

## Our Camp Philosophy

The goal of our camp is to provide a safe, happy and meaningful experience in a Jewish setting. We want to help children grow and feel good about who they are. We believe that children can mature both emotionally and intellectually through their participation in a group setting with the support of an interested, accepting and caring staff.

## Forms

The following forms **must** be completed before your child can come to summer camp:

1. Application form
2. Health form (all campers) and birth certificate (those younger than 5) **due by June 1**
3. Waivers for Teen Tour, Trekkers, Advanced Golf, Golf, Rock Climbing, Advanced Horseback Riding, Horseback Riding, Jump In, Cheer Camp, Gymnastics (August 18-22 only), Camp Hollywood and Hip-Hop

## Payments and Transportation

All fees must be paid in full by May 9, 2008. Bus assignments will be announced prior to each session to campers whose files are complete and whose fees are paid in full.

## Health and Safety

Your physician should examine your child and fill out the camp medical form. Please submit medical forms and emergency cards before the start of camp. Children cannot participate in the program without this information. Please make certain to tell the camp office if your child has food or other allergies, as well as inform us of any medical conditions so that we can insure a safe camp environment.

The State of Michigan requires re-vaccination of any child if there is a doubt concerning the date of the initial vaccination. We encourage you to check with your pediatrician as this relates to your child(ren). If your child has specific allergies (i.e. bee stings, grass, food, etc.), please notify camp immediately. This vital information will be shared with the camp nurse and your child's counselor. Please notify the nurse prior to camp if your child requires special medication arrangements. Our camp nurse is present at all times on the West Bloomfield Campus and is available to address any medical issues that may arise.

If your child is sick in the morning, please do not send him/her to camp. Our staff always has your child's best interest in mind. If your child is not well enough to remain at camp, you will be called to take him/her home. Children with a fever should remain at home until their temperature is normal for 24 hours.

**In case of an emergency, you will be notified immediately. If we cannot reach you, we will notify your child's physician or emergency contact.**

### **Communication**

Effective communication between camp, parents and campers is very important. We send e-newsletters weekly to keep you informed. Notes are frequently sent home with your camper, so please check his/her backpack daily. A ziplock bag in your child's backpack will keep notes and flyers dry.

We also need and encourage communication from you. Keep in mind that camp is only eight weeks long, and it is best to work out issues as soon as they arise. If your child expresses any concerns about camp, or if any unique situations occur at home that may affect your child, please contact the camp office.

Administrative staff will be on the grounds during the camp day so ***we will only be available to return calls after 4 p.m.***, at the conclusion of the day. Of course, any urgent matters will be handled immediately.

During regular program hours of the camp season, you may get a message to camp staff by calling 248.432.5578 (Kahn Building, West Bloomfield) or 248.967.4030 (JPM Building, Oak Park).

### **Weekly Schedules (Traditional Camps)**

Weekly "What's Happening" cards will be sent home with your child each Friday and will list activities, as well as anything your child should bring to camp. Check our Web site at [www.jccdet.org](http://www.jccdet.org) for information on field trip dates and destinations.

### **Dress and What To Bring**

The normal summer camp attire is shorts with a lightweight shirt and gym shoes or other **closed-toe footwear**. All traditional campers usually swim once a day and should pack a towel and swimsuit. A large ziplock bag is handy for wet swimsuits. We ask that all campers bring their daily supplies (swimsuits, towels, lunch, sunscreen, water bottles) in a backpack. Please **label everything** with your camper's name so that lost items can be returned quickly. On field trip days we ask that your child wear his/her Center Day Camps T-shirt. On very hot or sunny days, we suggest sending your child wearing a sunhat or baseball cap. (Note: Some campers may benefit from bringing extra sets of underwear and shorts in a ziplock bag.)

**Traditional Camp:** Kosher-style, nut-free lunch (requested and highly encouraged due to the fact that we have several campers who are severely allergic to nut products), swimsuit with a ziplock bag, towel, extra underwear and shorts in ziplock bag (if appropriate), sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle, hat, ziplock bag for camp flyers and notices. Please label all items with your child's name.

**Travel Camps:** Kosher-style, nut-free lunch (requested and highly encouraged due to the fact that we have several campers who are severely allergic to nut products), swimsuit (each day in case of activity change), towel, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle and hat. **We strongly encourage campers to bring their lunch everyday!** Please do not send large amounts of money with your child. Please label everything with your child's name.

**Pro-Sports Camps:** Kosher-style, nut-free lunch (requested and highly encouraged due to the fact that we have several campers who are severely allergic to nut products), swimsuit, towel, water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, ziplock bag for camp flyers and notes, and appropriate sports equipment. Please label everything with your child's name.

**Imagitivity Camps:** Kosher-style, nut-free lunch (requested and highly encouraged due to the fact that we have several campers who are severely allergic to nut products), swimsuit, towel with ziplock bag, ziplock bag for camp flyers, and sunscreen. Please label everything with your child's name. Lunch is available for purchase at Sara's Deli in the JPM building.

### **What Not To Bring to Camp!**

Please **do not** bring valuables such as jewelry, video games, or iPods to camp as we cannot be responsible for them. **Cell phones and pocketknives of any kind are not allowed at camp.** Do not send anything in glass.

### **Lost and Found**

All items misplaced during camp will be brought to the Lost and Found. Your camper's name should be clearly tagged on all items he/she brings to camp. Articles of clothing not claimed by the end of camp will be laundered and sent to a charitable organization. The Lost and Found is accessible after camp. Please call the camp office for information.

### **Accommodating Campers with Different Abilities**

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit is committed to providing an inclusive environment for all children. When we talk about inclusion, we mean that all children at camp, regardless of their strengths or weaknesses in any area, become part

of the camp community. Inclusion helps to maximize individual growth of all children and builds a sense of community because everyone has an opportunity to be involved. The Special Needs director and other support staff will be available for information throughout the summer, but it is up to all of us to help each child feel comfortable and welcome.

### **Rainy Days**

It does rain occasionally, and campers in Chaverim, Keshet and B'Yachad are outdoors unless conditions are too severe. So please dress your children appropriately and send a raincoat and complete change of clothing in case your child gets wet. Imagitivity campers will be inside the JPM Building.

If thunderstorms threaten, campers in Chaverim, Keshet and B'Yachad may move inside the Center building. The camp aquatics director will determine whether children will swim based on the water and air temperatures. In case of thunderstorms, there is absolutely no swimming in the outdoor pool.

### **Camp Structure (Traditional Camps)**

Camp is divided into units according to age groups. The units are given names to develop spirit and to provide thematic unit programs. Campers in grades 1-4 are in groups with children of the same grade and gender. Preschool and kindergarten groups are co-ed.

### **Camp Offerings**

**K'Ton Ton Preschool Camp:** 2½ -4½ years old (toilet-trained)

**Chaverim:** Kindergarten

**Keshet:** Grades 1-2

**B'Yachad:** Grades 3-4

**Trekkers:** Grades 5-7

**Teen Tour:** Grades 8-9

**Imagitivity Camps:** Grades 1-8 (JPM Building & Kahn Building)

**Pro-Sports Camps:** Grades 1-8

**Center Stage:** Grades 2-9

**Leaders in Training (L.I.T):** Grade 10

## Our Typical Day

### Traditional Camps (West Bloomfield)

9 a.m.	Buses start to arrive	Noon-12:45 p.m.	Lunch
9:30 -10 a.m.	Morning ruach	1-2 p.m.	Activity III
10-11 a.m.	Activity I	2-3 p.m.	Activity IV
11-Noon	Activity II	3-3:15 p.m.	Ruach & Snack
3:15 p.m.	Transition to buses		

### Imagitivity Camps (Oak Park)

9 a.m.	Buses start to arrive	Noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch & swim
9:30-10 a.m.	Ruach	1-2:30 p.m.	Afternoon block & snack
10-Noon	Morning block	2:30-2:45 p.m.	Transition to buses

\*\*Campers from the West Bloomfield area will arrive by bus at the West Bloomfield facility, then ride a shuttle to the JPM Imagitivity Camps.

### Travel Camps (Depart from West Bloomfield)

9 a.m.	Buses arrive
9:45 a.m.	Leave for destination
3 p.m.	Arrive back at West Bloomfield
3:15 p.m.	Transition to buses

### Pro-Sports Camps (West Bloomfield & various vendor locations)

9:30-Noon	Morning block
3-3:15 p.m.	Snack
Noon-1 p.m.	Swimming & lunch
3:15 p.m.	Transition to busses
1:15-3 p.m.	Afternoon block

## Swimming

Our swim program is operated under the guidelines of the Center Aquatics Department and the Red Cross Swim Program. Personal safety, swimming skills and a positive self-image will be the primary goals of the program. Campers' aquatic success will be encouraged in the areas of attitude, cooperation, ability, self-awareness and camp spirit. If your camper does not participate in instructional swim, he/she will not be allowed to take part in free swim.

If your camper is unable to go swimming on a particular day, please send a note with your child. If you have any questions about the swim program, please contact Erica Gray, the aquatics director, at 248.432.5578.

### **Snacks**

Each day campers will receive a snack, and on Fridays a special Shabbat treat is given.

**For the health and safety of all our campers, the Center Day Camp snacks are nut free.**

### **Guest Policy**

No one is permitted on the campgrounds except campers and staff. Please go to the transportation trailer (located by the Pitt Child Development Center entrance) for pre-arranged pick-up times.

### **Transportation**

**Please note: There is no transportation July 10 and August 8!**

The camp transportation supervisor is in charge of bus transportation. **Early dismissals require notes written by the camper's parent or guardian.** Campers should be ready for pick-up at designated times and places because **buses cannot wait.** There are no drop-offs permitted other than assigned stops. Rainy day drop-off is by the lobby of the Center. (K'Ton Ton campers will still be dropped off at the Child Development Center entrance.)

**Except in case of an emergency, changes in transportation cannot be made after noon each day.** So if you must make a change in your child's pick-up, please do so before noon. This policy is for the protection of our children. Campers may not go home on any bus unless they have been assigned.

**K'Ton Ton half-day campers (9:30 a.m.-noon):** Transportation is provided to camp and parents may *pick up* campers at 12:10 p.m. Campers will be in front of the Pitt Child Development Center under the awning.

**Parent Pick-up:** If, instead of riding the bus home, your camper will be picked up by car, please send a note to the camp transportation office. Include the name of the person who will pick up your camper, your child's name, the date and the signature of the camper's parent or guardian giving permission for this change. **Campers being picked up by car must be met at the bus-loading area closest to the main Center entrance. Park in the lot next to the buses. Please note: until all camp buses have left the grounds, car traffic is not allowed on the service drive in front of the Drake Road parking**

lot. Please enter and exit the Center via the Maple Road entrance. Please be cautious of campers that are walking to the bus.

**Early Pick-up:** Written notes are required for early pick-up. The transportation office must receive notes specifying early pick-ups no later than 9:30 a.m.

### **Late Arrival**

If your child arrives at camp after 9:45 a.m., please bring him/her to the transportation office. We will escort your child to the appropriate activity. Please do not walk up to camp yourself. These security policies are set in place for the safety of our campers.

### **Extended Care**

Extended care hours, before and after camp for grades K-5, are available one to five days per week. Parents must pre-register. Care is available from 7:30- 9:30 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. For information about registration and fees, please call the summer camp office at 248.432.5578. An extended care schedule will be posted at all desks. The program will be based out of the Inline Hockey Arena.

### **Medication**

As soon as your children arrive at camp, they should give any medication to their Unit Head supervisor. Medicine will then be transferred to the camp nurse or the camp director. Medication must be in its original container and directions must be marked on the bottle. A signed note must be brought with the medication, detailing how and when it should be administered. If a change in medication occurs, please notify us immediately. The camp nurse will be in charge of storing and dispensing medication. Parents are responsible for picking up medication at the end of each camp session.

### **Nut Sensitive**

In response to the health and safety needs of our campers, Center Day Camps are nut sensitive. Please help us by not sending any nut products or food items containing nut products in lunches or snacks. Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all our campers! Additional information is available about healthy lunch alternatives and local availability of nut-free products. Please contact the camp office with questions, comments or for additional information.

### **Sunscreen and Insect Repellent**

We encourage all campers to use sunscreen and insect repellent. Please apply sunscreen to children every morning before they come to camp. Also, please send these products,

labeled with your child's name, to be carried in his/her bag during the camp season. Remember to check your child's sunscreen and insect repellent regularly. Counselors are prohibited from applying sunscreen or insect repellent that does not belong to your child.

### **Birthdays**

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at camp, notify the camp office in advance. If you send food to be served to other campers, pre-packaged, kosher and nut-free baked goods may be purchased from many stores in the area. Entenmann's products are kosher and many are nut-free. Be sure to include enough party paper goods (i.e. plates, napkins, forks, spoons, etc.) for your child's entire group. Please give at least one week's notice to the camp office of any birthday arrangements you plan to make.

## **2008 CAMP DATES**

**Mini-Camp: June 9-13**

**Echo Camps and Specialty Camps: August 11-29**

**First day of camp for Session I is Monday, June 16**

**Last day of camp for Session I is Thursday, July 10**

**First day of camp for Session II is Monday, July 14**

**Last day of camp for Session II is Thursday, August 9**

**TRADITIONAL CAMP FAMILY ORIENTATION K-4**

**SESSION I and II is SUNDAY, JUNE 15**

**10 a.m. SHARP**

**Meet in Marion & David Handleman Hall & Auditorium on  
the West Bloomfield campus**

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**TRADITIONAL CAMP  
SESSION I FAMILY FUN NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 9  
SESSION II FAMILY FUN NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 6**

**More information to follow**

**NO CAMP ON FRIDAY, JULY 4**

**NO TRANSPORTATION JULY 11 & AUGUST 8**

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