

Dear Sea Star Base Galveston Families,

It is with a very heavy heart that we announce the difficult decision to cancel Sea Star Base Galveston's 2020 Summer Camp and Program Season.

As you know, the Coronavirus pandemic has had a profound impact globally, nationally, and locally, and will continue to pose significant health challenges into the foreseeable future. Like camps around the country, we never envisioned this scenario and are saddened by its devastating effect on so many – including those within the circle of our Sea Star Base Galveston (SSBG) community. The decision to close this year's youth camps, ultimately, was driven by safety, science, and the well-being of staff, volunteers, and, most of all, campers.

For your children, we understand this news will be disappointing. Everyone currently registered for one of our camps will be contacted regarding their options for carrying forward any payments to the next camp season, receiving a full refund, or converting your camp fee into a tax-deductible donation to SSBG if you so choose.

We are incredibly grateful for our connections with campers new to Sea Star Base Galveston, as well as returning campers, staff members, members, volunteers, and families. As soon as we can safely do so, Sea Star Base Galveston will reopen its year-round aquatics, maritime, and marine-based programs for children, adults, and families! The Board of Director's informed decision leaves room for creative onsite options that more easily supports social distancing.

SSBG will continue to stay up to date on regional, state, and national Covid-19 guidelines; we will update programs and facilities to adhere to those guidelines.

We are already counting the days to when the wind can fill our sails again.

On behalf of everyone at Sea Star Base Galveston, we wish you and your family health and happiness this summer.

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