A letter to Imago Camp Parents

As we turn the corner into another year of summer camps, I want to thank you for bringing your child to camp at Imago. It is truly our honor to spend quality time with your child as we explore the wonders of nature together.

Nature camps at Imago are a lot of things – hikes, games, crafts, and explorations. Nature Camps build great memories and are a great way to connect with nature. We don’t take this opportunity lightly – we see it as a key part of our mission that our children have the opportunity to connect with nature. We’ve seen how joyous the children who spend time outdoors are. Science also tell us that children connected with nature are happier physically, mentally and emotionally. We know that to create a future with ecologically minded citizens, we have to start now by raising kids who have a connection with the natural world. All of this may sound fancy, but its rather simple really, its dirt under the nails, skinned knees, muddy shoes, bug bits, friends, building forts, tracking animals, making discoveries, pretending we are deer, and coming home with great stories.

In order to make this experience as powerful as possible we want to involve the whole family. We want nature connection to continue outside of Imago and outside of camp time. For that reason we have included some elements to our camps that will invite you to be part of the nature connection. Look for our discovery of the day board that will list some of our favorite finds of the day. Use this as a way to ask your child about the camp day. Your child will be proud to tell you about what we found and what we did. Participate in our family nights (a schedule will be posted soon) – as an opportunity to get to know us and other parents, and to be a part of the Imago family.

I invite you to share with us any feedback that you may have, during the camp week, after the camp week or after the summer. We want to hear from you about what we’ve done well, what we can do better, and hear the stories that your child has to share. We will be sending a camp evaluation at the end of the summer, but please do not feel like you have to wait for that if you have something you want to share. You can reach me directly at (513) 921-5124 or by email at cclements@imagoearth.org

I am extremely excited for another summer of fun, nature and exploration and I am honored that your child will be joining us!

Sincerely,

Chris Clements

Executive Director

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