

## **Western Kentucky Youth Camp Cancels 2020 Fall Season**

*(August 17, 2020) MARION, Ky. – All fall retreats and recreational activities are cancelled amid COVID-19 concerns.*

Western Kentucky Youth Camp recreational activities and retreats for the fall semester have been cancelled for 2020 in response to government-supplied guidelines and public health concerns surrounding COVID-19. The Board of Directors issued the decision upon review of the recommendations made by the state of Kentucky surrounding social distancing protocols, group size restrictions, and the anticipated public health directives for social gatherings in outdoor spaces.

“These conversations about cancelling camp functions continue to be difficult,” said Board President Jamey Boone. We recognize the need that our campers and congregations have for fellowship and spiritual development. We also want to make sure we follow government-mandated directives and do what we can to make decisions that prioritize the health of our guests.”

Despite not hosting sessions this year, WKYC received \$40,000 in COVID-19 relief funding from the community. “It’s clear that our constituents love WKYC and want the best for the students we serve,” noted Vice President Dr. Landon Clark. “We are thankful to have received a tremendous outpouring of support.”

This is the first time in the 60-year history of the camp that both summer and fall seasons have had to be cancelled. While there are no plans for fall programming, preparations continue to be underway for the 2021 season, including the new cabin construction efforts.

### **About WKYC**

Founded in 1959, WKYC exists to *build strong Christians* by supporting the ongoing work of churches and families to strengthen their children’s faith in Christ. WKYC hosts more than 1,000 campers from the four-state region during its summer sessions each year. WKYC is overseen by a governing Board of Directors, and is affiliated with the churches of Christ. For more information, visit [wkyc.org](http://wkyc.org).

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