

Location

Camp is located at the Dawes Elementary School, 440 Dodge Ave., Evanston, 60202, at the southwest corner of Dodge (AKA California) and Oakton.

Dates and Hours

Camp is in session Monday through Friday, June 27 – August 5. First session begins June 27; second session begins July 18. There is no camp on Monday, July 4. 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 9:30 – noon or 1:00, or 3:30 if your child attends the Afternoon Enrichment Program.

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 26, 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.

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 your child's Afternoon Enrichment room is not the same one as his morning room. (Some full-day campers will be in one room the entire day, and some will switch rooms for Afternoon Enrichment.)

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, you are welcome to contact your child's Division Head to schedule a visit before your child's first day.

Carpooling and Camp-Provided Transportation

Please help reduce traffic congestion by carpooling or utilizing camp-provided transportation. If you are not utilizing camp-provided transportation, please fill out the Pickup Information Form completely and accurately, and give it to your child's Division Head at the Orientation. You can also fill this out online on our website under Register/Forms. Camp-provided transportation to and from camp is available for a fee and by prior arrangement only.

Arrival

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

When bringing your child to camp, please escort your child into the building and into his camp room.

Alternatively, we can take your camper out of your car and escort him into his camp room for you. During drop-off time, we are reserving the area in the drive that is by the entrance to camp for parents utilizing this service. We will have counselors on hand to meet you at your car and escort children into their camp rooms, 9:25 – 9:40 each morning.

If you come at a time that is not drop-off time or pick-up time and the door is locked, you may call our cell phone and a camp staff person will let you in.

Dismissal

Please pick up your child promptly at 12:00, 1:00 or 3:30. Doors open 5 minutes before dismissal. There is a charge for unscheduled late pick-ups. Your camper will be waiting for you to pick him up inside the camp building.

Alternatively, we can bring your camper to your car. During pick-up time, we are reserving the area in the drive that is by the entrance to camp for parents utilizing this service. We will have counselors on hand to bring your camper to your car 12:55 – 1:05, and 3:25 – 3:35

Parking & Driving

Parking is available in the lot in front of the building, in the lot on the northwest side of the building off of Oakton St., and curbside on the north side of Oakton and on both sides of Dodge. Please keep the following in mind when dropping off and picking up children:

- When parking curbside, children must enter and exit the car via the sidewalk side of the car only.
- When parking, exiting and entering your car, be careful not to disrupt the flow of traffic.
- Please respect all traffic rules.

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) Gym shoes (not sandals) when your child is scheduled for Sports or Gymnastics.
- 3) A change of clothing in a zip-lock bag, labeled clearly with your child's name, to be left in camp
- 4) A picture of your child to help identify his cubby

5) 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

6) Boys over the age of 3 are encouraged to wear kippot and tzitzit.

7) A coin for Tzedakah each day. Your child can have this in his pocket or taped to his shirt.

8) For Expanding Horizons campers attending Afternoon Enrichment who are in two separate rooms each day, please also provide a picture, a complete change of clothing, and diapers (if necessary) 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. 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.

Swimming

Please provide your child with: a bathing suit, a towel or a terry cloth robe (but not both), and water shoes (or water socks). Expanding Horizons campers need water shoes that can be worn on the bus to Oakton Water Playground, in the water, and then on the bus back to camp. Flip flops, Crocs, and most sandals cannot be worn to the pool, as they do not stay on when the children go in the water. If you want your child well covered while swimming, 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 daily for water play at camp.

Expanding Horizons campers go to Oakton Water Playground for private swim time. In addition, Expanding Horizons campers enjoy our Water Wonderland at camp. The Expanding Horizons calendar tells you which days your camper needs swim gear at camp.

Snacks and Drinks

All campers are provided with morning snacks. Afternoon Enrichment campers receive afternoon snacks. Water is provided throughout the day.

Lunches

Unlike previous years, this year we do not have catered lunches sponsored by the State of Illinois. This year, you can purchase lunches prepared by Zelda's Catering for your camper, on the camp website. Alternatively, please send lunches from home for your child. Please note: Food from home must be in a clearly labeled bag or lunch box. Send food that will remain fresh at room temperature. Food must be kosher. For most children, a sandwich and two other food items are sufficient. All children are served water at lunchtime.

Accommodating Children with Food Allergies

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, please contact your child's Division Head.

Sickness

If you suspect that your child has been exposed to Covid or has Covid, please notify Mrs. Zeesy Posner immediately, so that appropriate measures can be taken. Please do not bring your child back to camp until cleared to do so by your medical professional and Mrs. Zeesy Posner.

If you suspect that your child is in any way not well, please do not bring your child back to camp until he is fully well.

If child has had fever or has vomited, please allow 24 hours to pass before bringing your child back to camp.

Before sending your child back to camp after any sickness, please ascertain that his condition is not contagious, and that he is well enough to enjoy camp.

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 at ZeesyPosner@JuniorGanIsrael.org, 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 contact information is listed on the Division List.