



**March 13, 2021**

**Dear Families of our BHP Jr. Camps,**

With a very heavy heart, after extensive thought, research, and careful deliberation, we have made the very difficult decision that we will be holding off for another year. We will not be holding BHP JR. camp programming for the summer of 2021.

As you know, the coronavirus pandemic has had a profound impact globally, nationally, and locally, and although we see the light at the end of the tunnel it is still posing significant challenges in the foreseeable future. BHP staff was significantly reduced during this time and it will take us some time to put things in place so we can rehire a sufficient number of artists for our programs. We are saddened by its devastating effect on so many – including those within the circle of our camp community. This decision, ultimately, was driven by an unyielding commitment to mental and physical health and safety for both staff and campers.

For your child(ren), we understand this news will be unsettling and recommend that you allow the expression of emotions and validate the loss. Hopefully, the positive and fun spirit of camp will also be part of the conversation.

BHP Jr. has been home to transformational experiences that create wonderful memories – wrapped within the gift of lifelong relationships and a love of theatre. As we teach at camp, it is important to support each individual – and look forward to continued connections with our campers, staff members, and families, even if it looks different for now.

We would love to see you at shows in our 2021 outdoor performing space at the Black Hills Playhouse this summer! For camp families, we are happy to offer a Buy One Get One Free option for any shows at the BHP during the 2021 Season. When making reservations, please use the discount camp2021 in the reservation system or with the box office.

As always, we remain grateful for our BHP Jr. families – yesterday, today... and into the future. When the time is right, we can't wait to meet again, continuing the important engagement of a BHP Jr. camping experience.

**Sincerely,**

*Debi Workman*

**Director of Education**

