted to run overnight youth camp and will be operating with a limited budget, we do not plan to hire any seasonal staff this summer. We have been in contact with applicants via email. If there are lingering questions, we encourage all summer 2020 staff applicants to contact our Camp Director, Gina Sander at [gsander@campfirecolumbia.org](mailto:gsander@campfirecolumbia.org).

- **What health and safety measures will be in place for rentals this summer?**

Camp Namanu was awarded a PPE grant from SAIF and is working on purchasing any necessary supplies and equipment to improve the health and safety of the camp. We will be following [Oregon Recreation Guidelines](#) for all rentals this summer. These guidelines include social distancing between groups, twice daily cleaning of public use facilities, capacity limits on rental groups such as no more than 10 people per stable group, and other adjustments that will allow for safe distancing and disinfection. All guests will receive a list of protocols and guidelines prior to arrival with clear instructions and expectations.

If you have additional questions that are not answered here, email: Janette Kunkel, Director of Namanu: [jkunkel@campfirecolumbia.org](mailto:jkunkel@campfirecolumbia.org)