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Dear Camp Families,

Houston Audubon has been looking forward to kicking off a new series of camps as well as providing a few of our most popular camps this summer. Regrettably, camp season 2020 has dealt us a different hand. Uncertainties surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has made planning for safe and responsible, interactive camps very challenging.

With the safety of the community, children and our staff in mind, we are replacing summer 2020 camps with an exciting slate of family friendly programming that allows us to more responsibly manage social distancing and other health and safety conscious protocols. We hope you will consider joining one or more of these summer adventures. You can find out more about these offerings and register here:

[Family Nature Explore Club – Summer weekday classes for families at 2 locations](#)

- Wednesdays at Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=c9eh9H>
- Thursdays at Houston Audubon Raptor and Education Center
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=s7RTrj>

[Behind the Scenes Tours at the Raptor Center – Get ENRAPTORED with the whole family!](#)

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=pGXjeC>

[Summer Nature Nights at our sanctuaries – weekend nocturnal fun for the family](#)

- Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary - <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=9pyyP4>
- Houston Audubon Raptor and Education Center - <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ufme7G>

[Raptor Photography Shoot at Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary](#)

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=wb9cFP>

[Raptor Photography Shoot at the Raptor and Education Center](#)

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=wzzWwL>

Cancelling summer camp has been a very difficult decision to make. Houston Audubon has been running summer camps for over 25 years at its Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, over 15 years at its Houston Audubon Raptor and Education Center and over 12 years at Yorkshire Academy in west Houston. The current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for childcare and group gatherings are such that it would be impossible to ensure the safety of campers and staff. Summer camp is an immersing adventure into the outdoors and thrives on community and companionship amongst the campers and staff. Our small sites would limit our ability to provide adequate distancing and small group separation. Activities involve sharing multiple supplies which would also put campers and staff at potential risk for transmission if someone was asymptomatic.

As we navigate these challenging and uncertain times together as a community, we hope our modified programming will bring new opportunities for enjoying summer activities with family, and we look forward to returning to normal summer camps in 2021.

Sincerely,

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