

PARENT HANDBOOK CGI Detroit 5769 - 2009

Welcome to our 5769-2009 camp family! We know you must be eagerly awaiting more details about camp. We have already enjoyed speaking with many of you over the phone, and look forward to greeting each of your children personally. We are planning a successful summer filled with a Yiddishe and Chassidishe ruach for them.

The following are camp guidelines that must be followed, in order to properly ensure your child's successful summer.

Communication before camp

If you have any questions, concerns, or input about your child, for girls, please email us at: LeahLevin@CGIDetroit.com or call: 704 910 2020. For boys please email us at: YisroelLevin@cgidetroit.com or call: 704 910 2020. From June 28th and on we can be reached at the camp office 231 258 1353.

Additionally please check our website www.cgidetroit.com and click on registration to add or update any pertinent information about your child. Remember the more you share with us the stronger our partnership can be in ensuring the best possible summer for each individual camper. If you have any changes to your child's bunk request please contact us at least two weeks before camp begin, otherwise it will be very difficult to accommodate your request.

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| Camp Director | Rabbi Moshe Shemtov Mrs Shoshana Lifshitz | MShemtov@Shluchim.org Camp@CGIDetroit.com |
| Oak Park Boys Program | Rabbi Mendel Gottlieb | MendelGottlieb@juno.com |
| Head Counselors | Boys | Boys@CGIDetroit.com |
| Head Counselors | Girs | Girls@CGIDetroit.com |
| Head Counselors | Pioneers | Pioneers@CGIDetroit.com |

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| Registration: | Mrs Estie Greenberg | 248 242 5348 | Registration@CGIDetroit.com |
| Transportation: | Mrs Chani Scheiner | 248 968 1433 | Transportation@CGIDetroit.com |

1. Planning for the trip

Please make sure to send these items with your child for their trip to camp:

- A sweatshirt or light jacket.
- Dramamine, if needed.
- Plenty of healthy snacks, sandwiches, and drinks, enough to hold your child until supper in camp at 7:00 p.m.

2. Packing

- Clearly label all clothing (and anything else you bring to camp) with sew-on name tags or permanent marker. (Please note that we have a link for inexpensive iron-on labels on our camp website for www.labelyourstuff.com/ironon.htm).
- Please make a complete list of everything your child brings to camp. Tape this list to the inside of your child's suitcase or duffle bag. It will be easier for your child to pack to go home if he/she knows how many towels, shirts, bathing suits, etc. to look for. Duffel bags are preferable as they are not readily damaged and are easier to store.
- Please ensure that your child does not bring anything inappropriate to camp. This includes magazines, books, and music that do not fit in with the atmosphere of the Rebbe's camp. Inappropriate items that are brought to camp WILL be confiscated and not returned.
- Past experience has shown certain items to be detrimental, disturbing, and even dangerous to camp and its campers. These include knives, lighters, matches, Super Soaker water guns, fire works etc. It is imperative that any such items not be brought to camp. The head counselors WILL confiscate these items, and they will not be returned.
- The children should be discouraged from packing expensive or valuable items (such as digital cameras and iPods) since they could get lost, damaged or stolen. Camp cannot assume responsibility for them.
- Cell phones, laptops, DVD players, radios, walkie talkies and the like are not allowed in camp. iPods will only be allowed with appropriate Jewish music. If a camper is found with one of these items, it will be confiscated and NOT returned.
- If you will be sending a cell phone with your child for travel, they will need to be handed in as soon as your child arrives in camp. In addition you need to let us know in ADVANCE by emailing us at the Email Addresses Above.
- All money and valuables brought to camp MUST be handed in to your child's counselor on the FIRST day of camp. Camp cannot be responsible otherwise.

- We will make a reasonable effort to return lost items. However, any items that remain in camp at the end of the season will be disposed of at our discretion. We will **ONLY** be able to return items clearly identifiable with your child's name, and that are of some value.

3. Luggage

Luggage must be limited to one suitcase and one duffle bag **without wheels**. No liquid, i.e. water bottles, will be allowed to be stored under the bus due to past experience with water damage to luggage and due to limited space.



In this envelope you have received Luggage tags for your child. It is very important that you attach it to your child's luggage so that he/she receives their proper luggage. If you're using the same suitcases as last year **MAKE SURE** to take off last year's luggage tags. If not your child's luggage will not end up where it's supposed to be.

4. Medical/Emergencies Information

- If your child has seen a doctor within 48 hours before camp, or is receiving medication, please call the camp health officer before your child arrives in camp.
- All medication should be clearly earmarked and brought to the infirmary on the **FIRST** day of camp.
- If you have indicated in your application that you are sending your child to camp with any type of medication, you should receive a phone call from the health officer before your child arrives in camp. **If you do not hear from the health officer/camp specifically regarding this matter, please be sure to contact camp so we can ensure that no information has been lost in the transfer from home to camp.** Sending the medication is **NOT ENOUGH**. You are **RESPONSIBLE** to speak to the health officer so we can be sure there is absolute clarity in administration of the medication.
- At the end of this handbook, you will find a *Medication Form* that needs to be filled out and sent in the same bag as your child's medication. It is extremely important that this form be filled out completely and sent to camp with your child.
- At the health officers' discretion, a child may be taken to a doctor or the emergency room. Camp will bill you directly for the doctor visit and any medication. You are welcome to take it up privately with your insurance company.
- Please be certain to take your child for a special check-up for nits and lice before leaving for camp. There is nothing more

upsetting to a child than the embarrassment and isolation from camp activities caused by this avoidable condition. Upon arrival at camp, every child will be checked before being allowed to join his bunk. If your child is found with nits or lice you will be charged a \$75 fee to delouse your child.

5. Communication during camp

- The Camp office Phone number in Kalkaska (during camp session only), is: 231 258 1353
- Campers may not receive phone calls.
- Please do not put us in an uncomfortable position by calling the office and asking to speak to your child.
- Of course you are always welcome to call and speak to your child's Counselor, Learning Teacher, a Head Counselor or the Director.
- Your child will get a chance to call home during "Calling Activity" with their bunk twice during the summer. (If they do not reach a family member during calling activity, every effort will be made to give them an alternate time to call).
- Your child will call the first time WITHIN the first ten days of camp.
- Campers can receive faxes, clearly marked on top with the camper's name, sent to: 248 928 7084
- Campers can receive emails clearly marked on top with the camper's name, sent to boycamper@cgidetroit.com, or girlcamper@cgidetroit.com
- Campers can receive mail and packages sent to:
Campers Name
C/O Camp Gan Israel
1450 Lake Valley Road, NE
Kalkaska, MI 49646
- Please check our website www.cgidetroit.com for constant updates and current pictures of the exciting happenings in camp.

Oak Park Boys Program (July 27- August 17)

- Camp Director – **Rabbi Mendel Gottlieb**
- Camp office phone number: 248 542 4844 Ext. 3
- Campers may receive faxes, clearly marked on top with the camper's name, sent to: 248 928 7038
- Campers may receive mail and packages sent to:
Campers Name
C/O Camp Gan Israel
14000 W. 9 Mile Rd.
Oak Park, MI 48237

6. Tznius

In the spirit of the Rebbe's camp, and to instill in the girls a pride in being Bnos Chabad, Tznius rules will be STRICTLY enforced. In order to avoid any complications or embarrassment please send your daughter with the appropriate clothing.

- All skirts should cover the knee well, and have no slits
- All socks should reach the knee
- Clothing should not be tight fitting
- Necklines should not be too open
- Sleeves should cover the elbows
- A swimming robe that meets these standards is needed for coming and going to the lakefront.
- The appropriate sleepwear for girls is a nightgown.

7. Kashrus

Please ensure that all food brought by your child to camp, or sent to them in packages, reaches a high standard of Kashrus. All food must be Cholov Yisroel & Pas Yisroel.

8. Visiting day

- Visiting day for Boys is Sunday July 19th and for the Girls is Sunday, August 9th.
- Visiting day will be from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M City Time.
- To ensure a smooth and successful schedule for your child, we ask that parents please respect these times.
- Any parent or relative who wishes to take a camper off grounds for a short while must get permission from a head counselor and must sign out in the camp office. Please remember to check back in when you return. Campers must be brought back no later than 7:00 P.M City Time
- The speed limit in camp is 15 Miles per hour. There are roads in camp that are one way, and some roads have sharp curves, so please follow the signs and speed limit carefully since children are constantly walking around. Please keep the use of vehicles to a minimum.
- The parking area is in front of the basketball court. Please park in designated areas ONLY.
- We welcome all parents and relatives to use our beautiful grounds, sports fields etc. while you are visiting.
- The lakefront however (which is marked by the Eruv), cannot be used without a lifeguard present.
- If you are bringing any children, KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AT ALL TIMES.

- During camp lunchtime, sandwiches and drinks will be available for sale at a minimum charge. Picnic tables will be set up for your convenience. Please eat in the designated areas as there is no room, unfortunately, in the dining room for visitors.

9. Transportation

Please be sure that you have checked the camp website and fully understand all the details regarding your child's travel arrangements and information.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Chani Scheiner Transportation@CGIDetroit.com 248 968 1433.

10. Parent Shopping Cart



For your convenience Camp offers a "Parent Shopping Cart", where you can prepay your child's canteen money or tips for his/her counselors, learning teachers and waiters/waitresses. You can also use it to purchase cases of bottled water or soda which your child will receive when he/she comes to camp. This can be done with a credit card only, and on our website www.cgidetroit.com.

Please note, each time you make a purchase through the parent shopping cart, you will be charged a transaction fee of \$3.00. To avoid paying multiple fees, please try to make all your purchases at one time.

Shopping Cart Deadlines:

Please note the different deadlines for the Parent Shopping Cart:

Boys Camp: Water bottles/Soda *June 26*, Canteen *July 23*, Tips *July 22*.

Girls Camp: Water bottles/Soda *July 24*, Canteen *August 20*, Tips *August 19*

Canteen

Camp has a canteen which sells snacks and drinks. The canteen is open everyday. The suggested amount for the canteen is \$25-\$50 per child for the camp season. Please send along money with your child to spend in the canteen. You can prepay your child's canteen, or purchase cases of bottled water or soda which your child will receive when they come to camp. *(Please see Above Parent Shopping Cart deadlines)*

If your son will be attending the Oak Park boys program (July 27- August 17), please make sure that he has separate canteen money for this Program.

Tips

It is customary for campers to tip their counselors, teachers and waiters/waitresses, for taking care of them during the summer. If you prefer, you can send this money along with your son/daughter to be given to the office, and the office will distribute accordingly. You can prepay for tips for counselors, learning teachers and waiters/waitresses. *(Please see Above Parent Shopping Cart deadlines).*

Please keep in mind that if your son will be attending the Oak Park boys program (July 27- August 17), he will have a separate counselor learning teacher and waiter.

This facility is operated in accordance with USDA policy, which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, age, sex, handicap or national origin. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

SUGGESTED OUTFIT AND SUPPLIES

Bedding

- 3 Blankets or 1 Sleeping bag and 1 Blanket
- 1 Pillow
- 4 Sheets
- 3 Pillowcases

Toilet Articles

- 1 Comb and Brush
- 1 Nail Cutter
- 2 Bars Soap & Container
- 1 Toothbrush, Paste
- 1 Box of tissues or handkerchiefs
- 1 Laundry bag
- 1 Bottle of shampoo

For Girls

Clothing - Weekdays

- 12 Panties
- 12 Undershirts
- 10 Skirts and/or jumpers
- 10 Shirts or blouses
- 12 Pairs of Knee socks
- 2 Heavy sweaters or sweatshirts
- 1 Jacket
- 1 Pair of sneakers
- 1 Sun Hat
- 1 Pair of slippers
- 2 Summer Nightgowns
- 2 Winter Flannel Nightgowns

For Shabbos

- 4 Dresses
- 1 Pair of dress shoes

For swimming & bathing

- 2 Bathing suits
- 1 Bathing cap
- 1 Bathrobe
- 1 Pair of bathing shoes – that can be worn with Socks
- 4 Towels
- 2 Washcloths

Miscellaneous

- Flashlight (extra batteries) - clearly marked with name
- Stationery & Envelopes (pre addressed for younger campers)
- Stamps & Pen
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Calling card or 800
- Raincoat
- Disposable Camera (Optional) - Clearly marked with name

For Boys

Clothing - Weekdays

- 12 Undershirts
- 12 Under shorts
- 8 Pairs of Pants
- 3 Pairs of Tzitzis
- 12 Pairs of socks
- 10 Polo shirts or sport shirts
- 1 Pair of sneakers
- 2 Yarmulkes
- 1 Cap or baseball hat
- 2 Heavy sweaters or sweatshirts
- 1 Jacket
- 3 Pairs warm pajamas
- 1 Pair of slippers

For Shabbos

- 4 Dress Shirts
- 1 Hat (boys over 13)
- 1 Suit or dress outfit

For swimming & bathing

- 2 Pairs of bathing trunks
- 1 Pair of bathing shoes
- 1 Bathrobe
- 4 Towels
- 2 Washcloths

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