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Dear Growing Outdoors Families,

Today, Governor Newsom announced that schools statewide will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year. While this is painful and difficult, this outcome has felt increasingly likely as the risks surrounding Covid-19 continue to grow.

In anticipation that this was likely, we emailed earlier in the week to let you know that we would be moving some of our after-school exploratories to a live online video format (this is only for those classes that naturally lend themselves to this format). We are continuing to reach out to those families who have students currently enrolled in classes that are moving online.

For those remaining exploratories that do not lend themselves to online instruction, we sadly have to cancel the remaining class meetings. Families that are enrolled in these classes will receive a credit, equal to the value of the unused classes, to use during the 2020-21 school year. We will be reaching out to each family individually regarding the dollar amount of the credit and instructions detailing how to use it. All credits will be usable by any student in the same household. We will be reaching out to families of 5th graders separately with their options.

As a small business, the only way for us to compensate families for this unexpected end to the school year and to allow us to continue to produce our after-school programming in the future, is to offer a credit towards next year equal to the amount lost by the early closure of the schools. We hope that you understand the challenge this unexpected closure has placed on our business but our students are the foundation of Growing Outdoors' mission, and it was important for us to find a way to make you whole while allowing us to continue our programs when school resumes in the fall.

We wish your family health and wellness during these uncertain times. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out. We look forward to many more years serving this community.

Best Regards,
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