



## IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING THE SUMMER SEASON

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Dear Latham Springs Family,

Over the weekend, I shared with you that a newly enacted state law created uncertainty for many Texas camps as the summer season approached. Today, we are writing with a clear update and to celebrate a positive, workable result.

As we explained previously, the Texas Legislature passed a well-intended and widely supported camp safety law that included one sentence requiring camps to maintain end-to-end fiber-optic internet service on site. While created to strengthen safety and communication, this provision did not consider the reality that fiber infrastructure has not yet been built in many rural areas of Texas, including where our camp is located. As written, camps that meet every established safety standard but lack access to fiber infrastructure were threatened with being unable to operate this summer.

I want you to know that Latham Springs Camp & Retreat Center operates with dependable, redundant communication systems that support daily operations and emergency response. These systems are trusted, proven, and central to how we care for and protect your children. Our campers' safety has always been our highest priority, and it always will be.

Please allow me to thank so many of you for your response to our recent e-mail. Camp families across the state acted quickly, with many of you making calls to members of the legislature and your local media, sharing your camp stories, and speaking up about what camp means to your children and to your families. That advocacy directly helped shape this outcome.

This morning, the state agreed to a temporary solution to allow camps that cannot meet the fiber-optic requirement to operate this summer. The issue will now go back to the Texas Legislature so that they can come to a permanent solution in the 2027 legislative session.

We are thankful for the families who spoke up and to the elected officials who listened, understood the impact on children and communities, and committed to creating a responsible path forward.

With this decision in place, our camp is operating as planned this summer. Staff are hired, training is underway, and programs are ready. We look forward to welcoming your children soon.

Thank you for your trust, your advocacy, and your partnership.

We can't wait to see you at camp!

With gratitude,

Ty Dunlap  
CEO  
Latham Springs Camp & Retreat Center