



# Junior Gan Israel Day Camp

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## Information About Camp for Parents

### Location

Camp is located at the Arie Crown Hebrew Day School, 4600 Main St., Skokie, IL, 60076, two blocks east of Skokie Blvd.

### Dates and Hours

Camp is in session Monday through Friday, June 28 – August 6. First session begins June 28; second session begins July 19. There is no camp on Monday, July 5. Expanding Horizon hours are 9:30 - 1:00, or 9:30 - 3:30 if your child attends the Afternoon Enrichment Program. Bright Beginnings hours are either 9:30 - 12:00 or 9:30 - 1:00 as per your choice, or 9:30 - 3:30 if your child attends the Afternoon Enrichment Program. Early drop-off or late pick-up is available if arranged in advance.

### Orientation

To help your child adjust to camp, there will be an Orientation Session which you can attend with your child. It will be held at camp, on Sunday, June 27, from 11:00 - noon. This will provide your child with the opportunity to get acquainted with our facilities and staff. We strongly encourage you to bring your child, even if he has been to camp before.

Please bring your child without siblings, so that he will gain the most from the Orientation, and the room will not get crowded.

If your child has particular needs, or if there are any issues that call for in-depth discussion, please email or phone your child's Division Head. We want to talk with you, but during Orientation there will not be time for long conversations.

If your child will be attending the Afternoon Enrichment Program, be sure to visit both your child's morning and afternoon rooms.

If this is your child's first experience in camp and the Sunday Orientation does not allow sufficient time to acclimate your child, please contact your child's Division Head to schedule an additional session. At starting time on the first day of camp we ask all parents to please leave.

If your child will be attending second session only, please contact your child's Division Head to schedule a visit before your child's first day.

### Please provide your child with the following:

- 1) Shoes that can be put on and taken off easily, preferably slip on or Velcro. No Crocs or flip flops are to be worn in camp, please.
- 2) A change of clothing and a spare facemask, in a zip-lock bag, labeled clearly with your child's name, to be left in camp.
- 3) A picture of your child to help identify his cubby
- 4) If your child is not toilet trained - a package of diapers and a package of swim diapers, with your child's name on both packages
- 5) Boys over the age of 3 are encouraged to wear kippot and tzitzit.
- 6) A coin for tzedakah each day. Your child can have this in his pocket or taped to his shirt.
- 7) If your child is attending Afternoon Enrichment, please also provide a picture, a complete change of clothing and a spare facemask in a zip-lock bag, and diapers if needed, for your child's Afternoon Enrichment room.

Please bring to the Orientation all items that are to be left in camp so that everything will be ready for the first day.

Everything that your child brings to camp must be clearly and accurately labeled, e.g. facemasks, kippot, hats, jackets, towels, bathing suits, etc. Please do not send any unnecessary or valuable items to camp as things do get lost.

Please put waterproof sunscreen on your child before sending him to camp in the morning

### Water Activities

Please provide your child with: a bathing suit, a towel or a terry cloth robe (but not both), and water shoes or water socks. Flip flops, Crocs, and most sandals cannot be worn for water play, as they do not stay on when the children go in the water and are therefore highly likely to get lost. If you want your child well covered, provide your child with a swim shirt or a full body swim suit (or swim dress), but not a cotton tee shirt. Please provide swim things and a back-pack that are clearly labeled, and easily recognized by your child.

Bright Beginnings campers need swim gear for water play daily. Expanding Horizon campers need swim gear on days that are marked as Water Wonderland days on the Expanding Horizons calendar.

### Lunch, Snacks and Drinks

All campers are provided with morning snacks and full catered lunches. Afternoon Enrichment campers receive afternoon snacks. Drinks are provided throughout the day. There is no need for you to send any food with your child. If you choose to send food from home, please note: Food must be in a clearly labeled bag or lunch box. Send food that will remain fresh at room temperature. Food must be kosher. Please consult the camp menu, and do not send meat foods on days that dairy is served at camp, and do not send dairy on days that meat foods are served.

### Accommodating Children with Food Allergies

If your child is gluten or lactose intolerant, special lunches can be provided, by prior arrangement only. If your child has other allergies, please give Zeesy Posner details so that accommodations can be made. Our camp is a nut free zone. Please do not send your child to camp with foods that contain any kind of nuts, including peanut butter.

### Birthday Celebrations

If you would wish to celebrate your child's birthday in camp, contact your child's Division Head.

### Lice

Campers are screened for lice on their first day of camp. You can avoid surprises and missing the first days of camp, by having your child checked in advance. Please contact Mrs. Zeesy Posner for the name of a qualified lice checker with whom you can schedule an appointment.

If you find that your child has nits or lice before or during the summer, it is imperative that you notify Mrs. Zeesy Posner immediately. More details on the camp's lice policy is found on the website.

### Privacy

We post pictures and videos of campers on our website and on our Facebook page and use some images of campers in our promotional materials. Of course, no names are used. If you object to having your child's image seen, please notify Mrs. Zeesy Posner.

### Contacting Camp

You may contact Mrs. Zeesy Posner via email [ZeesyPosner@JuniorGanIsrael.org](mailto:ZeesyPosner@JuniorGanIsrael.org), at our office at (847) 677-1770 x 1, or via cell at (847) 452-7770.

Your child's Division Head may be contacted via email or by phone - her email address and telephone number are listed on the Division List.

## Keeping Our Children Safe and Healthy Policies

We offer camp this summer with the utmost care for the health of our campers, families, staff and the community. We are in adherence to the directives of the Skokie Health Department, as they relate to our program.

Facemasks are not required for those who are vaccinated, whether indoors or outdoors.

Campers (and staff or visitors who are not vaccinated) are required to wear facemasks while indoors or on a bus. Facemasks may be removed for eating and drinking. Facemasks are not allowed during water-play.

Campers are to come to camp masked, with a spare facemask to be kept at camp with their extra clothing.

Campers (and staff and visitors who are not vaccinated) are not required to wear facemasks outdoors when social distancing is consistently attainable. They should wear masks outdoors when social distancing is not consistently attainable.

Campers and staff wash or sanitize hands upon arrival, before eating and throughout the day as appropriate.

Parents of campers are requested to confirm that their unvaccinated children are symptom and exposure free each morning before 9:00AM, as per the email that will be sent early each camp-day morning.

Camp divisions, AKA "pods," remain separate as much as possible.

Activities are outdoors as much as possible.

Parents are not to bring children to camp, and staff members are not to come to camp, if experiencing any of these symptoms: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

If a camper displays any of the above symptoms during camp, a parent needs to take the child home. Parents are not to bring children to camp, and staff members are not to return to camp, until symptom-free for 24 hours.

If a camper or staff member is exposed to, or diagnosed with Covid, Zeesy Posner needs to be notified immediately, at 847-452-7770. Camp will notify the Skokie Health Department to help determine best practices, and families of individuals who were in close contact with the Covid positive person will be notified.

## Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

### Arrival

Please bring your child no earlier than 9:25 and no later than 9:40 each morning. We request that you not remain beyond 9:45.

### Dropping off your Child at Camp Option One

You are welcome to escort your child into the building and into his room.

Please use the entrance into the wing of the building that we are using for camp, which is on the north side of the building, west of the Kenton St. parking lot and facing the parking lot. There will be a sign marking that entrance as the camp entrance.

We are reserving the sides of Kenton St. alongside of the building, and the Kenton St. parking lot, for parents who wish to escort their children into their rooms in the mornings. Even though it is legal to park on Elm Terrace, please do not ever park there.

### Dropping off your Child at Camp Option Two

Alternatively, we can greet your child at your car and escort him into his camp room for you. To take advantage of this service, please park on Main Street, in front of the building. Please pull up as far as you can. For this service only, and only during drop-off time, we use the main entrance into the building. We will have counselors standing by and ready to escort your child from your car 9:25 – 9:40.

### Arriving at a Time that is Not Drop-off or Pick-up Time

If, for any reason, you arrive at a time that is not drop-off or pick-up time, phone us at 847-452-7770, and a staff person will greet you at the camp entrance and let you in. Please do *not* go to the main ACHDS entrance.

### Dismissal

Campers are ready for pickup at 11:55 for 12:00 dismissal, at 12:55 for 1:00, and at 3:25 for 3:30 dismissal. There is a charge for unscheduled late pick-ups.

At dismissal time, your child will be waiting for you in the fenced-in area on the Kenton St. side of the building. If it is raining, your child will be waiting for you inside the camp entrance.

### Picking Up from Camp Option One

If you wish to leave your car to pick up your child, please park on the east side of Kenton St. or on Main St. and walk over to where we are waiting.

The parking lot on the Kenton St. side of the building will not be available to camp parents during pick-up times. Even though it is legal to park on Elm Terrace, please do not ever park there.

### Picking Up from Camp Option Two

Alternatively, we can bring your child to your car. We will have counselors on hand to bring your child to your car 11:55 – 12:05, 12:55 – 1:05, and 3:25 – 3:35.

During pick-up time, we are reserving the area on the west side of Kenton St. for parents utilizing this service.

To enter the pick-up line, from Main St., turn north onto Kilpatrick on the west side of the school building. Follow Elm Terrace around as it becomes Kenton, and pull into the pick-up line.

### Skokie Police-Enforced Traffic Rules

- Do not park blocking the bike lane on Main St.
- Do not park within a foot of driveways.
- Do not park in front of hydrants.
- Do not park where there are No Parking signs.
- Do not double-park.
- Do not park more than a foot from the curb.
- Do not exceed the speed limit of 25 MPH in the area.
- Do not make U turns.
- Do not park against the flow of traffic.
- When in a school zone, do not use your phone.
- When parked curbside, children must enter and exit the car via the sidewalk side of the car only.