



Camp Exclamation Point, Inc.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Evil Dr. No Fun Strikes Again!

Does anyone remember in 2019 when the biggest worry about 2020 was making sure we used all four digits when writing dates? The fear was that if someone abbreviated a date to be, for example, 1/1/20 someone could come along and change the date by adding two more digits. So suddenly 1/1/20 becomes 1/1/2019 or 1/1/2037.



If only we knew just how nefarious 2020 would end up being!

Our program, along with so many, had to pivot. Our main focus at CAMP! is Kindness. With the current health situation the Board met and decided that we needed to be Kind to each other and one way to do that was to, sadly, be safe and not have an in person program.



Although we could not be in person, the Board looked for a solution that would still engage the campers, and give them a sense of connection in an increasingly disconnected world.

Never fear, as Kind Dr. Lotsa Fun swooped in with an idea to give the campers at least a Taste of CAMP!

Turn the pages and see inside this report for more details!



CAMP! looks so empty without all of the CAMPERS!

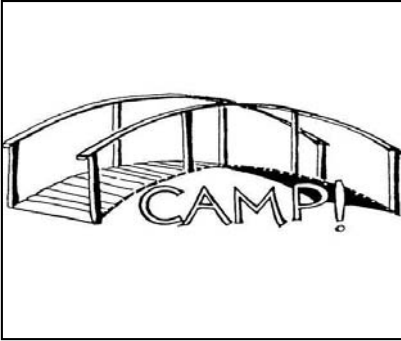
Moore from the Director

As disappointed as I am that we had to postpone the 2020 CAMP! season until 2021, I could not have been more proud of the volunteers that serve on staff.

Facing worry and darkness, challenged with an unforeseen once in a life time obstacle, in the face of potential despair, the staff rose to the task! Through many long meetings, sleepless nights, and worry about the campers and their families, the staff came up with an amazing program to present to the campers. The staff never wavered in their commitment and service. As we had conversations about what to do this year, the staff all had just one question, "What can we do to help?"

Every year I am humbled by the quality of people I work with. They are the most amazing group of people on the planet!

Scott Moore
Managing Director



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Growing CAMP! Counselors, One Baby at a Time!

CAMP! 2020 was a banner year for CAMP! Babies!

Three of our volunteers welcomed in new, future counselors this year. Congratulations Emily, Hannah and Lexi!

Although they are sporting this year's tee shirt, the kids will need a little more growing before they can come volunteer!



2020 CAMP! Wrap Up

In May of 2020, our Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel our in-person week of camp for this year. While we were sad to miss seeing our campers in person, our counselors and staff got together to think about what we could do instead. Of course, there's no substitute for the real thing, and we knew we couldn't replicate camp and send it off to each camper. But, we found some ways to give campers a taste of CAMP!...something to remember their time with us in years past and to help them look forward to years ahead. About a week before camp would have begun, our campers received a "CAMP! In A Backpack," stuffed full of fun activities and supplies by our counselors and staff members, with help from generous donors.

As every year, there was a Core Nature Activity (mini greenhouses) and Core Art Activity (decorate an image of your hand). We also had several cool Choice Activities to explore. Some of these activities had accompanying videos to better help explain them, on our CAMP! YouTube channel.

Head Chef Alison prepared ingredients and recipes to make oatmeal and pancakes, and campers received their own little jar of maple syrup to pour on them!

CAMP! songs and stories are such an important part of our week. We included a songbook, and camp staff recorded several videos of songs. Some of these were edited to include images from camp thanks to Brad Boquet, and all are available on our YouTube channel. Our backpacks also included a CD of stories from Simon Brooks, Thanks very much Simon!

Each camper received two brand new books thanks to our longtime partnership with the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF). We are grateful for their support! We couldn't forget CAMP! Mail either...so campers found a few pieces addressed to them, thanks to our creative staff.

The backpack also included a bunch of school and art supplies, a cool picture of Great Scott to remind you of CAMP! throughout the year, and it wouldn't be camp without a CAMP! T-shirt, this year signed by several staff members in advance on the back.

Our campers were welcomed to the week CAMP!, with their backpacks and videos to watch, with a filmed greeting from Great Scott and several counselors and staff, edited together by Tony Bacon, and available on our YouTube channel.

It wasn't the same, for sure, but we hope this taste of CAMP! brought some fun, and some cool things to learn, but also that it reminded campers of the spirit of camp, the spirit of kindness that brings us together, with warm memories to lift you up when you're down and know that you'll be back at camp again in the future, and we are very much looking forward to that



A Taste of CAMP!: Behind the Scenes!

Step 1: Come up with a plan! The staff wanted to find a way to safely present the Campers with some sort of a program. After many long meetings the plan was adopted that if the kids cannot come to CAMP!, we would send CAMP! to the kids!



Step 2: Gather Supplies! Once we decided what we wanted to include, we ordered supplies and gathered programming materials at Great Scott's house for package Assembly. Thank you to all you donors that cleared out our Amazon Wish List!

One tradition at CAMP! is that we sign each others tee shirts. We did not want to lose that tradition, but how do you make that happen when.



no one is supposed to see each other? Well one of our staff came up with the brilliant idea of creating a graphic of staff signatures. Each staff member that signed the shirts also helped to sponsor the shirts for the campers! We had this graphic sent off to the tee shirt maker and had it applied to the back of all the 2020 tee shirts. .

Step 3: Put everything together! A special shout out to Russ! On a hot, sweltering afternoon, he sat for hours and hours putting all of the supplies from boxes into backpacks!





Step 4: Deliver the packages: Once everything was put together we had groups of volunteers head out across the state to deliver backpacks and CAMP! joy. Thanks to Alan, Eric, Ed, Faith, Gini, Grace, Keegan, Robyn, Russ, Shelby and Scott. They fanned out all across the State to meet up with campers (socially distant of course!) to deliver backpacks to them.



We were not able to meet with some campers, so they got special CAMP! Mail in the Mail!



Step 5: Enjoy!:

One of our camper families sent these pictures to us. After cracking open their backpack, they got to try their hand at making pancakes with the mix we sent!

A Taste of CAMP! indeed!



Ways to Help

If you are interested in supporting CAMP!, there are numerous ways to help. We are always looking for volunteer staff for camp week in August, and positions range from kitchen staff to group counselors to lifeguards. You or your company may donate products or services to CAMP! Past supporters have included Crossroads Farm, Ben & Jerry's, CLiF, O'Bread, Mirabelles Café, Shelburne Farms, Sue Giovanetti, Tom Moore, and Dennis & Marie Moore.

Financial support is always welcome as well. Even with a primarily volunteer staff and a variety of donated supplies from local organizations, it still costs CAMP! \$400 for one child to attend for the week. That includes transportation between home and camp, food, lodging, and activity supplies.

Camper families are only asked to cover a \$30 registration fee, which is waived in cases of financial hardship.

Did you know?

- * It costs \$400 to send one camper to CAMP! for the week.
- * It costs \$65 to send one camper to CAMP! for a day.
- * Camper families are asked to cover only a \$30 registration fee.
- * About half of our Camper's registration fees are covered by their individual school counselors.
- * CAMP! is a tax exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

You can make your tax-deductible check payable to:

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2020 Financials

There is a difference in the numbers for what was originally budgeted for 2020 versus the actual amount of Revenue and Expense. This difference deserves an explanation.

As you can imagine, Covid has upended our program the same way it has upended so many things this year. When we approved the Budget in January, no one could foresee what 2020 would bring. Although our revenue was down, our expenses were also down. We were able to still put on a Taste of Camp so that our campers still felt connected.

That could not have been done without your help. Thank you!



	FY 2020	FY 2020
Revenue	Budget	Actual
Grants	\$20,000	\$3,650
Special Events	\$4,000	\$667
Contributions	\$14,165	\$23,645
Government Programs	\$2,800	\$0
Program Fees	\$3,500	\$0
Total Revenues	\$44,465	\$27,962
Expenses		
Administration	\$10,000	\$10,000
Insurance	\$3,100	\$3,100
Professional Fees	\$500	\$725
Supplies	\$16,300	\$3,354
Tech/Communications	\$1,325	\$1,166
Postage & Shipping	\$1,600	\$935
Occupancy	\$1,360	\$536
Printing	\$350	\$479
Fees	\$100	\$180
Operational Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Expenses	\$38,635	\$25,475

Thank you to each and every one of our donors that have supported us for so many years. Our program could not survive if it were not for the continued generosity of these wonderful people!

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This colorful CAMP! message was created by a former Camper and Counselor: Mikko Wells! Thank you for your commitment to all things CAMP!

Our Mission

Camp Exclamation Point, Inc. provides continuity and community to underserved, rural Vermont children through a week-long residential summer camp.

Our History

CAMP! was founded in 1991 by staff members from a discontinued government-funded camp for children of migrant workers. They were committed to providing continuity for the children with whom they had been working, and created Camp Exclamation Point, Inc. as a way to meet that need.