

***"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, even though..." Psalm 43***

Dear Sky Ranch Community,

These days are challenging for many of us as we live into a time of confusion and uncertainty. This Bible verse helps to remind me that in times of trouble, we put our trust in God who is bigger and stronger than any of the challenges we are facing. Please know that you are in our prayers, and we ask that you pray for Sky Ranch as well. God is working through each one's kindness and commitment toward each other.

As we continue to monitor updates regarding COVID-19, we want you to know that the Health, Safety and Well-being of our campers, staff, and families is of utmost importance. As a result, **on May 4, 2020, the Sky Ranch Board of Directors, attentive to the directives of federal, state, and local health agencies, has made the difficult decision to suspend all planned programs and keep the property closed until at least June 27.**

Our current plan is to have our summer staff arrive in mid-June, and they will do much of their training online. **This means that Sky Ranch's summer ministry will happen, even if we don't know exactly how...YET.** Our summer staff will be trained and serving in ministry, even if our site isn't open to campers. Camp will look different this summer, but our staff will be ready to serve. Their creativity and passion will allow ministry to happen wherever and whenever possible.

Sky Ranch is a ministry that has shaped the faith lives of tens of thousands of youth over the past 57 years. Through fires, floods, evacuations, and bears inhabiting our lodge, this ministry has persevered. This summer will be no different...although it will look radically different. **While we are in a time crisis, we are also in a time of opportunity and innovation.**

For those who have registered and paid for June programs at Sky Ranch, there are three options available for you regarding your payment:

- 1) You may request a full refund.
- 2) You may roll over your payment into a payment for 2021 summer camp.
- 3) You may donate all or a portion of your payment to help Sky Ranch cover fixed expenses (like year-round staff salaries, summer staff salaries, insurance costs, utilities, etc.).

Please contact our office manager at, Ally@skyranchcolorado.org, regarding your refund.

While the Sky Ranch Executive Board continues to meet weekly, the full Board will meet again on June 1 to determine options for the rest of the summer. Until then, pray for patience, have hope, and know that God is with each one of us. Be well, be smart, be safe, be healthy, and make good choices!

Shalom,

Brad Abbott, Executive Director

