



VIEW FROM THE HILL

Updated Thoughts from the Thoughtful Day Camp

"I don't feel very much like Pooh today," said Pooh.

"There, there," said Piglet. "I'll bring you tea and honey until you do."

~ A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Is Christmas canceled?

Recently there have been calls for us all to go back into a strict lockdown. And since the word "lockdown" really doesn't mean anything anymore, the important restriction for these days is that we should not mix households indoors and we should limit outdoor gatherings to no more than 10 people.

So naturally, with Thanksgiving beginning to look like the greatest super spreader event of all, we've seen media running stories with headlines similar to **"IS CHRISTMAS CANCELED?"** and **"WHAT THE LOCKDOWN MEANS FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING WITH THE FAMILY."**

Good grief!

Christmas isn't canceled. Tomorrow is still the first night of Hanukkah, the evening of the 24th will still be Christmas eve, the 25th will still be Christmas Day, and the 26th will still be [Boxing Day](#), and the start of Kwanzaa.

These holidays are sure to look different, but they are *not canceled*.

Different just means that we have to find a way to evoke the feeling of the holidays through brand-new delivery methods.

Think about it this way: **This is the first Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa we've all ever experienced in a Global Pandemic.**

We don't just get to "make the best of it", we get to make it whatever the heck we want!

We're not telling you to look on the bright side. We're telling you to look on the only side that's available for now.

Just like the summer of 2020, there is no way our holidays are going to look the same as last year. That doesn't mean we can't recreate some of the things that nourish us in a way that preserves our health and respects public safety.

At camp we encourage ourselves, our campers, and our counselors to *always* do our best. As families, let's do our best to make this holiday season uniquely wonderful.

Peace,

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