



May 2020 Community Release FAQs

These are some of the questions that have arisen from our public announcement on May 2, 2020. You can read the announcement here:

If camp isn't running this summer, what is KEC fundraising for right now?

Even though we won't have all of the expenses associated with staffing and running summer camps, we still have an aging site to maintain and insure. We have to pay for banking expenses, software licenses, office supplies, and lots of other boring stuff you probably don't think of when you think "summer camp!"

Will there be any sort of summer programming offered in lieu of camp being cancelled?

*We hope so! We are currently exploring different ideas for how we can provide entertainment, inspiration, and connection to our KEC family. Our decisions will be based on community engagement, so **please participate in this survey before May 31st**: <https://forms.gle/W2j63GaufMhr25dK9>*

How are refunds being issued to campers who were registered for camp this summer?

We have already started issuing refunds to campers. Refunds are being processed as cheques that we hope to have in the mail by May 11. It is a long process and we really appreciate your patience!

Will any staff be hired this summer?

Unfortunately we will not be hiring a counseling team or kitchen team this summer in light of the fact that we are not operating onsite programming. We will not be hiring summer staff in any capacity this summer unless we receive funding through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant. We apply to CSJ every year to help subsidize the cost of our staff, and usually receive some funding. That said, CSJ will be issued differently this year and we are still waiting to find out.

How will KEC ensure that the property and buildings are maintained this summer?

The Board of Directors is currently exploring different strategies to ensure that routine maintenance and cleaning continue at KEC. We are also exploring ways to mobilize volunteers with the appropriate skills and training to help with non-routine maintenance and any special projects if the opportunity arises.

Will the tiered reopening plan released by the Alberta Government mean camp might still run this summer?

Unfortunately not. While we remain open minded about opportunities to host small gatherings or rentals later in the summer, we do not feel that attempting to put together a camp program at the last minute would serve the safety and wellbeing of our staff and campers.

Will the tiered reopening plan released by the Alberta Government mean KEC could offer rentals this summer?

We are open minded about this possibility, but will not reopen camp to rentals until we are confident we can go over and above the safety recommendations outlined by Alberta Health Services and the Alberta Camping Association.

What are some ways I can support KEC right now other than making a monetary donation?

One of the best ways to support camp right now is to stay involved! You can help us by forwarding our announcements and updates to others. You can encourage us by participating in our social media posts. You can spread word about us to other families who might benefit from access to the online programming we offer this summer. Right now, you can help us by participating in the Community Engagement Survey to help us better understand how to support you this summer.