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Camp Gan Israel
Waukesha, WI - 2018
Parent Handbook

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the fifth season of Camp Gan Israel. We are delighted that you are joining us and are looking forward to a wonderful camp experience with your child.

Camp Gan Israel is committed to providing a highly stimulating and exciting camp season. Everything we do with your child, from sports and swimming, to arts & crafts, to field trips and Challah baking, is designed to enhance their self esteem, teach cooperation, increase their level of responsibility, and ground them in a rich tradition of Jewish values and customs.

The staff of CGI is anticipating a superb summer. The counselors have been selected for their talents and personal warmth and their ability to care for each child.

We encourage you to get involved and keep in touch during the summer. You will discover that your child's summer at Camp Gan Israel will be a summer of fun and adventure and will be remembered for years to come.

Fraidy Brook
Camp Director

General Information

CAMP LOCATION

Camp is located at 1222 E Broadway Waukesha, WI 53186

Drop off and pick up will be at the Basketball Court.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Camp Administration Office: (262) 236-3020
- CGI cell phones: (925) 708-3965 and (262) 563-9770
- E-mail: camp@JewishWaukesha.com
- Website: www.JewishWaukesha.com

DATES AND TIMES

Camp begins on Monday, June 11, and runs through Friday June 22.

Camp begins daily at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. please avoid dropping off your child earlier than 8:50 a.m. so that your child may be properly supervised.

Pre-care is available from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and after care is available from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an extra charge.

TUITION & FEES

Boys & Girls ages 5 – 13
9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
\$225 per week

Fees include: All activities and trips.

LUNCH

Camp Gan Israel offers an optional lunch program at \$25 per week. Our daily lunches are nutritionally balanced. The menu listed below is a sample of the daily diet and may change at times.*

* Please notify us if your child must adhere to a special diet.

Monday: Hot dog in bun, potato fries, Garden salad and fresh fruit

Tuesday: Sandwich, vegetable sticks, and fresh fruit

Wednesday: Cheese Lasagna, corn on the cob, and fresh fruit

Thursday: Sandwich, vegetable sticks, and fresh fruit

Friday: Pizza, potato fries, garden salad, and fresh fruit

A healthy afternoon snack and an ice pop at the end of the day are also provided for all campers.

PUNCTUALITY

Campers must be dropped off between 8:50 am – 9:00 am and picked up at 3:45 pm. Our day begins with morning line-up. It is at this time your child will be told important information including contests, field trips and the like. Late pick-ups are difficult and unfair to staff. Please make sure to be prompt.

PARENT - COMMUNICATION

Please share your feedback, suggestions, and critique regarding any aspect of the camp's program with us. Your input allows us to constantly improve and upgrade our program, and we value it greatly. The counselors fill out daily progress reports for each camper, and the director meets weekly with each counselor to discuss the status of every child. We will attempt to contact you during the camp season to discuss any areas of concern that you

may have.

Parents and campers can view photos and updates relating to camp activities on our website, www.jewishwaukesha.com

Safety Information

SAFETY

The camp is dedicated to providing a fun and SAFE environment and therefore, head staff is trained in CPR and First Aid. We strive to maintain counselor/camper ratios that far exceed those mandated by the State. Certified lifeguards (in addition to counselors) supervise swimming and, when on field trips, contact is maintained with the camp by means of mobile communication.

In case of a medical emergency, G-d forbid, a Medical Doctor and a registered nurse will be on call. In addition parents (or guardian) and family doctor (listed on the registration papers) will be contacted immediately.

Extra-Curricular Information

CAMPER RELEASE

If you wish to have your child released at any time to anyone other than yourself or your designate, arrangements must be made before 2:00 pm of that day with Fraidy Brook (925.708.3965). A verbal message or a note to the counselor is insufficient.

If you plan to pick up your child at any time other than dismissal, a call or text to Fraidy Brook is needed.

FAMILY PROGRAMMING & AFTER-CAMP ACTIVITIES

Camp Gan Israel aims to involve the entire family in the camping experience. We have organized several family-programming events and look forward to your participation. Please hold the following dates for family programs, details to follow:

Family Shabbat Dinner & Performance

Friday, June 22, 6:30 PM

All camp families are invited to a child-led Shabbat dinner. We'll enjoy matza ball soup and other traditional dishes as well as desserts that the campers will bake! Watch as the children perform their favorite camp songs and dances!

EXTENDED CARE

There will be an Extended Care program providing pre-care and after care at the campsite. Pre-care will be available from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and after care will be available from 3:45 to 5:00 pm.

Arrangements and payments for extended care must be made at the time of registration. No camper will be allowed to remain in camp without advanced notification.

FIELD TRIPS

The camp will be going on a full day field trip every Tuesday and Thursday. Every child should wear a camp T-shirt on all trip days. A camp T-shirt can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Please be sure to sign all applicable waivers or your child will not be allowed to participate.

DRESS CODE

All campers should wear clothing that is appropriate for play. Children will be playing sports, painting, baking etc.

Please do not send your child to camp in slides or flip-flops. They are very impractical for the children when they participate in sports or other activities and can cause foot injuries.

Children are required to wear or bring socks on **June 11** for Bowling. On **June 12** children should wear water shoes, as we will be on the beach, boating & fishing.

Camp Gan Israel Activity Program: An overview

Camp Gan Israel: was created to provide children with a comprehensive & meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually & socially, in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special courses & activities, designed to be educational, fun & conducive to building character & nurturing friendship

SWIMMING AND WATER PLAY

On every swimming day campers must come to camp with a bathing suit, towel, water shoes and sunscreen. Please have all items marked with permanent marker or labels with the camper's name. We swim at Buchner Pool.

VALUES & JUDAIC PROGRAMMING

Our Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. Exciting hands-on activities, stories, games, challah baking, contests and Shabbat parties are all part of the unique Gan Israel experience. There's never a dull moment at Gan Israel. Each week focuses on a different Judaic theme that is brought to life by art projects and dress up days.

Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way. Some programs include:

Making a Difference: Our "M.A.D." Program is value-based and scheduled every Friday. Children have the opportunity to participate

in a variety of activities; all of which help other people and strengthen the Jewish Community. This encourages children to reach out to others and to enjoy doing so. Activities may include, baking Challahs for seniors and creating cards for patients at Children's Hospital.

Mock Jewish Wedding: One of camp's most anticipated events is the mock wedding. Campers plan, and rejoice at the "CGI Wedding".

CLUBS

Campers will have the opportunity to choose between woodworking and jewelry making. They will get to know the basic skills and tools, and will create a masterpiece to be proud of. The club options will change each summer

ART

Each week we will work on an art project which will reflect the child's creativity and individuality, but will also be functional and usable at your home. We will also foray into the world of Kosher culinary art as well.

Miscellaneous Info

YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Please send along a smock for arts-and-crafts, an extra change of clothing for water activities and sunscreen (to remain in camp). Please mark all swim gear, accessories, etc. with a permanent marker to avoid loss.

There is a special Lost & Found box for lost articles. Please alert us if your child has lost an item. The camp is not responsible for items lost during camp, but will do our best to locate them. We strongly urge you not to send expensive items to camp.

TRANSPORTATION

If you are interested in arranging a car pool with other parents, we would be happy to assist you in locating other parents in your area.

Please review the following safety rules with your child for transportation during camp hours: No standing in moving vehicle.

- No arms or hands outside the windows.
 - No shouting.
 - Always listen to the driver and bus monitor.
- Exit the vehicle only according to the instructions of the driver or monitor.

WHAT TO SEND TO CAMP

Please send the following to camp, (daily, unless otherwise noted) with your child:

Sunscreen SPF 30 - Please apply before arriving we will remind campers to re-apply in the afternoon.

Sunhat or baseball cap

Swim shoes (on swim days)

Athletic shoes

Swimsuit and towel (on swim days)

Tzedakah, a penny for charity

A water bottle

Change of clothes for young campers to remain in camp (please provide in labeled ziploc).

Please label everything, hats, towels, sunscreen, etc. Do not send valuables to camp. Camp Gan Israel cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does my camper find lost items?

Please mark all belongings with your camper's name and group. This is very important since shirts are identical and individual items are difficult to identify without a label. Lost & Found items are available each day on the basketball court. Please contact us in writing or by phone regarding specific items.

How do I arrange to pick up my camper during the camp day?

If you have to pick up your camper during the day, please notify our office. Once we are aware of your arrival time, we can arrange to have your camper ready for you. We cannot release campers without parental permission.

When can I visit my camper?

Camp Gan Israel is open for parental visits every camp day. We suggest that you schedule your visit carefully as your camper may be involved in a field trip or other off-campus activity.

What if my child does not want to participate in a particular activity?

No camper is forced to participate in any activity. However, we do urge campers to try all activities and take advantage of the complete program offered at camp Gan Israel. We appreciate parental input and feedback on this matter.

What does my camper need each day?

Campers should have a change of clothing, art smock, water bottle, sunscreen and gym shoes at the camp at all times. A bathing suit and towel should be sent on swim days. We supply all sports and safety equipment such as tennis racquets, baseball mitts, etc. Counselors will apply sunscreen upon request.

Can my camper bring precious items to camp?

Campers should not bring jewelry, iPad's, expensive toys, etc. to camp. Camp Gan Israel supplies everything campers may need.

How can I speak with my child's counselor?

A call to the camp office will answer most questions. Since counselors are constantly supervising groups and activities, messages will be taken at the camp office. Please leave your name and evening phone number and the counselor will return your call as soon as possible

