



Camp Gan Shalom

Kehilla (K-5) Parent Handbook

Summer 2019

Camp Philosophy

Camp Gan Shalom provides children with a superior day-camp experience in a safe and warm Jewish environment that works to strengthen a child's Jewish identity. We strive for campers to develop confidence, pride, cooperation, as well as respect for themselves and others. We believe that a positive camp experience provides for a child's social, physical, and intellectual development through a variety of programs and activities.

At Camp Gan Shalom, we incorporate creative Jewish programming into our camp days. Shabbat celebrations, Jewish songs, and innovative Jewish games and activities are a part of the camp day. Campers are provided with a unique opportunity to enjoy their heritage in a fun way.

Camp Location, Dates and Times

Camp is held in two locations:

Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center (Pasadena)

Week 1 – June 17 – June 21
Week 2 – June 24 – June 28
Week 3 – July 1 – July 5
Week 4 – July 8 – July 12

Temple Beth Israel (Pomona)

Week 5 – July 15 – July 19
Week 6 – July 22 – July 26
Week 7 – July 29 – August 2

Camp starts promptly at 9:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm. Some field trips may require us to extend the hours of camp. You will be notified in advance of any changes to our daily schedule.

Drop-off and Pick-up

For the safety of your child, you must sign your camper in and out with a staff member each day. Regular drop off in the morning is between 8:45-9:00 am and regular pick up in the afternoon is between 3:30-3:45 pm (for extended care, see below). If your child needs to be picked up by a different person or is going home with a new friend, you are required to send a note to camp with your child. We will not send your child home with another person without written permission from a parent or legal guardian. Also, the camp day is structured so that your camper gets the most out of their day. As such, parents should not plan to pick up their camper prior to the end of the camp day. *If for any reason, your camper will not be attending camp, please call (626) 340-5890. Please call by 9:00am.*

Extended Care

We are pleased to offer optional extended care. The morning extended care program begins at 7:30 a.m. The afternoon program ends at 6:00pm. For details, see the Extended Care Application. *If you are late to pick up your campers and arrive after 6:00 pm, we will charge you \$1 per minute after 6:00 pm.*

Staff

Our staff is comprised of responsible and caring individuals. All staff members are trained and certified in First Aid and CPR, as well as have gone through a criminal background checks, reference check, and personally interviewed by the Camp Director. ***The Jewish Federation and Camp Gan Shalom are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate based on a person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information.*** All staff is carefully selected and receives training in working with children. The camp staff works hard to create an exciting and varied program. We very much look forward to spending the summer with your child.

Health and Safety

Our primary concern is your child's health and safety. Campers must wear sunscreen. Please ensure that all sunscreen used is water resistant. Counselors will re-apply sunscreen to campers before entering the pool.

Please keep your camper home when there is any indication of illness. If any child shows signs of ill health at any time during the day, the parent or guardian will be notified and arrangements will be made for the child's prompt return home.

In the case of an emergency 9-1-1 will be called immediately by the Camp Director or Kehilla Program Director. Parents will be contacted. If the parents cannot be reached, the emergency contact will be called.

Any and all medication brought to camp must be brought to either the Camp Director or Kehilla Program Director. Medication must be in the original container. It is also important to give any special directions needed for administering the medication properly as well as a complete medical history.

Policies

Behavior

Camp Gan Shalom is dedicated to providing its campers with an outstanding summer camp experience. To achieve this goal, campers are expected to behave appropriately and promote a safe, fun and healthy environment through productive participation, which is outlined in the Camper Code of Conduct.

In the event of serious violations of this Code of Conduct, the following steps will be followed; while keeping in mind the individual circumstances of each camper:

- Camp staff will speak to the camper; if this does not affect a change in behavior,
- Parents will be contacted; should additional measures be needed,
- A behavior contract will be drawn up and implemented; if the contract cannot be met,
- Camper will be dismissed from camp.

Refund

There are no makeup dates or refunds for absences. If your camper is ill and misses more than 3 days in a row, a partial refund may be offered minus the deposit. A physician's statement must accompany a written request for a refund.

Guests

Parents are invited to attend our Kabbalat Shabbat and should arrive at 3:00 pm on that day. Parents wishing to visit camp at another time must receive prior approval from the Camp Director. **Absolutely no guests will be permitted in camp without an invitation.**

What to Wear to Camp

It is **REQUIRED** that campers wear clothes suitable for active play. Wearing light colored T-shirts will help campers stay cool during the day. Sensible footwear enables full participation in camps activities. Sneakers are strongly recommended. **Sandals and open shoes may NOT be worn to camp.** Campers may bring sandals or pool shoes for use during water activities. A baseball cap or sun hat recommended. Please label all personal items. **Campers MUST wear camp T-shirts on field trip days (you will be given one shirt as part of your registration).** Campers not wearing their camp T-shirts will be charged \$8 for an additional camp shirt.

What to Bring to Camp

On your child's first day of camp, please send a bottle of sunscreen with their name on it that can be left at camp. Everyday, campers should bring a dairy lunch. The following items are not permitted to be brought to camp at any time: alcohol, drugs, weapons (of any kind), animals, money, toys and electronics.

Snacks and Lunch

A healthy, kosher snack will be provided daily in the morning and afternoon. **The laws of Kashrut are observed at camp.** Please send a dairy lunch with a drink daily. No meat can be brought to camp, even if it is kosher meat. Some lunch ideas: tuna fish, egg salad, hummus, peanut butter and jelly, or cheese sandwiches. *Lunches are not refrigerated.* Campers are not allowed to trade food. Please talk with your camper about this policy.

Travel Days

Every Wednesday at camp is a field trip. See the camp calendar for details on exact trips and days. Please note that field trips are subject to change; if this occurs, you will be informed in the weekly letter. Age appropriate field trips have been arranged. They include transportation provided by Fairway Transportation Services. Buses are equipped with seatbelts. As previously mentioned, for the safety and well being of everyone at camp, **campers MUST wear camp T-shirts on field trip days. Campers not wearing their camp T-shirts will be charged for an additional camp shirt. For safety and security reasons, parents may not drop off/pick up campers at field trip locations.**

On these days it is important to pack a **disposable** lunch, with their name written clearly on it. Some trips require walking and campers carry their own belongings, so please pack lightly.

Swimming

Campers must bring a bathing suit and towel Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The swimming pools we attend require that ALL campers wear a bathing suit to enter the pool area. **Camp Gan Shalom has a policy to only use pools whose lifeguards are American Red Cross certified, as well as First Aid/CPR certified.** Both pools are in compliance with our policy. The camp staff assists in facilitating supervision of our campers at the pool. Campers will have the opportunity for free swim and occasional organized water activities.

Special "Theme" Days

Throughout the summer, there will be special camp days. Campers may be asked to either bring something or wear something special to camp. Check the weekly updates for more information.

Bogrim

Campers entering 4th – 5th grade are a part of *Bogrim* and have the privilege of additional activities. Every second Tuesday is a special field trip for *Bogrim* campers. The same travel policies apply to these days. They will also have a special sleepover once in each session. The dates for this summer are June 27th in Pasadena and July 25th in Pomona.

Daily Schedule of Events

Parents will receive a weekly update. It will describe daily programs and weekly activities. Please make sure to check the update so you are aware of camp happenings.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Before Care 7:30-8:45 am					
Drop off between 8:45-9:00 am Camp Starts 9:00 am					
Opening Circle 9:00-9:30 am					
Age Group Morning Activities 9:30-10:30 am	Age Group Morning Activities 9:30-10:20 am	Load Bus	Age Group Morning Activities 9:30-10:20 am	Friday Activity	
Elective Activities (Chuggim) 10:30-11:30 am	Elective Activities (Chuggim) 10:20-11:10 am	Field Trip	Elective Activities (Chuggim) 10:20-11:10 am		
All-Camp Activity (Mahaneh) 11:30-11:50 am	Specialty Activities (Heetmahoot) 11:10-12:10 pm		Specialty Activities (Heetmahoot) 11:10-12:10 pm		
Lunch 11:50-12:30 pm	Lunch 12:10-12:50 pm		Lunch 12:10-12:50 pm		
Specialty Activities (Heetmahoot) 12:30-1:30 pm	All-Camp Activity (Mahaneh) 12:50-1:00 pm		All-Camp Activity (Mahaneh) 12:50-1:00 pm		
	Change 1:00-1:20 pm		Change 1:00-1:20 pm		
	Travel 1:20-1:35 pm		Travel 1:20-1:35 pm		
Change 1:30-1:50 pm	Pool 1:35-2:35 pm		Pool 1:35-2:35 pm		
Water Play 1:50-2:20 pm			Pool 1:35-2:35 pm		
Change 2:20-2:40 pm	Travel 2:35-2:50 pm		Travel 2:35-2:50 pm		
Age Group Afternoon Activities 2:40-3:15 pm	Change 2:50-3:15 pm		Change 2:50-3:15 pm		
Closing Circle 3:15-3:30 pm				Shabbat 3:00-3:30 pm	
Camp Ends 3:30 Pick up between 3:30-3:45 pm					
After Care 3:45-6:00 pm					

Important Phone Numbers

Please keep this in a safe place



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