



# Northern Skies District

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## Camp Michigamme Announcement

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In light of the uncertainties surrounding the extended impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, and following the resignation of our director earlier this spring, **the Trustees of Camp Michigamme announce that all youth programming at Camp Michigamme will be suspended for the 2020 season.** This difficult, yet unanimous, decision was made following prolonged and prayerful discernment of the options available. While deeply disappointing, the inability to assure the safety and wellbeing of our campers in the ever changing dynamics of COVID-19 has made this step necessary.

Camp Michigamme's priority has always been the safety of our campers and staff. In addition to concerns surrounding the outbreak, the inability to identify a qualified interim director meant that oversight of appropriate child-protection procedures as required by state law and Conference policy could not be assured. To attempt to operate in this way would be unacceptable.

With the many uncertainties surrounding response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and subsequent challenge of summer staff recruitment, the decision to curtail camping activities until August 1<sup>st</sup> was determined to be the most responsible course of action. Early camping registrations which have been received will be refunded in the coming weeks. Adult activities planned for August and September are anticipated to continue as scheduled.

Sadly, this is the first summer in its 98 year history that Camp Michigamme will not hold a summer camping program. I hope you will join me in anticipation of the 2021 season with continued prayers for our camp and the work that lies before the Trustees. We look forward to seeing Camp Michigamme reopened for children and youth next summer, and the ways in which God will shine the light of Christ's love throughout the district and beyond. Be watching for further information as it becomes available.

Faithfully in Christ,