

Dear Katonim Community:

It is my deepest regret to inform you that Camp Katonim will again be suspending its operations for Summer 2021.

Every camp must consider its circumstances and logistics when deciding its feasibility to proceed during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Though camps have been given the “greenlight” to operate in theory, Katonim’s unique shared property layout and the requirement to severely curtail our waterfront program due to physical distancing requirements are the key factors for this unfortunate decision. An extensive review of the newly released provincial Day Camp guidelines further supported our decision to close.

We have spent an inordinate amount of time considering options and possibilities that would allow us to offer a safe camp environment while satisfying mandated Covid protocols, Ontario Camping Association’s standards, and upholding Katonim’s reputation for excellent program delivery.

Pandemic restrictions severely limit our ability to offer our entire renowned waterfront program, a wide range of watersports, and drastically limit our campers’ water access. Masking and eyewear requirements, sun protection at our main campground, and the impact on our busing contingent were also factors when deciding the safest and most responsible decision to safeguard our campers, staff, and community-at-large.

Thank you for your loyalty to Camp Katonim plus your patience and understanding in this matter. We are looking forward to returning to our full capacity next summer. The Early Bird application process begins in October!

I am confident that Katonim will return stronger than ever in 2022, when we will celebrate our 90th anniversary!

Stay safe and be well,

Lawrence Axmith
Director, Camp Katonim

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President, Camp Katonim Board of Directors