Dear Friends, Students, and Colleagues,

On behalf of all those at √mathroots, we sincerely hope that you, your friends, and your families are all safe and well. This is a challenging time for many of us, but we will do our best to push through this together.

MIT recently issued directives on summer K-12 programs, which does include √mathroots. We are deeply saddened to say that an in-person on-site √mathroots can no longer be held this summer. However, we believe that this should not stop us from bringing √mathroots to you, so we are excited to announce that this year we will be holding √mathroots entirely online!

What does this mean? Mainly that we try to keep the camp as unchanged as possible, given that everyone is at home with an internet connected device. This means video lectures, virtual tours, online activities, etc. At the end of this announcement there are some questions that you may have about this. Please read them as they contain important information regarding aspects of the camp!

We understand that this is a difficult time for many. We are doing our best to ensure that we have a smooth transition to holding √mathroots online so please bear with us while we adjust to this new style.

What is the camp going to be like?
We will hold classes online on a platform such as Zoom. Afterwards there will be structured and unstructured time for social activities like games and puzzles, and virtual tours. These will also be online. We expect participation in the structured activities. We expect the structured part of the camp will be from around 11:30-6:30 EDT, but these hours are subject to change. This includes time to get up, stretch your legs, and break for lunch. Afterwards there will be unstructured social activities which we encourage, but do not require, you to attend.

What if I'm in a different time zone?
Recognizing the different US time zones and the fact that it is not a great idea to sit nearly motionless in front of a screen for extended periods of time, the camp will be for a shorter part of the day than it would be otherwise. It will start in the afternoon for those on the east coast and in the morning for those on the west coast. The structured time will not extend too far into the evening for those on the east coast.

Are the dates of the camp the same?
Yes! The dates of the camp are the same.
Can I still apply?
Yes! In light of this news, we are extending the application deadline to April 19th!

Are there travel scholarships?
We will not be giving out travel scholarships as there will be no travelling necessary.

What if I don't have access to a computer for multiple hours a day?
Please contact us describing your personal situation and we will work something out.

What if my question wasn't in this list?
Write to us and we will do our best to answer it!

Thank you for reading, stay safe, and we wish you all the best!

Sincerely,
The √mathroots Team