



Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I need to inform you of the news that Rocky Mountain High 2020 (RMH 2020) is postponed and rescheduled for July 31-August 4, 2021.

At this point, we do not know how large Rocky 2021 can be due to planning circumstances (space for RMH is normally reserved ten years in advance in order to secure the capacity needed to have the biggest event possible. Because RMH 2021 is only one year out, the Synod Youth office is not able to secure the space needed for 3,000 participants). We do know that registration will be available first for the graduating classes of 2021 and 2022. After a set time, registrations will open up to the graduating classes of 2023 and 2024. The next Rocky will be in 2023, so the organizing team saw this as the fairest option since graduating classes of 2023 and 2024 will be able to attend RMH 2023.

The loss of RMH 2020 has obviously hit this year's seniors the hardest. The Synod Youth office wants you to know, though, they are planning a dynamic new event being planned for next summer that will be available for the class of 2020. And, you guessed it – details will be revealed later about that.

As for the registration fees and recreation fees you have already paid to Impact for RMH 2020: the Impact Leaders (Kenny Van Veldhuizen, Lisa Wheeler, Rob Horstman, Tony Lenz) and I will be taking a few weeks to consider many scenarios and options. These include: still camping in Colorado; camping closer to home; other similar options; or nothing at all. We plan to have a decision made by June 15.

That being said, a few things for you to note:

- If you know already that you do not want your child to participate in any potential summer activities with IMPACT, please let Anita know and we will refund the monies you have already paid toward RMH now.
- We are going to hold the payments you already made until we make a decision about any group plans this summer. By doing so, we feel like we can avoid the back-and-forth of "here's your money back, wait – now we need \$75; actually no we don't....". Again, we will know by June 15 what our new plan is, if any plan at all.
- T-Shirt money will NOT be refunded. T-shirt orders are not a part of the RMH event and the orders are being finalized.

In closing, thank you for your patience as we navigate ministry in these unprecedented times. The health and well being of your students are valuable to us and ultimately, we desire to feed their spiritual needs the best way we can through this. If you or your student(s) need to meet with someone at any time, please connect with me. It is my privilege to pray with and for your kids.

For Him,

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