

Dear Kids Rock parents,

It is with a sad heart that I write this letter. However, after much prayer and discussion with other camp directors, state licensing consultants, and ongoing monitoring of the coronavirus in Michigan, Kids Rock has decided that we need to cancel Kids Rock Summer Camp for the 2020 season. We have been praying for clarity, and with camp just a few short weeks away, there is too much uncertainty to continue to leave staff, parents, and campers up in the air. Here are just some of the factors that were a part of our decision:

-Almost every summer camp in West Michigan has either delayed or cancelled their summer camp season due to a variety of concerns.

-The state of Michigan has yet to specifically give guidance on where day camps fall in the phased reopening of the state, though it seems most likely that a camp of our size would not be able to operate in a school setting until phase 5. We are currently in phase 3. Without specific guidance like camper capacity, group sizes, and other protocols, it is difficult to plan the functionality of our camp.

-Camper safety is always our number one priority and much uncertainty remains regarding the future of Covid19 in West Michigan.

There were many other factors that were taken into consideration, and I would be happy to share those if you have specific questions. However, even though we made the decision to cancel camp this summer, if we do get more specific guidance and clarity from the state, it is possible that we could reopen camp sometime in July with a lower camper capacity and a new registration process. We will continue to monitor the situation. Moving forward, here are two things we want to offer you this summer:

- 1. Kids Rock Remote Program-** This program is designed to keep your campers busy with 6 unique daily activities, a daily zoom session, live raffle drawings, and daily video montages of participating camper activities. Even though it is a remote program, one of the goals is to keep the campers off screens! It is at a low cost of \$360/8 weeks (\$45/week) and would be the perfect program for your camper to do independently or with a babysitter. This is not like any sort of virtual learning they have been doing through school. The goal is to keep kids active, build community, and grow their faith. There will still be weekly themes (Olympics, Wet Wild N' Wacky, etc.), sports, and classes. A list of supplies needed for camp with links to Amazon products will be sent out by the end of May. [Check out more information here.](#)
- 2. A list of counselors interested in providing childcare-** This would be an arrangement between you and the counselor independent of Kids Rock, but I hope you will find this list helpful. One of these counselors would also be the perfect person to guide your camper in the Kids Rock Remote program! [Click here for the list.](#)

As we move forward, we are asking you to [fill out this Google form](#) to help us best process your refund. You will have three options.

Option 1: Enroll in our Kids Rock Remote program and we will adjust your invoice accordingly. Any payments you have made for camp this summer will be applied and any overpayments will be refunded. The Kids Rock Remote program is \$360/summer (\$45/week) plus some basic supplies.

Option 2: We will refund your tuition costs and allow your \$25 *non-refundable* registration fee to be a credit for 2021. Please consider this option to help us pay for costs like credit card fees, registration administrative costs, cost to manually process refunds, and expenses like liability insurance policies that cannot be suspended.

Option 3: Receive a full refund, minus the credit card processing fee.

***Please allow 1-2 weeks for us to process all of the refunds.

***If you cancelled your Kids Rock registration due to covid concerns in the last few weeks please let us know and we will give you a \$25 credit for 2021.

Thanks again for all your support and we hope that we can still provide an awesome summer experience for your kids this year and for summers to come!

Blessings,

Ben Ashby
Kids Rock Summer Camp