



**CAMP TA-KUM-TA**

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### **Camp Ta-Kum-Ta to Transform Its 2020 Programs Due to Coronavirus**

*The staff and volunteers at Camp Ta-Kum-Ta are dreaming up new ways to build community and safely meet the needs of the children and families served.*

**(SOUTH HERO, VT)** – Today, Camp Ta-Kum-Ta’s executive director announced that under the guidance of UVM Medical’s pediatric oncology department, all 2020 in-person programs will be suspended due to safety concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic. While in-person programming has been suspended, in consultation with the Children’s Oncology Camping Association International (COCA-I) and the American Camping Association (ACA), Camp Ta-Kum-Ta will forge ahead with the creation of new programming platforms that safely engage campers like never before.

*“While the coronavirus presents a unique challenge, Camp Ta-Kum-Ta remains committed to our children and families” said Camp’s new executive director, Dennis P. DePaul. “We will have programs; they will just look different. Our traditional summer program may include everything from a virtual cooking class to a virtual prom-like formal dance. The magic of Camp is alive and well.”*

*“In truth, there’s a lesson in all of this - like how Camp can better meet the needs of children in the hospital who can’t physically come to one of our year-round programs. In the end, they will be better served by what we are about to learn. It’s all about finding the silver linings and at Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, we specialize in that way of thinking.”*

Camp’s staff and volunteers have already been hard at work keeping campers and families connected. From emails to our parents about how to listen to and talk to their children about COVID-19 to special care packages received in the mail for registered campers of a suspended in-person program, we are finding ways to keep the magic alive. As many of our campers have shared - **"Camp isn't about the place, it's about the people"** - and we aren't going anywhere!

Camp Ta-Kum-Ta remains deeply thankful to our donors and community who consistently come together to support our campers and their families. Without their generosity, these new ideas would not be possible.

Camp Ta-Kum-Ta provides year-round programs for children who have or have had cancer and their families.

For more information about [Camp Ta-Kum-Ta’s programmatic transformation](#), contact Camp’s Executive Director Dennis P. DePaul at (802) 578-2275 or email at [dennis@takumta.org](mailto:dennis@takumta.org).

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