

May 9, 2020

TO: KAY Sponsors, Camp Delegates, Principals, Activity Directors  
FROM: Cheryl Gleason, KAY Camp Director  
RE: **KAY LEADERSHIP CAMP 2020**

Due to the challenges and uncertainty associated with COVID-19, I regret to inform you that KAY Leadership Camp (KLC), scheduled for July 27-31 at Rock Springs 4-H Center, will be canceled for this summer.

KLC 2020 was on track to be a SUPERFANTASTIC EXPERIENCE! An outstanding staff of 35 leaders was assembled and camper registrations came in at a record pace with our max of 285 campers reached in early May. However, the uncertainties associated with COVID-19 have caused us to put KLC on hold until next summer.

Camp fees that have been deposited by the KSHSAA will be reimbursed with checks payable to individual/institution that wrote checks. Checks not deposited will be returned to the sender. KAYAN and Vinson Camp Scholarships, announced on May 4, will not be paid.

The presence of COVID-19 has caused a multitude of changes to our lives like nothing this generation has ever seen. While it has taken away our normal “take-for-granted” lifestyle –it has also given each of us an opportunity to discover, be creative and grow in unique ways.

While COVID-19 has impacted our daily lives, it will not define who we are. Throughout this pandemic, KAY clubs have been on the go with a variety of service projects – honoring senior members, celebrating birthdays, Earth Day, May Day KAY Day and so much more. The KAY program and it’s membership is stronger than ever before. The character, leadership and service given by KAY students are lifelong skills & experiences that can never be taken away.

The KSHSAA staff is busy planning and preparing for athletic and activity programs for the 2020-2021 school year. We are looking forward to the time for all Kansas students to participate in these education-based opportunities. **PLEASE NOTE: The KLC staff will be developing some virtual opportunities for campers, members and KAY sponsors. I will communicate with you as these sessions are prepared and a timeline for their availability.**

I look forward to seeing you this fall at a KAY Regional Conference and definitely next year at KAY Leadership Camp.

**Mark your calendar now – July 26-30, 2021 for KLC at Rock Springs!**

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Cheryl