



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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 Camp Cosmos



Camp Cosmos—like many other organizations—operated quite a bit differently than we usually do over summer 2020. Due to the ever-evolving circumstances surrounding COVID-19, we opted to move our programming online so that our community could remain together from a distance. With the help of three members of staff and a couple volunteers, we planned, filmed, and edited a total of 46 videos for the Camp Cosmos YouTube channel, with follow-along activities ranging from music, crafts, and stories to zine-making and baking!



## Family Gatherings

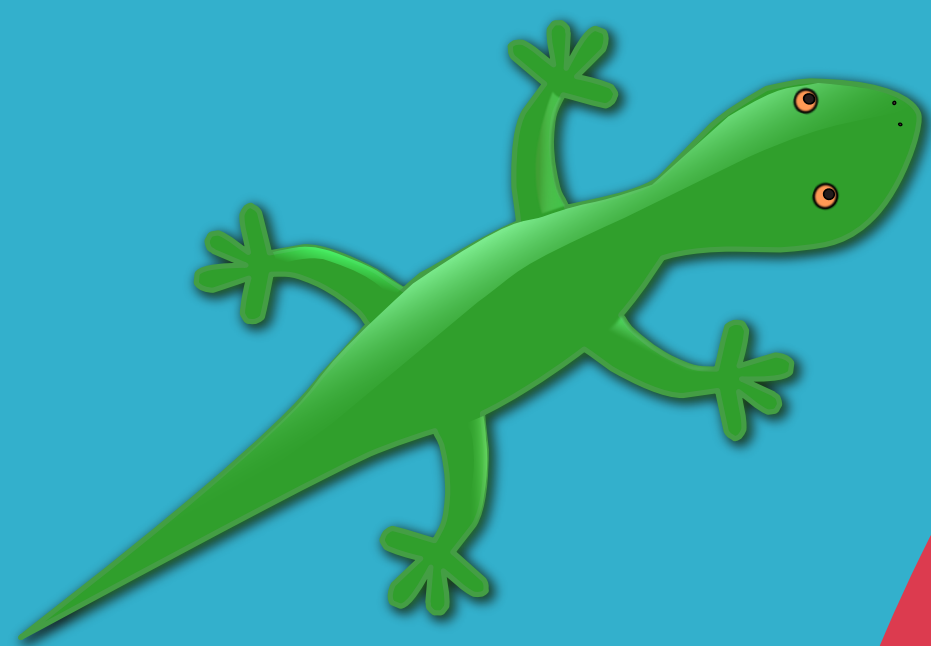
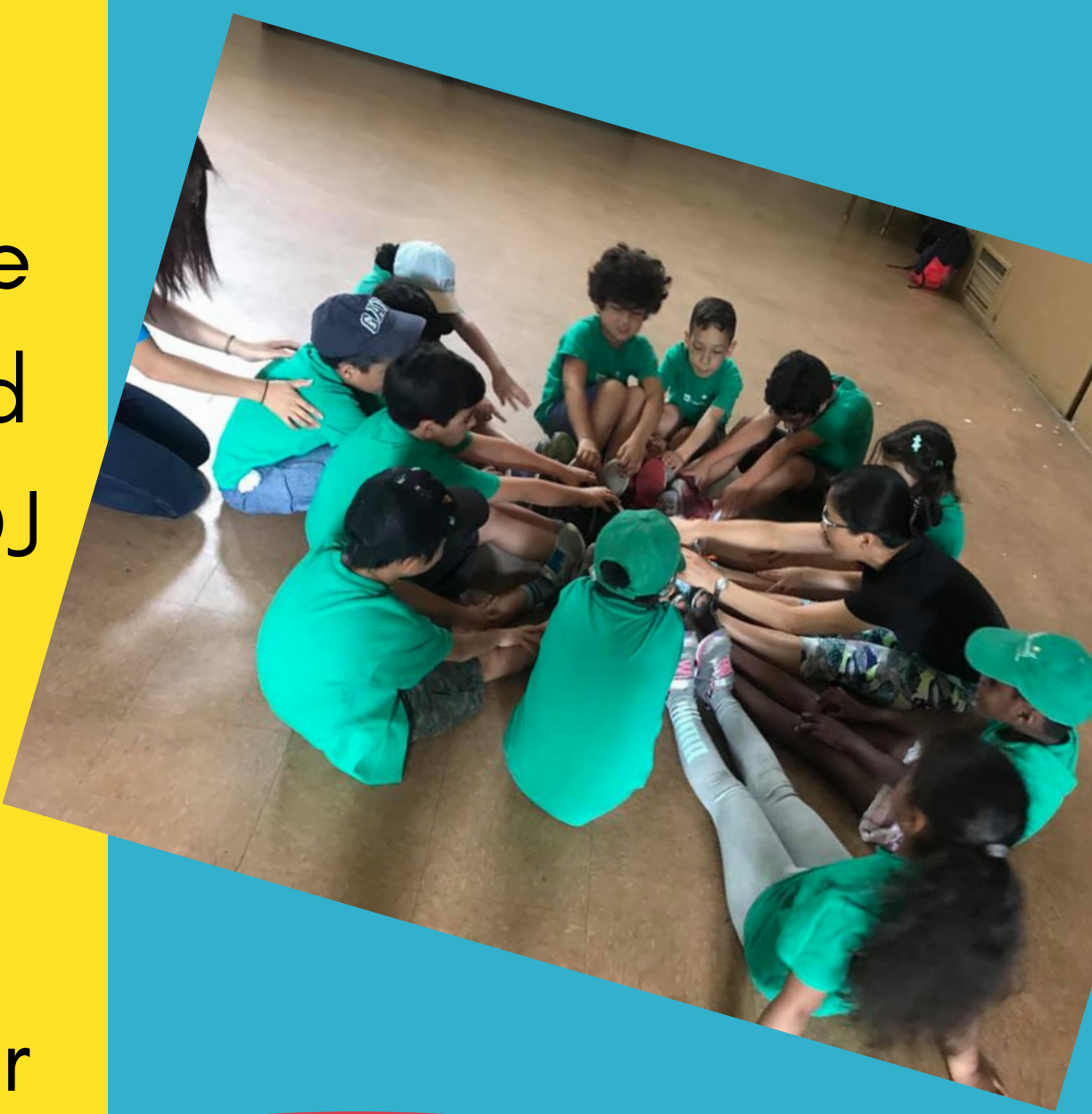
To supplement our online programming, we scheduled a family puppet show, and Camp Cosmos staff facilitated two in-person barbecues, including one to celebrate Eid ul Adha, which had the largest turnout of all of our events! One of our returning Counsellors in Training (CIT), Polo, volunteered with us on that day. Big thank you to Polo for all of his help!



# Online Workshops

We held a few workshops over Zoom as well! We took a trip to the (virtual) zoo with Reptizoo, and we welcomed for the second summer in a row DJ

Riv, who showed us the ropes with a how-to workshop. Chickpea, who was our Intercultural Coordinator in summer 2019, also volunteered their time to film a zine-making workshop for our YouTube channel!



## Cosmos After-School

This fall, we look forward to opening up Cosmos After-school, which will be a drop-in program running 5 days a week. Our hope is to offer a childcare program that reflects the atmosphere of Camp Cosmos and which supports the members of our community who are balancing remote working and school. We missed our regular camp so much this year! With Cosmos After-school, we will get to make up for some of the lost time with our campers and community!





This year, our long-time staff member JC accepted a position as Online Activities Coordinator after 4 years as a CIT and 1 year as a full-time staff member! His hard work in helping to curate accessible and fun online programming really shone through, and we thank him for his dedication to Camp Cosmos. Congratulations JC, here's to many more fun summers!



## Thank You!

We want to sincerely thank all those who participated in our online programming and family gatherings this summer. It can be a challenge to make difficult decisions, such as the decision to make our camp virtual this summer, but a solid community is what makes all the difference. So THANK YOU to our donors, our staff, our volunteers, our campers, and their families: without you we could not have had the success we did this summer. Here's to 2021! We are optimistic that we will be able to have a fun and safe in-person camp once again.

