Hey friend!

Hello from GFBF and we hope you are healthy and safe during this time!

As you have probably been wondering, will there be camp this year?

We start planning for Camp Oo-U-La more than a year in advance and work tirelessly to bring this program to life! We collaborate with our partner, Camp Twin Lakes, to ensure we are creating the most impactful and meaningful program possible. Over the past two months, we have met with our team and Camp Twin Lakes to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on camp programs; there are a lot of unknowns, and the information changes daily!

Our number one goal is to provide a safe environment for campers and volunteers and ensure everyone at camp is healthy when they arrive and when they leave. Due to the current pandemic and implications of COVID-19, we are postponing Camp Oo-U-La 2020 and all burn survivor programs.

What does that mean? We will not host a camp week with a physical gathering this year, but that does not mean we will not have a camp gathering. Alongside Camp Twin Lakes, we will have a virtual camp week on June 1-5, 2020! Virtual camp will be a mix of live, interactive activities, and outdoor challenges, all that can be completed from home!

We still need your support during this week; we will have volunteer opportunities to lead an online session, join in live chats to engage with campers, and other opportunities. We are planning our virtual camp week right now and will have more information for you shortly.

In addition to virtual camp, we are hosting online chats twice a month exploring different topics impacting burn survivors as well as discussing the current pandemic experience. You can join us live (sign up for our email list for updates and Zoom links) or watch recordings on our Youtube Channel.

We know this is a difficult time with things constantly changing; everyone (us included) is having to adjust, adapt, and overcome. We are encouraged to work alongside you to serve families, and together, we are still pursuing help, hope, and healing beyond the burn. We look forward to gathering in person once this pandemic is over and know that day is coming soon!

A special thank you to our first responders and essential workers who ensure our communities are safe and healthy – we appreciate you so much and send you all our love and support!

Best,

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