

COVID-19 Response & FAQs



To our supporters and families,

With the health and safety top of mind for our employees, the youth and families we serve, and the general public, Camp Fire Minnesota is taking steps to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Our leadership team continues to regularly review and follow advisement from MN Department of Health and other government agencies. Ultimately, we find our core values guiding us through the evolving and uncertain situation with COVID-19.

"Can-do Collaboration" is just what you'll see as we navigate the evolving and uncertain situation with COVID-19. On March 18, our staff will begin working remotely. Additionally, we are diligently collaborating with our partners and supporters to adjust and modify programs, events, meetings, etc.

"Fostering Youth & Community" guides us to make decisions that are in the best interest of our staff, families we serve, and the broader community as we cancel and adjust programs, events, meetings, etc. in alignment with government and medical recommendations and requirements.

"Love of Nature" is our reminder to practice and encourage each other to be attentive to self-care to manage stress. Watch our social media for activities and ideas for outdoor time – all while practicing proper hygiene and distancing precautions to support your overall well-being.

We hope that the FAQs below help answer some of your initial questions, please reach-out with additional questions.

FAQs

Is the Camp Fire Minnesota office open?

Our physical office in St. Louis Park is closed March 18-27. However, staff will continue to work remotely Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please visit our staff page to contact staff directly during business hours (contact info is online: www.campfiremn.org/admin-staff). Please note, we will not have the capability to transfer calls; staff will continue to answer their direct dial lines.

Who do I contact with general questions during this time?

For general questions please email info@campfiremn.org or call our main line (612) 235-7284.

Who do I contact with camp program questions during this time?

The best way is to email info@campfiremn.org or call our main line (612) 235-7284.

I have an in-person meeting scheduled with Camp Fire Minnesota. Are those being held?

We will not hold in-person meetings while the office is closed, instead we will be moving meetings to video or conference call. Non-essential meetings will be rescheduled. Feel free to reach out to the person you're scheduled with or know that our staff will be reaching out regarding meeting adjustments.

Are in-person youth programs being held?

Following the State recommendations, all youth programming through March 27 is cancelled. This includes:

- Spring Break camp (March 23-27)
- In-class Environmental Education
- Out-of-school Time (housing and school-based)
- Additionally, Teen Outdoor Leaders (April 7)

When schools are back in session, we will resume school-based programs in coordination with each school.

We will communicate directly with partners and families to provide additional updates.

What if a youth program is cancelled that required a fee to attend?

This currently impacts Spring Break camp. An email was sent to all registered families. If you have a remaining balance for a future program, your Spring Break tuition can be applied to that; if you do not have a remaining balance, we will be processing refunds – these will be processed the week of March 16.

What can I expect for summer camp?

Summer camp is a highlight of the year for everyone – campers, parents and our staff! Like you, we are hoping COVID-19 response will not impact our summer camp schedule or registrations.

We will continue to monitor and provide updates for our summer camp program as we know more. We will update this document, the [Tanadoona main webpage](#), and communicate directly with registered families in the event of program adjustments.

Please add both info@campfiremn.org and noreply@active.com to your contact/safe list to ensure you receive these updates. If you believe you have unsubscribed, email us at info@campfiremn.org and we'll help you re-subscribe.

What is the status of Camp Fire Minnesota community & board events?

We deeply value the opportunity to connect our supporters to the impact and value of nature-based learning and environmental education programs for Minnesota youth, and will be making appropriate adjustments to upcoming events.

We are following the guidelines from the CDC to cancel/postpone all events of 50 people or more through mid-May. We will reach out directly to registered guests of each affected event.

Events currently affected:

- Coffee with Camp Fire fundraiser (being rescheduled)
- Board/Staff Lunch & Learn (being rescheduled)
- New Board Member Orientation (being rescheduled)

What if I have questions about event cancellations?

Visit our [Upcoming Events](#) page for the most up-to-date event information, cancellations or adjustments. Please email info@campfiremn.org with additional questions or concerns.

In the spirit of our core values, we want to share our sincere gratitude for families and donors who are reaching out to share your concern and dedication to our team and programs. It is clear this situation will have some impact on our services and finances – as with many organizations and businesses. In this uncertain time, we are thankful for your continued support of our mission and the youth we serve.

Thank you,
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