

Parent/Camper Handbook



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A Message from The Director

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to welcome you to Camp Gan Izzy for the summer of 2016.

All the staff are looking forward to another very wonderful and fun filled summer. We worked very hard the last few months planning a spectacular program which will surely live up to the wonderful reputation of our camp.

I am pleased to share with you this handbook which details some of the information which will help you prepare your child for a great summer with us.

If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the staff listed below.

Please note: There will be a **Parent Information & Orientation meeting on Thursday, June 23, 7:30pm, at Chabad.** At this meeting you will get to meet most of the staff, find out which bunk your child will be in, and receive many details about our camp program. Parents' attendance at this meeting will help facilitate a smooth and organized camp launch.

I look forward to a wonderful experience with you and your family.

All the best,

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2016 Parent Information

Parent Orientation:

Thursday, June 23, 7:30 PM at Chabad, 10180 Jones Bridge Road, Johns Creek.

The Parent orientation meeting will include:

- A review of basic information regarding our camp program, schedule, special events etc.
- You will receive your child's T-shirt and will be able to purchase additional T-shirts as well.
- You will also meet one of our head counselors and find out the bunk your child will be in.

Please have at least one parent attend the meeting regardless of the week/weeks your child will be attending camp.

Drop Off & Pick Up:

Camp begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm. Please drop off and pick up your child on time to help our schedule run smoothly.

The carpool drop-off line in the morning begins at 8:45am.

The carpool pickup line in the afternoon begins at 2:45pm for families with last names beginning letters A – L carpool, and 2:55pm for families with last names beginning M - Z.

Safety notice: Please follow the instructions of the carpool monitor with regard to driving in and out of the property. Please take extra special care to make sure and stop at the stop sign on the way out of Chabad.

Extended care:

There is an extended care service available for a nominal fee, where you can drop off your children one hour early and pick them up one hour late.

For campers who are signed up for extended care:
Morning extended care begins at 8:00 AM.

Afternoon extended care ends at 4:00 PM sharp.

(Please contact our main office if you are interested in signing your child up for extended care.)

Wellness:

If your child complains of not feeling well we will contact you to evaluate whether or not they should be picked up and taken home.

Carpooling

If your child will be carpooling with another family please email Kim at the office to authorize your child to go home with another family.

Lunch & Snack:

- Please send a Kosher lunch (Meat or dairy) with your child every day.
 - **Do not send any food with peanuts/tree nuts (or made with peanut/tree nut oil) in the ingredient list. We have campers with life threatening allergies.**
 - We cannot refrigerate lunches.
 - You may send insulated lunch boxes, ice packs etc. if you choose.
 - On trip days, please send only disposable containers and bags. We cannot be responsible for anything that is not disposable.
 - At camp, we will provide drinks and small snacks throughout the day, in addition to the lunches and snacks that you will send.
- For help with finding Kosher food please visit the camp website www.cginf.com.

To ensure the safety of all our children, we do not allow the children to share lunch or snacks. If your child has any allergies or other important medical issues, please be sure to discuss it with the director, a head counselor and your child's counselor (in addition to noting it in the medical form).

Swimming:

- The swimming activity is done at our on-site swimming pool. The children usually swim every day other than "full-day" trip days.
- Children going into Kindergarten and younger will be swimming in our splash-pad/wading pool.
- Our pool will be staffed by professional life guards at all times. Life jackets will be required to be worn by children who can't swim. Life jackets will be available for use at our pool. Children will only be able to swim in the regular pool if the life guards feel they can swim.
- On every swimming day, campers must come to camp with a bag containing a bathing suit, towel, water shoes or flip flops/slippers, sunscreen, and any water toys or accessories that your child may need. Please label all of your child's belongings. (All campers will receive a complimentary Camp Gan Izzy tote.)

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Field Trips:

We will be going on field trips twice a week. Cost of the trips is included in the camp tuition.

- Children should not bring spending money, electronics (including cellphones, PSPs, iPods, expensive toys, gadgets etc.) or any other valuables on field trips.
- There are several trips that require parents to sign a waiver before the children can participate. All the waivers can be found on our website at www.cginf.com/forms.
- We will be placing a safety wristband on your child's hand when we go on trips. The wristband will list the name of the camp and some emergency contact numbers. You can take off the wristband when they get home.
- Every child must wear a camp T-shirt on all trip days.
- On trip days, please send lunches only in disposable bags or containers.

Certain field trips may require additional supervision in which case we will ask for parent volunteers to chaperone. Parent chaperones will need to provide their own transportation to and from the trip locations.

Camp T-Shirts:

Every registered camper will receive one complimentary camp T-shirt. Additional T-shirts can be purchased from the camp office for \$7.00 (subject to availability).

Dress Code:

- All boys are required to wear a Kippah or cap during camp.
- All campers should wear clothing that is appropriate for play. Children will be playing outdoor sports, sometimes using paints, water etc. Please dress your child accordingly.
- Each child must have sunscreen.

All clothing, personal items and swim bags should be labeled with your child's name.

Important note: Please do not send your child to camp in slides or flip-flops. They prevent the children from being able to participate in sports or other activities and can cause foot injuries. Additionally, some of our field trips require that the children wear proper closed shoes.

Bunk Groups:

All campers will be placed in a bunk with other children of their age and grade. We will try our best to honor all requests for bunkmates that were made on the registration forms.

Family days:

Family fun BBQ, Carnival & Goodbye Party - Thursday, July 28, 5:30 PM.

All campers and their families are invited to join the CGI family for our annual grand good-bye party, marking the end of a great fun-filled, awesome summer! We will have a delicious BBQ with all the fixings as well as other refreshments. The children will all get to have loads of fun at our super carnival with carnival games and entertainment.

Daily Album:

During camp, you can log on to our website at www.cginf.com/photos every day after 5pm to view a photo album of that day's activities at camp. You can purchase any of the pictures directly from the website.

Staff Appreciation:

Our staff puts in a lot of work before, during and after camp hours to ensure that your child will have an unforgettable camp experience. Please be sure to show your appreciation to them. Tips & gifts would be a great way to express your thanks to our staff.

Kiddie Camp at Gan Izzy:

Our Kiddie Camp Bunk will not be going on field trips. Kiddie camp hours are from 9:00 – 1:30. We do offer extended care until 3:00 (at the same rate as the regular camp). Please call our office for details. Our Kiddie Camp will be eating lunch during camp hours so please send along a lunch with your child. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Our Kiddie Camp will be swimming in our splash pad/wading pool. Please read above for details about swimming.