



Junior Gan Israel Day Camp

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Information About Camp for Parents 2025

Location

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

Dates and Hours

Camp is in session Monday through Friday, June 23 – August 1. First session begins June 23; second session begins July 14. There is no camp on Friday, July 4. Bright Beginnings hours are 9:30 – noon or 1:00, or 3:30 if your child attends the Afternoon Enrichment Program. Expanding Horizon hours are 9:30 - 1:00, or 9:30 - 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 are welcome to attend with your child. It will be held at camp on Sunday, June 22, 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 attended 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 any issues call for in-depth discussion, please email or phone your child's Division Head. We want to speak with you, but during Orientation, there won't be time for lengthy conversations.

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 visit. At the start of camp on the first day, we ask all parents to please leave.

If your child will be attending the second session only, you are welcome to 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) Gym shoes (not sandals) when your Expanding Horizons camper 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 him 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.

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 socks (or water shoes or swim sandals). Expanding Horizons campers need footwear 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 children go in the water and are likely to get lost. If you want your child well covered while swimming, provide your child with a swim shirt or a full-body swimsuit (or swim dress), but not a cotton T-shirt. Please provide swimwear and a backpack that are clearly labeled and easily recognizable 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. It is not necessary to provide your child with a water bottle, as it is likely to get lost, and we serve water to the children throughout the day.

Lunches

You can purchase catered lunches for your child, by prior arrangement only, for 2, 3, or 5 days per week. Alternatively, please send lunches from home for your child. Please note: Food from home must be in a clearly labeled bag or lunchbox. Send food that will remain fresh at room temperature. Food must be kosher. Please include bread in your child's lunch. 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 wish to celebrate your child's birthday in camp, please contact your child's Division Head.

Health

If your child is not feeling well, please do not bring your child to camp. If your child has a fever or has vomited, please allow 24 hours to pass before bringing your child back to camp. Before bringing 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 are found on the website.

Social Media and Privacy

Throughout the summer, we post pictures and videos of camp in action on our website and social media pages. Be sure to follow Facebook.com/JuniorGanIsrael and Instagram.com/JuniorGanIsrael.

We sometimes use images of campers in our promotional materials. Of course, no names are used.

Contacting Camp

You may contact Mrs. Zeesy Posner via email at 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 by email or phone - her information is listed on the Division List.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Arrival

Please bring your child no earlier than 9:25 and no later than 9:40 each morning. We kindly request that you leave by 9:45.

Dropping off your Camper Option One

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

Please use the entrance into the camp's wing of the building, which is on the south side of the building.

Please park in the parking lot on the east (Dodge) side of the building, in the parking lot on the north (Oakton) side of the building, curbside on the east side of Dodge, or curbside on the north side of Oakton.

Curbside parking on the west side of Dodge is reserved for parents using Option Two.

Dropping off your Camper Option Two

Alternatively, we can greet your child at your car. To take advantage of this service, please park on the west side of Dodge in front of the building. Please pull up as close as you can to the crosswalk south of the building at Kirk St. Take your child out of your car, and wait for a counselor to ask you for your child's name and division name, and to escort your child into camp. We will have counselors standing by and ready to escort your child from your car from 9:25 to 9:40.

During drop-off time, we reserve the parking lane curbside on the west side of Dodge for parents using this service.

To enter the drop-off line, from Oakton St., turn right/south on Dodge, and pull into the drop-off line.

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, you may park curbside on Dodge. Please 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 Dawes School entrance.

Dismissal

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

At dismissal time, campers will be waiting in the fenced-in area on the south side of the building. If it is raining, campers will be waiting inside the door in that area.

Picking Up Your Camper Option One

Please park in the parking lot on the east (Dodge) side of the building, in the parking lot on the north (Oakton) side of the building, curbside on the east side of Dodge, or curbside on the north side of Oakton, and walk over to where we are waiting.

Curbside parking on the west side of Dodge is reserved for parents using Option Two.

Picking Up Your Camper Option Two

Alternatively, we can bring your child to your car. Be prepared to give the counselor who comes to your car your child's name and division name. We will have counselors on hand to escort your child to your car from 11:55 to 12:05, 12:55 to 1:05, and 3:25 to 3:35.

During pick-up time, we reserve the parking lane curbside on the west side of Dodge for parents using this service.

To enter the pick-up line, from Oakton St., turn right/south on Dodge, and pull up as close as you can to the crosswalk south of the building at Kirk St.

Please respect all traffic rules, including:

- Do not park where there is a No Parking sign.
- 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.
- When crossing Dodge, cross at the Stop sign only. When crossing Oakton, cross at the traffic light only.
- When parked curbside, children must enter and exit the car via the sidewalk side of the car only.