

## Sky Ranch Update

### A message from our Executive Director, Brad Abbott

Dear Sky Ranch Community,

These days are challenging for many of us as we live into a time of numbing disorientation, both personally and as a society. During this tumult in both our work and personal lives, Sky Ranch is determined to be a light in the darkness that seems to overwhelm us.

Not much has changed for Sky Ranch since our update last Wednesday. We have yet to open the facilities on the mountain and plan to begin start-up of infrastructure in mid-April as usual. The Fort Collins Office building is still closed to the public, but our fulltime staff are still working remotely and available via email. While registrations have slowed recently as people wait for definite answers, **the deadline for early registration will be pushed back until May 1.**

With information changing constantly, the Executive Committee of the Sky Ranch Board of Directors is meeting weekly to stay up-to-date. Our staff is in contact with local and state agencies to make sure that we have accurate and current information. We are also in consultation with the American Camping Association, our insurance company, the Rocky Mountain Synod-ELCA, and the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry network. As information and their recommendations change, we will be working to make sure that camper health and communications are our priority.

While we still have no answers for what the future holds, Sky Ranch is committed to making every effort to be ready for the summer, whenever that happens. But camp does not 'just happen,' it takes weeks and months of faithful preparations.

Included with this email is a promotional video from Sky Ranch, not as a recruitment video, but as an inspirational video to help. It shows that even in these uncertain times, summer will come. The video is short, less than three minutes, but may be a sense of hope and comfort to you in these dark days, very much like the resurrection story we get to celebrate at Easter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/173tcjRiVN4Gq3uRXKaX6U4Z34MjJZyvl/view?usp=sharing>

Listed below are a few resources to help you stay informed on the most current information regarding this virus. Please see our website, [www.skyranchcolorado.org](http://www.skyranchcolorado.org), or [Facebook](#) page for the most current information regarding our responses.

Wash your hands 😊,

Brad Abbott, Executive Director

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

**World Health Organization** [www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public](http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public)

**Colorado Department of Public Health** <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>

