

Savannah Teen Weekend!

March 1 - 3, 2019

We will be hosting our 4th annual Savannah Teen Weekend, March 1-3! This fun-filled weekend is for Jewish teens in grades 8-12 from around the southeast. The weekend will incorporate transformative Jewish programming with a top secret theme that will be revealed soon!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

These teens need a place to sleep for the weekend! We need families to open their homes to these teens and serve as host families for this weekend. **We are looking for about 20 host families.** As a host family, you will get to take part in this wonderful experience for our teens. **You do not have to have a teenager participating to be a host family!**

QUESTIONS?! See back for answers!

Please fill out and send back the Host Family/Volunteer Form attached by **Friday, February 1st** to engagement@savj.org

If you are not able to be a host family, there are *several other ways to get involved*. We look forward to sharing this amazing event with you!

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gardner, MSc

Host Family FAQs!

- **What is the Savannah Teen Weekend**

Teenagers (grade 8-12) from around the southeast will be invited to enjoy exciting, transformative programming in a Jewish atmosphere. The weekend will begin on the evening of Friday, March 1 and end around noon on Sunday, March 3. Teenagers from around the region will be in attendance to experience Jewish programming and create meaningful relationships. And thanks to the Savannah Jewish Federation, this weekend will cost only \$50 for a teen to attend!

- **What are the responsibilities of being a host family?**

- Transportation to and from the event for the teens they host (with a seatbelt!)
 - *Parents/guardians must drive teens they are hosting. Teens are not allowed to drive to other teens to and from programs.*
- Saturday breakfast and dinner (some teens love a late night snack!)
- A place for each teen they host to sleep – this does not have to be a bed or anything close to a bed. Each teen knows to bring a sleeping bag and are perfectly happy on the floor.

- **Is there a minimum number of teens I can host?**

To be a host family, you must host at least 3 teens. *Remember, if you have a teen participating in the Savannah Teen Weekend, your teen counts as one!*

- **Is there a maximum number of teens I can host?**

No! You can house more than 3 teens as long as you feel everyone will be comfortable. *Rule of thumb: you can host as many teens as you have seatbelts for in your car!*

- **What if I do not have a teen participating in the Savannah Teen Weekend?**

You can still be a host family! We are looking for all families to get involved in the weekend! You do NOT need to have a teen participating in the weekend to be a host family!

- **What is the schedule for the weekend?**

Below is a tentative itinerary for the weekend with host family responsibilities highlighted. Please note that timing may change slightly during the planning process.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact Caitlin Gardner at 912-355-8111 or email engagement@savj.org

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Tentative Schedule

*The bolded items indicate pickup/drop-off times for host families

Friday

5:00 p.m.	Arrival at JEA and Check-in
6:00 p.m.	Teen led Shabbat Services
7:00 p.m.	Dinner with community
8:30 p.m.	Mixers
9:30 p.m.	Opening program
10:30 p.m.	Teens depart with host families

Saturday

9:15 a.m.	Arrival at JEA and Check-in
9:30 a.m.	Teen-led Shabbat services
10:30 a.m.	Limmud- Session 1
12:00 p.m.	Lunch provided
1:30 p.m.	Limmud- Session 2
3:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>Chofesh</i> – Free Time (go home with host families to relax and eat dinner)
7:00 p.m.	Arrival at JEA for Evening Program
7:30 p.m.	Havdalah
8:00 p.m.	Savannah Dance
11:00 p.m.	Teens depart with host families

Sunday

9:15 a.m.	Arrival at JEA and Check-in
9:30 a.m.	Breakfast
10:30 a.m.	Tikkun Olam project
11:45 a.m.	Friendship Circle/Goodbyes
12:30 p.m.	Teens depart home

There will be a meeting for all host families on **Wednesday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Jewish Educational Alliance to review the rules and expectations for the weekend and distribute a final schedule. Bring your questions!

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HOST FAMILY/VOLUNTEER FORM

Please return this form to Caitlin Gardner by **Friday, February 1, 2019.**

Family Name: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Number of children in your home: _____
Ages: _____

Yes, I WOULD LOVE TO BE A HOST FAMILY!

Number of teens you can house (including your participating teen – minimum of 3): _____

Male or Female? _____ Do you keep kosher? _____

Is there a smoker in the house? No Yes

Do you have any pets? No Yes What kind? _____

(If you would like to volunteer as well, please fill out the times you are able to help out below!)

Yes, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER MY TIME!

Times I am available:

Friday Registration 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION to help offset costs of Savannah Teen Weekend in the amount of \$_____.