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**Leo Givs**  
Executive Director

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MEMO: Summer Programming Update

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Dear TFS supporter,

In our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Fishing School's (TFS) program has continued to provide out-of-school time activities for our students that reinforce and complement academic programs. As we prepare for the end of the school year and shift to a summer that will likely maintain social distancing guidelines, we are happy to share updates on how our work will move forward in the coming months.

**Sheila Harley, Vice Chair**  
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TFS has the capacity to serve up to 105 students with virtual summer camp programming this year. Our summer program will combine videoconferencing with interactive, homebased projects to allow students to remain engaged. Since mid-March, TFS has bolstered our capacity to facilitate virtual offerings for our students, and has been administering daily afterschool programming via videoconferencing since April. The Fishing School staff has taken extreme caution while vetting platforms for distance learning to ensure the safety of our students; this includes the development of our Teleconference Safety Policy.

**Terry Lineberger, Secretary**  
Community Outreach Advocate

Each day of summer camp, sessions will include 2.5 hours of facilitated programming. In order to create meaningful engagement, we have decided to condense program times with smaller groups, which allows us to maintain interpersonal connections with our students and protects against technology fatigue that may set in. We will continue our regular curriculum by leading students through online activities, including interactive fitness, College and Career Readiness, Read Alouds, STEAM, Tech Club, and Life Skills activities to help build basic social/emotional skills such as grit, empathy, and perseverance - significant determinants of future success. Each day's session will end with 30 minutes of check in time, in which Site Managers touch base via phone call and text with students and parents who were absent from the day's activities to provide support and consistently encourage youth input, empower decision-making, provide a nurturing learning environment, and ensure we are evaluating the social and emotional needs of our students daily. The summer program will be split into morning and afternoon sessions during the day, and groups will further be divided by age to ensure appropriate educational content.

**Shanan Hill, Treasurer**  
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In order to ensure that our lessons are accessible to our students, TFS plans to purchase kits to send to each participant with the required materials for the entire summer program to ensure that each student has the ability to fully engage in the STEAM aspect of our program. We are additionally communicating with parents via all avenues (text, phone call, email, etc.) to make sure we are understanding their needs so we can help our enrolled students access this opportunity.

**Adheer Bahulkar**  
A.T. Kearney

If you have any questions regarding our modified summer program, please feel free to reach out.

**Larry Bank**  
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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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