

May 1, 2020

Dear Toward Ahimsa Families,

We appreciate that you and your families are experiencing a lot of change and we are grateful for your patience during this challenging time.

Towards Ahimsa, Veg Camp and Jain Camp stand for non-violence in thought, word, and deed and strive to apply this principle to daily living. This looks like practicing not only self-care and self-respect, but practicing care for others through physical distancing, check-ins, and demonstrating respect for their needs and boundaries. It means nourishing yourself as well as your community when and where you can. It can also mean making tough decisions for the greater good.

Ultimately, the safety and wellbeing of our community is paramount. **With that in mind, it is with heavy hearts that our Board of Directors has decided that we cannot, in good conscience, operate Veg Camp or Jain Camp as planned for this summer.**

Please know that this decision was not made lightly and that all outcomes were considered. The reality is that we are all living in uncertain times and pursuing camp as normal does not support the community-focused practices that we believe in.

We understand that while this may not be surprising, it is still disappointing for those who were looking forward to having new adventures, learning together, and making new friendships or connecting with old pals. But rest assured, though the camps are not moving forward in 2020, we are already planning the camps for 2021 and hope to make them better than ever!

**Any deposits or payments made for Veg Camp 2020 will be refunded in full in the coming days. Please contact Towards Ahimsa if you have not received your refund after three weeks.**

We will miss all our wonderful campers and the amazing camp spirit that is generated each summer! Until we meet in 2021, be safe and gentle with yourselves and with each other.

For Earth, for Animals, and for Us.

Sincerely,

Towards Ahimsa Directors