



Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support of Cedar Campus. As we considered all the important factors required to keep you and your loved ones safe in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel Cedar's camping programs and rentals in July and August.

InterVarsity is making decisions about each camp separately given the specific realities of each state. As we prayed and assessed data from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Cedar staff, camping partners in the Upper Peninsula who have also closed, and many of you, we made this painful choice. By making this choice today, we wanted to reduce the uncertainty about whether programs would move ahead.

We recognize this is disappointing news. Going to Cedar is a treasured annual tradition for many of you. We know that many people wanted to enjoy one last season at Cedar while it was under InterVarsity's stewardship. We are grateful Forest Springs will continue the Family Camping tradition going forward.

What the decision means practically:

1. If you are preregistered for a 2020 camp in July or August, your deposit will automatically be retained to hold your spot for the same week in 2021.
2. If you would prefer a refund or to donate your deposit to help Cedar Campus, please contact us at cedarcampus@intervarsity.org and we will promptly process your request.
3. If you are registered for programs beginning September, we will be in contact about those programs in the coming weeks. We hope that conditions will be different in the Fall, and we will make that assessment by mid-August.
4. Please look for communication in coming days from Forest Springs sharing their thoughtful and exciting plans for Cedar.

This past fall, God led our staff team to Isaiah 60.1. The Lord says to his people **"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you."** This verse has given us hope in this transition, and it gives us hope now as we face this decision. We pray it will give you hope as well. God is at work fulfilling His promises to renew and redeem. He is making his glory known. Here's a video prepared earlier this year that captures that hope for Cedar:

<https://vimeo.com/417346350>.

May this message bring you joy in the challenges of this season. We look forward to seeing you again when the time is right.

God bless you,

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