

TO: Parent/Guardians of BARK Rec Sports Campers

FROM: Lerin Winchester, Recreation Programs Manager

SUBJECT: 2017 BARK REC SPORTS CAMP POSTPONEMENT

Thank you for your participation in Fresno State's BARK Rec Sports Camps. While I am very proud of our Activity Leaders and the summer camps we have offered over the last 8 years, it is with great regret that I must inform you that, due to budget constraints, BARK will not be offered this summer, but with some retooling and creativity there is a chance BARK may return next summer.

Last year, BARK Rec Sports Camp served over 240 amazing campers during our 6 week summer camp program. Knowing that summer camp is a luxury for some and a childcare necessity for others, it has always been a priority of mine to keep our camper registration fees affordable for all families in our Fresno community.

My goal over the next year is to find a way to offset some of our expenses. Currently, the vast majority of our expenses are payroll related. Our Activity Leaders work tirelessly every day to provide a safe, creative, positive and fun environment for your children. I want to continue to reward our outstanding student employees with fair wages for the work they are performing.

Writing this letter to you and your families has been difficult, to say the least. I have spent every day over the last 8 summers entrenched with the Activity Leaders and our campers. I have seen our campers overcome their fears and weaknesses, develop into remarkable young leaders, and build lasting friendships. I am very hopeful that we can find a suitable option and be able to continue BARK Rec Sports Camp next summer.

Moving forward, I will be pursuing opportunities for partnerships, grants, and corporate sponsorships. If you, or someone you know, would like an opportunity to partner with BARK, please contact me at LWinchester@csufresno.edu or 559-278-0725.

Your support over the last 8 years has been incredible, truly appreciated, and motivation to continue to explore all options.

Thank you again,

Mrs. LerBear

(Lerin Winchester)