

Dear Bauercrest Families,

We hope this email finds you well and getting through the winter somewhat intact. As you know, we have been planning for our 2021 camp season since the end of last summer. Our Bauercrest Re-Opening Task Force has now met several times, and I wanted to share some updates with you, starting with some very exciting news that broke just yesterday: [Governor Baker has announced that overnight camps can open this summer!](#)

I have attached the 2021 Game Plan which explains our current thinking about the protocols for this summer. This is a work in progress – we will continue to update the Game Plan as the summer approaches and provide guidance on many topics, including community mitigation strategies, health center enhancements, transportation and pick-up and drop-off procedures, staff protocols, and programming adjustments.

As I am sure you can imagine, planning for this summer with so much still unknown has been a challenge. The safety of your boys has always been and continues to be our top priority. Giving them the chance to be together in this place that means so much to all of us, so they can have the summer they so desperately need, is a very close second.

We have explored many different scenarios based on current Center for Disease Control, Department of Health, and American Camping Association guidelines. At this time, we have determined that the best way to ensure a safe, fun, and “normal” summer is to create our own Bauercrest bubble. The camps that were able to open last summer and did so successfully used this model. This is a link to a CDC article about these camps – <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6935e1.htm>. Although it took a tremendous amount of work on the front end, the approach described in the article will give our kids exactly what they need – a summer out of the house, off their devices, away from the stresses of the outside world, laughing and running around and enjoying endless activities with their friends in a safe, controlled environment on the Hillside.

Our intent is to accomplish our goals for this summer with minimal disruption to our families and their schedules, but it will be necessary to make some minor changes to our sessions. To that end, we are pushing back our start date to Sunday, June 27th to allow more time for your boys to self-quarantine. These details are explained in the 2021 Game Plan.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 7pm we will hold our first informational session for our families via zoom. Key members of our Task Force will be there to help explain our mission and answer any questions you may have. We hope you can join us. [Click here for the zoom link.](#)

You have often heard us say that camp is the greatest gift a parent can give a child. Never before has this been truer than it will be this summer. Thank you in advance for doing your part to ensure a safe and amazing Bauercrest summer for all of our boys.

Here's to an awesome summer!

Love,
Ken