

BOOSTING FOR OUR OLD CAMP
READY & STEADY



September 2020

Dear Camp Family,

When the bugle blows at Camp Billings for colors, we gather for a time-honored ceremony that has meaning and value. We assemble as a camp family to salute the start and end of the day with the raising and lowering of the flag. The bugle blows now because as a camp we need your help, and as a family we're counting on you!

As you are well aware, we had to close camp this summer due to Covid-19 precautions and a commitment to keeping our campers and staff safe. This was only the second time in camp's nearly 115-year history that the white gates were closed, the first occurred during the 1918 pandemic.

We need your help in securing Camp Billing's financial future. The pandemic has had serious economic implications for us, costing approximately \$180,000. Our taxes alone are \$70,000. We are very concerned about the future of camp and your support can make the difference in keeping camp open beyond this challenging period.

Billings is a non-profit organization and we rely upon tuition to cover the costs of operation. Our losses this year, like many of yours, will be significant. We recognize that this pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the economy and all of our lives. While many of you may not be able to contribute at this time, we hope that those of you in a position to donate will consider lending your support. Each and every donation, regardless of amount, makes a difference.

If you are able, please make a gift to camp so that campers, families and staff can experience Billings for generations to come. If you are unable to lend financial support at this time, we hope that you can help us spread the word. We thank you for your continued support and love of camp.

Sincerely,

The Camp Billings Board of Directors