



Dear TTG Campers and Family:

I hope that everyone is doing well. I wanted to update you on our decision for this summer as far as Teens To Go summer camps. Unfortunately, after the latest CDC guidelines for our type of program, it does not seem to be feasible for us to operate. As a MD State licensed program, we are mandated to follow their guidelines for our permit.

Even though a lot of the restrictions seem to be easing as we move forward, the one restriction that is still a barrier for Teens To Go is the seating restrictions on the bus. The guidelines that just came out at the end of April state that there must be 6ft. of distance / every other row empty on the bus in combination of 1 participant per row. In doing so, we would only be able to have a maximum of 15 campers on a bus that holds 55. Since the bus is one of the biggest and fixed costs, it would almost triple the cost that we would have to charge just to break even. This I refuse to do, especially when so many people are going through enough hardship.

There is a slim chance that if the restrictions get lifted, we may try to run a couple of sessions towards the tail end of the summer (Mid- July to beginning of August). However, it's a very slim chance since the logistics of operating at last minute will be next to impossible. If things change, and we decide to give it a shot, I will send out an email to everyone to see how many people are interested.

I have always been transparent with the operations of our program with the parents and campers. But this decision has taken a while since things have been so "cloudy" with everything going on in the past few months. So, I apologize for this being so late and close to the start of summer, but I was holding out hope the CDC would have changed the guidelines.

Safety has always been the ultimate factor for me in this program for the past 34 years and guides a lot of my decisions. While there may be ways around the guidelines and restrictions, I would never feel comfortable going that route. Bottom line, it just is not worth risking safety.

I have started thinking about our 35th summer and plan on making it our best with many new trips and adventures. I hope you will be able to join us! Until then, I wish you all a terrific summer and stay safe. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thanks-

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