



Camp Gan Israel

Atlanta, GA

Summer 2020

Parent Handbook

COVID-19 Camp Policies and Procedures

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the upcoming summer at Camp Gan Israel, first and foremost in our minds is the safety and wellbeing of our campers and staff.

The information contained in these pages reflect discussions and consultations with our Camp medical committee and guidance from local, state and federal agencies. We have done our best to provide you with a clear, concise and practical outline of what we have planned for the camp season.

This information and attached acknowledgment of receipt of this packet, is required for admittance into camp.

Please know that we will be in contact with all relevant agencies to keep up to date with changes that may occur during the summer camp and will share them with you.

With all necessary precautions in place and our vigilance during the summer, we are confident that we could provide your children with an exciting and fun summer experience. Nonetheless, we cannot guarantee that COVID-19 or other illnesses will not occur at camp this summer. No camp can make that guarantee. Please make the best decision for you and your family.

The success of our summer depends upon all families openly and honestly communicating whether anyone in their home has tested positive or even has any related symptoms.

It is ok to contract COVID-19. It can happen to anyone, even if they are adhering to stay-at-home directives and social distancing protocols. Stigma or silence surrounding this is counterproductive. If we’re open and honest with each other, we can keep camp— and the joy that it brings to dozens of families— open all summer.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have over the summer.

With heartfelt prayers for a well-deserved safe, healthy and enjoyable summer for our campers!

Sincerely,

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Director

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Drop off:

Please drop off your child in the carpool lane in front of the building. If your child is able to get in/out of the car unassisted, allow them to do so. If the child is too young and needs assistance, please open the car door and take your child out. A staff member will then take your child from the side of the car. At this time, the camper's temperature will be taken via an infrared touchless thermometer and screened for symptoms. Please do not drive away until it is determined that they are safe to join camp.

Pick Up:

Please pick up your child in the carpool lane in front of the building. This year, all parents will receive a few placards with the family last name printed on it to be displayed in their car window. Your child will be brought to your car by a staff member. Please remain in your car unless the child needs assistance.

- For the safety of our campers and staff, ***PARENTS OR ANY VISITOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING AT ALL.*** If you need to speak in person to a staff member, we will come out to you.
- If possible, older people such as grandparents should not pick-up or drop-off children because they are more at risk.

Sick Policy

- Please check your child's temperature at home prior to coming to camp.
- Keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Any child with a temperature of **100.4** or above will be sent home. Temperature screenings will be conducted via an infrared touchless thermometer. Due to the margin of error, any camper with a temperature of **99.5** or above will be retested at arrival via a traditional thermometer with a protective sleeve and again at lunch time.
- Children must be symptom free (without the aid of a fever reducing medication) for 72 hours before returning to camp.
- If your child has an excessive and unusual runny nose, cough or sneeze, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, loss of taste or smell, or any other symptoms typical of COVID-19, we will ask

that you pick up your child and keep him/her home for 72 hours. In some cases, a note from your child's doctor will be required for your child to return to camp.

- If your child shows symptoms while at camp, they will be cared for by a staff member in isolation. You will need to pick up your child within 1 hour. The room will then be sanitized and disinfected.
- If you, your spouse or other members of your family have a temperature or are sick, we respectfully request that you keep your child/ren home.

Confirmed COVID-19

- If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member, the respective group that they are in will be closed for a minimum of 24 hours. We will notify you immediately if that is the case.
- Local health authorities will be notified and will advise us on re-opening procedures.
- Areas used by anyone with a confirmed case will not be used until cleaning and disinfection has occurred. We will ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children.
- Any camper or staff member who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 will need to self-quarantine for 14 days and a doctor's note will be required before returning.
- Any camper whose parent or member of their household has a confirmed case of COVID-19 will need to self-quarantine for 14 days and a doctor's note will be required before returning.

Refund Policies

COVID-19 Related Refund Policy:

Any camp (or bunk) COVID-19 related closure, or confirmed COVID-19 related absence, that exceeds 2 consecutive days will be refunded 50%.

Cancellation Refund Policy:

Until June 10th if you choose to cancel your reservations, you will be refunded all tuition paid and your registration fee returned.

After June 10th if you choose to cancel your reservations, you will be refunded 50% of your tuition.

There is no refund for daily absences.

Masks

- Staff will wear masks only in an indoor setting where social distancing is impossible.
- In accordance with state guidelines, we are not making it mandatory for our campers to wear masks. If you would like your child to wear a mask, they may certainly do so.

Physical Distancing and Bunk Sizes

In an effort to limit exposure and to provide contact tracing should the need arise;the state has set forth the following new guidelines:

Bunk size will be under the State recommended size:

- Up to 10 campers and 2 staff
- Camper and staff groupings will be as static as possible. The same group of children will remain with the same staff each session, each day, all day;as much as possible.
- We will restrict mixing between groups of Campers.
- Physical touching between campers will be discouraged by staff.
- This year, each bunk will have their own set of equipment and supplies, i.e. markers, balls, jump ropes etc.

In the event bunks are gathered together for a show or performance, the following conditions will be met:

- There will be 7-9 feet separation between bunks.
- Events will take place outside
- During nap time for younger children, cots will be set up 6 feet apart. Please note you will be asked to take home their sheet and blanket each day to launder and return the following day.

Camp programs have always been built around developmentally appropriate practice. Social distancing is not a developmentally appropriate expectation for any child under the age of 12, and especially the younger children (under 7). Therefore, we expect that your child will be at a distance of less than 6 feet of another child, neither of whom will be in a mask, at many times this summer. Our staff will remind campers frequently to social distance, but we know that it will not always occur. Our program will not encourage activities that place campers in less than

6 feet of one another for prolonged periods, or that occur in confined indoor spaces for prolonged periods to minimize aerosol transmission.

Sanitizing

All materials not easily sanitized, such as fabric, will be removed from the class/bunk rooms.

Our full-time, onsite custodian will be sanitizing the building thoroughly throughout the day, including door handles, bathrooms etc.

Hand washing will take place often and under the supervision of the counselors. The following times are mandatory for handwashing:

- Immediately upon entering the building in the morning.
- Before and after snack.
- Before and after going outdoors to play.
- After using the bathroom.
- Before leaving camp at the end of the day.

In addition, every counselor will have hand sanitizer for campers and staff to sanitize in between hand washings.

Food & Drinks

- Campers will eat lunch with their bunks only.
- Parents should provide a non-perishable lunch daily.
- Please do not send any reusable containers to camp for your child's lunch. Everything must be in disposable containers or bags and easily opened and eaten by the children with little counselor help.
- Prepackaged food will be served for snacks
- Cooking and baking activities will be done less often and with extra precautions.
- Please send a large, filled, reusable water bottle. We will be providing each bunk with their own water cooler and cups for refills to avoid using water fountains.

Staff

- As always we will have loving, responsible counselors.
- All staff will be trained on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- We will be hiring local staff this summer

Program Modifications

In order to adhere to CDC guidelines, we have altered the Camp program as follows:

- We have cancelled all off-site field trips and inter-bunk activities. Our exciting specialty activities will be offered as bunk specialty activities as opposed to inter-bunk activities.
- We will not be using any buses.
- There will be no late-nights, over-nights, or family events this year.
- There will be no contact sports or activities. (We will play all kinds of sports such as disc golf, kickball etc within our bunks)
- We have limited camp gatherings, events, and on-site extracurricular activities to those that can maintain social distancing, support proper hand hygiene, and have restricted attendance to the maximum group size as determined by the current phase of the State of Georgia plan.
- No synagogue members will be permitted access of facilities allocated to camp during camp hours.
- Cooking and baking activities will be done less often and with extra precautions.
- Only one bunk at a time will use the playground. They will wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before and after each use under staff supervision.
- Swimming will be limited to one bunk at a time to aid social distancing, and pool railings will be disinfected between uses.

- Only one bunk will change in the bathrooms at a time.
- All campers should apply sunscreen at home.

Agreements

In addition to signing this handbook, we now require parents and staff to sign a waiver stating that they are attending camp of their own free will and understand the potential risk involved with being at the camp. This must be signed and returned before your child can attend. Waiver will be made available during the registration process and will be sent to those who have already registered.

Please sign below that you acknowledge that you have read and agree to this handbook.

Name _____ Date _____