

Re-opening Statement
Dear Dakota Youth,

It's been 20 days since we first announced that in-person summer camp was canceled. It was devastating news not just for us, but also for all of you that were really looking forward to camp. Camp has always been a safe haven for the majority of campers that attend, and the thought of not having it for the first time in a long time was hurtful and saddening.

In these past 20 days, however, a lot has happened in both of our states. Both state governments, as well as local governments, have decided that the trajectory of the virus in our locations is drastically slowing, allowing for the re-opening of businesses, parks, and even summer camps. We have prayed a lot about this decision, have sought advice from both North and South Dakota Departments of Health, the CDC, surveys, local governments, and our local conference. It is with that in mind that we are beyond excited to announce that summer camp at both Northern Lights Camp and Flag Mountain Camp is back on. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this global time of crisis. With God's help and grace, we will move forward together to have the best summer possible for all of our campers — full of fun, safety, and most of all, God's spirit.

For all of the details as to how, why, and when this is happening, please go to our website at dakotayouthandyoungadults.org/camps where you will find all of the information you need to move forward in making your decision to come to camp. For those that are uncomfortable sending your child to camp, we are offering a live streaming option so that any child can still be a part of our summer program. We will be running camp at 60-65% capacity, meaning that registration will be limited. Registration will open May 27, 2020, at 9am CT via the youth department website, dakotayouthandyoungadults.org/camps. Please note that ALL registrations will be taken through this avenue alone.

We are excited to once again offer this opportunity, knowing that it will come with its challenges, but also knowing that we will be working hard with Christ to make it a huge success. We can't wait to see you.

Grace & Peace,
Your Dakota Conference Summer Camp Team