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Dear Summer Staff.

We are so thankful for you, and for your desire to serve as a part of our Camp Mini-Yo-We Summer Team. We have been looking forward to welcoming you, learning from you, and serving alongside you. We know that you have been looking forward to our time together as well.

We are emailing you today as due to COVID-19, we are unable to host overnight campers at Camp Mini-Yo-We this summer, and as such must cancel all plans to host our Summer Staff Team. All existing contracts for Summer 2020 have been cancelled.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has informed us that overnight camps will not be permitted to operate this summer. As a leadership team, it pains us that this is **the first time in 74 summers that we won't be hosting campers** at Camp Mini-Yo-We.

Our team is in the process of unrolling a plan to continue to stay connected as a Summer Staff community through the upcoming year, and into Summer 2021. We have a number of events planned - in person, online, and up on site. Click here to view upcoming Summer Team events! We are also developing a process to transfer 2020 applications to the 2021 season as seamlessly as possible, and will be in touch about that when it is ready to go.

We will continue to keep you updated via email. You can also stay connected with the team on our <u>Slack Chat</u> and <u>Instagram account</u>.

Additionally, the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit has been set up by the Federal Government to help relieve that financial burden created by COVID-19. Click here to view our step by step guide for Summer Team on how this program works.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of our Mini-Yo-We community. Know that you are deeply loved and valued by this team. We look forward to the day when we can gather together again.

With love,

Michelle Little

Director of Summer Programs

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Rich Birch

Executive Director