



Camp Gan Israel of the Valley

Summer 2020

Parent Handbook Addendum

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.

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 is an addendum to the Parent Handbook, which can be found on our website.

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,

Rabbi Nachman & Elkie Abend
Directors

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

- For the safety of our campers and staff, ***PARENTS MUST REMAIN IN THE CAR DURING PICKUP AND DROPOFF.*** 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.
- Temperature screenings will be conducted via an infrared touchless thermometer. Any child with a temperature of **99.5** or above will be sent home.
- 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 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.

Masks

- All staff will be wearing masks as often as possible, especially during times that they are in close proximity to the children.
- 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

Bunk size will be under the recommended size:

- Up to 12 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; for young children, and as much as possible for older children.
- 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:

- All staff will wear masks.
- There will be separation between bunks.

Sanitizing

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

- Each camper will be provided with individually boxed lunches. In addition, each camper will be provided with individually wrapped snacks and water bottles.
- 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.
- Cooking and baking activities will be done less often and with extra precautions.

Staff

- All staff will be local, from the greater Los Angeles County area.
- All staff will be trained on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.

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 _____