

May 28, 2020



Dear Gateway SRA Community,

We want to thank you for our patients and understating through these past few months as we come to terms with this unprecedented and challenging time due to Covid-19. We want all of our communities to know that you are always on the forefront of our minds and we think about you daily.

In order to ensure and protect the health, welfare and safety of all our individuals, as well as, our team members, Gateway SRA in conjunction with its Board of Directors and Ray Graham Association have decided it would be best to **cancel our Summer 2020 Summer Day Camp, Weekly Programs and Special Events AS ADVERTISED**. Many factors went into making this decision, including but not limited to, the current/phased reopening guidelines, and availability of facilities, transportation, availability of counselors/team members, and proper guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. We know that this will have a profound impact on the people we support, but please know that we made this decision with their best health and interest at heart.

What does this mean for summer 2020 activities moving forward?

Summer Day Camp

In-Person Traditional Day Camp Cancelled.

Our goal is to stay fully committed to still making the best out of this summer and will be offering **"Summer Camp in a Box!"** Themed boxes will include various arts/crafts, sensory activities, outdoor creative ideas, fitness challenges, social stories, and much more. We will schedule *Zoom* times for campers to share their creations, see other campers, and participate in various fun activities. Specific detailed plans for weekly **"Camp in a Box"** will be sent out on Wednesday, June 3rd and registration will begin Friday, June 5th. Boxes will be available for pick up starting Thursday, June 11. For more information please contact Amanda Aguilar, Recreation Day Camp Coordinator at amandaa@raygraham.org or by calling 630-325-3857 ex.109.

Weekly Programs

Virtual opportunities will be available through the entire month of June. We have already begun dipping our toes into the world of daily virtual classes, but we are looking at expanding our current offerings to include a little bit of something for everyone, children through adulthood. We encourage new ideas for classes at any time.

For the time being our minds will be focused on what our re-opening strategy will look like and when we can begin to offer live in person recreation again. Our focus will be looking at opportunities for live programming to begin in **July**. Which may include outdoor activities, small fitness/nutrition classes, and small group social sessions. At that time we will have a virtual recreation guide available online to all our participants.

We know that many of you will still continue to have questions and we will do our best to answer them. Our commitment is to stay in constant contact for updates and information via, direct phone calls, emails, website and social media.

We miss you all terribly and hope to see you soon safely. Stay healthy, well, and active Gators!

Best Regards,

Ryan Massengill & the Entire Gateway SRA Recreation Administration Team