

Summer Break Camp for Adults, August 8-12

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The 2020 Summer Break online camp exceeded expectations. Twice the usual number of campers registered, and the list included folks we hadn't seen in years. What a joy to get together again. Every day was a party as each camper virtually invited 60 to 115 people into their homes. Surprisingly, seeing friends in their natural habitats created a sense of intimacy. Adult camp campers love to get together and chat, which we did around small virtual campfires and zoom room sharing.

Embracing this year's theme, "That Lovin' Feeling," folks connected across the miles with smiles and words of affirmation that lifted the spirits of many feeling the stress of these difficult times. Tom Owen-Towle's tips for surviving the pandemic gave people coping tools that they can continue to use through the months ahead. Fran Grace's daily talks about the power of love invited participants to share personal stories that were inspiring.

Thanks to the technical team for creating a good user experience.

Admittedly, we had a few glitches, but campers were patient and supportive as we worked these out. As usual, it is the people who come to camp that make it a success, and 2020 Summer Break was most assuredly a success.



Barbara and Cyndy surrounded by part of their support team-
and lots of LOVE