We hope you and your loved ones are healthy and well.

March 13th marked the beginning of the most challenging, tumultuous, and emotional experience of our lives. The impact of the coronavirus has affected every person, family, school, community, business, and of course, our beloved programs.

For the first time in over 40 years, CIMI and AstroCamp have temporarily suspended operations and will remain closed until students are allowed to return. We monitor the local, state, and federal updates and follow all mandates and recommendations for the operation of a healthy and safe camp.

In 1978, my wife Kristi and I founded Guided Discoveries and CIMI as a not-for-profit organization. We had an idea and dreamed of creating a unique, in-the-field, marine science program for local students. Catalina Island was the perfect location. A few years later, we envisioned a similar program, AstroCamp, with a focus on the universe, astronomy, earth science, and physical science. As former schoolteachers, we are gratified our programs have made such a positive difference in the lives of so many students, and we are sad that some will not enjoy one of these life-changing experiences.

As we eagerly await the day when students can return, we are planning and preparing for re-opening next season. For now, virtual labs and lessons are on the horizon. Look for some exciting announcements to come. Also, be sure to check out our social media and encourage your students to enjoy our science camps from the safety of home! We add new posts daily.

Thank you for your heartfelt comments expressing support for our programs. They are much appreciated. Kristi and I have dedicated our lives to providing life-changing experiences for children. Having “bet the farm” on several occasions to keep the program moving, we look forward to serving your school next year and watching our dream thrive once again.

Please be safe and enjoy clear skies.

Ross and Kristi Turner
Founders