

ROXBURY RECREATION

Department of Recreation, Senior Services, Dial-A-Ride, & Social Services

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Dear Roxbury Residents,

After much deliberation and discussion with local officials, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Teen Travel Summer Camp this year. Teen Travel is a program that takes Roxbury teens to various amusement parks, water parks, and other tourist attractions throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. The very essence of Teen Travel is the experience of traveling somewhere new every day. If you take away or limit the ability for the campers to travel, you are fundamentally altering the camp. Currently, there are too many unknowns for us to comfortably book trips to these locations. Although we are collectively beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel of this pandemic, we cannot definitively say we will feel comfortable sending kids out to amusement parks a couple months from now. Aside from the health/safety issues posed by the pandemic, we decided to cancel the camp this year due to the poor camper experience we foresee. The regulations these venues are subject to will undoubtedly create much longer wait times than usual. We do not want to charge a substantial sum of money, only to have campers stand around for the vast majority of their day with increased wait times and less attractions to choose from. The risks of running this particular camp far outweigh the benefit of running it this year.

It is for these reasons that our other camps (Playground, Camp Capra, & Day Camp) will be keeping trips local this summer and will instead be booking more entertainment/entertainers to come to our camps, so we do not have to send our kids offsite. As always, the health and safety of our participants, staff, and volunteers is at the forefront of everything we do. This was not a decision we took lightly, and we are just as disappointed as anyone that we had to cancel Teen Travel. We plan to run Teen Travel next year and hope you will join us as we look to fire up the buses and hit the road again next summer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Brett Douglas
Recreation Director
Township of Roxbury