



Dear Pacific Grove Recreation Families,

After months of thoroughly evaluating the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and conducting numerous conversations with local and regional health officials, the City of Pacific Grove Recreation Department has made the difficult decision to cancel the summer day camp and aquatics programs for 2020. This includes our annual Youth Adventure Camp program, summer Pre-School activities, Swim Lesson classes and Community Swim opportunities at the Stillwell Children's Pool at Lovers Point.

Although we had planned and hoped to continue our long-standing traditions of providing fun and rewarding recreation services this summer, it became apparent, as discussions progressed, that the proposed guidelines to open the pool or operate day camps would create challenges for city staff to administer and enforced limitations to our beloved programs that became barriers on our ability to effectively serve the community. This unfortunate decision was reached after City staff considered many additional factors to whether these programs and classes could be offered with the need to limit participation numbers, adhere to social distancing guidelines, conduct daily health checks, restrict the use of shared equipment, and keep shared surfaces sanitized after every use.

While in-person recreation facilities remain closed, the Recreation Department is committed to exploring new opportunities for our PG Recreation families and community members to stay connected and engaged both virtually and in person, when feasible, throughout the summer. Regular updates and resources will continue to be provided on our Virtual Recreation & Library Services webpage, [www.cityofpg.org/vrlc](http://www.cityofpg.org/vrlc) as well as on Pacific Grove Recreation social media accounts. Additionally, outdoor park amenities and recreation opportunities are projected to re-open throughout the summer and we encourage everyone to continue to enjoy our beautiful parks, beaches, trails, and open spaces while practicing physical distancing.

In challenging times such as these, it is people and families like you who join together, step up to the plate, and continue to maintain a sense of community in whatever ways possible. We are extremely grateful for everyone who make up our amazing Recreation Family, including participants; past and present, parents and staff members. We all look forward to getting back to those "Good Old Days" of lanterns in the trees, enjoying our pool with an ocean view and gathering together to play in this last hometown.

Until then, we thank you for your continued efforts in practicing physical distance, preventing the spread of this disease and keeping our community safe.

If you have any questions, please contact our Recreation Manager, Kyle Susic at [recreation@cityofpg.org](mailto:recreation@cityofpg.org) or call the Pacific Grove Recreation Office at 831.648.3134.