



Parent's Handbook

Primary Program - Summer 2019

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2019 season of Camp Gan Israel Milwaukee! We are delighted you're joining us, and we hope that you and your children will have a wonderful experience. The counselors and staff at Camp Gan Israel are eager to meet your children. We have many new and exciting programs planned for this year.

CGI is committed to providing a superb day camp experience for Jewish children in the Milwaukee area. We offer outstanding athletic, enrichment, and creative arts programs under the guidance of instructors who are highly qualified in their fields. Family-oriented programs are also a very important aspect of our camp, and we encourage parental participation in these special events.

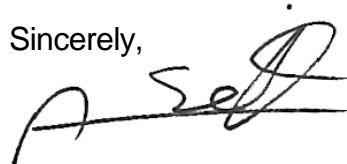
We have the privacy and comfort of a facility that is exclusive to our use. Donges Bay Elementary School offers us access to a wonderful outdoor area with sports field, a fully equipped art room, a gymnasium, a multipurpose room, and kindergarten rooms for our little ones. For swimming, we will have exclusive use of the YMCA John C. Cudahy outdoor pool for campers in K5-2nd grade and the Homestead High School Pool for 3rd grade and up.

We hope this booklet provides you with all the necessary information regarding camp. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to call and discuss them with us any time. Our office number is (414) 228-8372 and my personal cell phone is 414.861.2626.

****Remember – All forms, waivers, and payments for camp must be received by June 3rd. If you haven't already taken care of these items, please do so quickly!**

We are looking forward to an exciting summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Schapiro', written over a horizontal line.

Avremi Schapiro
Director

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CAMP LOCATION

Located at Donges Bay Elementary School, 2401 W Donges Bay Rd in Mequon, the camp has access to the school's cafeteria, gymnasium, sports fields, art rooms, kindergarten rooms, and much more.

DATES AND TIMES

Camp begins on Monday, June 24th, and runs through Friday, August 9th. The summer is split into two sessions: June 24th through July 12th (3 weeks), and July 15th through August 9th (4 weeks). There will be no camp on Thursday, July 4th.

In order for your child to fully benefit from the scope of available courses, we encourage his/her participation in a full session. However, if this is impossible, customized sessions are available.

In addition, this summer there is a lot of construction taking place around town. Please make sure to take this into account when bringing your child(ren) to and from camp. Arriving late to camp may mean that your child(ren) will miss a bus leaving for a trip or swimming.

Camp Gan Israel pick up and drop off will take place at the circle drive off of Donges Bay Rd.

The drop-off area at camp will be supervised beginning at 8:50 until 9:00AM, and pickup from 3:45 until 4:00PM.

Pre-care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and after-care is available from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. should you wish to take advantage of this service. Please see page 6 for more information.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **NEW NUMBER** - Camp Administrative Office: (414) 228-8372
- CGI camp phone: (414) 861-4626
- E-mail: cgi@chabadwi.org; avremi@shulcenter.org
- Web: <http://www.cgimilwaukee.com>

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition fees cover all activities and trips. There is a fee for "optionals" such as late nights and Shabbatons which are billed upon individual participation.

Explorers (Entering K5, 1st, & 2nd Grades)

	3 days per week	5 days per week
First Session	\$625	\$730
Second Session	\$855	\$955
Single Week	\$270	\$280

Trail Blazers (Entering 3rd & 4th Grades)

First Session	\$730
Second Session	\$955
Single Week	\$280

Pioneers (Entering 5th, 6th & 7th Grades)

First Session	\$750
Second Session	\$995
Single Week	\$285 (Week 6 is \$325 due to Grand Trip)

Invoices for children in the Discoverers Program are billed separately (through the Jewish Beginning's office). Please call (414) 962-2444 for more information.

All tuition fees must be paid (or a payment schedule arranged) prior to June 1st, submission of all other necessary forms are due by June 3rd. There are no refunds for cancellations, sick days, etc. If you need to arrange a scholarship or payment plan, you are welcome to do so by calling the camp office.

SAFETY

The camp is fully licensed as a youth camp by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health. All counselors are trained in CPR and First Aid. We strive to maintain counselor/camper ratios that far exceed those mandated by the State. For children entering K5 and first grade, we apply a 1:5 ratio; for children entering second grade, we apply a 1:6 ratio; and for children entering third grade and above, we use a 1:8 ratio. Certified lifeguards and swim instructors (in addition to counselors) supervise swimming and, when on field trips, contact is maintained with the base camp by means of mobile communication.

In case of a medical emergency, G-d forbid, parents (or guardians) and family doctors (listed on the registration papers) will be contacted immediately.

As an extra safety measure, we would like all of the children in Camp Gan Israel to wear a camp t-shirt each day. T-shirts are available all summer for purchase online at www.cgimilwaukee.com. **Buy early and SAVE!** To better prepare our campers, we are offering a discount on our t-shirts if purchased before by **June 6th**. Sale prices of 3 t-shirts for \$10 and 3 long sleeve shirts for \$16 will be available to purchase online and will be provided to campers during orientation. After June 6th, t-shirts will be 3 for \$12 and long sleeve shirts will be 3 for \$18.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND MEDICATION

In order to maximize your child's camp experience and provide proper care, please notify us of any special needs, challenges, or conditions (i.e. social, behavioral). This will allow us to address these needs properly and eliminate unnecessary difficulties. (Please note: this information will be kept confidential.)

The camp has a staff member dedicated to overseeing and administering medication and dealing with health-related concerns. All medication to be administered during camp hours must be clearly marked with camper's name and be provided in its original container. A separate note containing dosage instruction and parent's signature must be sent as well. If you would like to discuss your child's health situation, please call Avremi at the camp office.

SUNSCREEN

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to apply sunscreen on your child in the mornings before camp. Please send a bottle of your preferred sunscreen along with your child for reapplication throughout the day. Sunscreen will be reapplied by counselors at noon and after swimming. In case of emergency, Camp Gan Israel provides Rocky Mountain SPF 30 sunscreen for all campers.

Rocky Mountain Sunscreen is PABA-free, waterproof, hypoallergenic, fragrance-free, non-greasy, moisturizing, and aloe based.

Ingredients – Rocky Mountain SPF 30:

Aloe Barbadensis Leaf Juice, Carbomer, Cetyl Alcohol, Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D), DEA-Cetyl Phosphate, DMDM Hydantoin (and) Iodopropynyl Butylcarbamate, Hydrogenated Polybutene, Retinyl Palmitate (Vitamin A), Stearic Acid, Tocopheryl Acetate (Vitamin E), Triethanolamine, Water.

Active Ingredients – Rocky Mountain SPF 30:

Ethylhexyl p-Methoxycinnamate (Octinoxate), 2-Ethylhexyl Salicylate (Octisalate) Oxybenzone, Homosalate

COMMUNICATION

New This Year! All cell phone numbers submitted during registration will be added into our text message data base. Parents will receive updates, important messages, and reminders on their cell phone. If you do not wish to receive text message updates please e-mail us at cgi@chabadwi.org or reply to the text message with the word STOP.

CGI also invites you to share your feedback, suggestions, or critique regarding any aspect of the camp's program with us. Your input allows us to constantly improve and upgrade our program, and we value it greatly. The counselors fill out daily progress reports for each camper, and the director meets weekly with each counselor to discuss the status of every child. We will attempt to contact you during the camp season to discuss any areas of concern that you may have. Parents and campers can view photos and updates relating to camp activities on our website at www.cgimilwaukee.com.

To assure your child's safety at all times, parents wishing their child to be released during camp to anyone other than themselves or their designee on file must make prior arrangements with the Camp Director or the Camp Manager.

EARLY & AFTER CARE

Extended early and after care is available by making prior arrangements with the camp office. One specific door will be open for morning and after care; please inquire upon registration.

Morning care is available from 7:30 a.m. and after care is available until 5:30 p.m.

When dropping off your child, please make sure to fill out the drop-off notification form with the time of your drop-off and your signature. Extended care fees are \$18 per week for Early Care and \$18 per week for After Care. Combined early and after care is available to campers at a total price of \$36 per week.

You must register for early care or after care with the camp office in advance.

ORIENTATION & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Camp Gan Israel aims to involve the entire family in the camping experience. We have organized several family programming events and look forward to your participation. Please hold the following dates for family programs, with details to follow:

Trail Blazers & Pioneers Camping Overnight at Black Hawk Camp Grounds

(Only campers in the 3rd grade and up will attend this trip and stay overnight)

Trip begins the afternoon of June 27th and ends the afternoon of June 28th (Pick up is at the regular time on June 28th.)

Ledge View Nature Center – Late Night

(Campers entering 3rd – 7th grades)

Monday, July 8th, 5:00 p.m. – Donges Bay Elementary School

Family Picnic

Wednesday, July 10th, 5:30 p.m. – The Shul in Bayside (8825 N. Lake Dr.)

Pickup is at 5:30 p.m. for those not attending the Family Picnic at The Shul

Shabbaton for Girls – Lubavitch House (3109 N. Lake Dr. Milwaukee)

(Girls entering 3rd-7th grades)

Friday, June 12th, 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 13th, 9:30 p.m.

Tubing – Late Night

(Campers entering 3rd – 7th grades)

Wednesday, July 17th - Pickup at 5:00 p.m. – Donges Bay Elementary School

Brewers Game – Late Night

Wednesday, July 24th - Pickup at 4:30 p.m. – Donges Bay Elementary School

Shabbaton for Boys – Lubavitch House (3109 N. Lake Dr. Milwaukee)
(Boys entering 3rd – 7th grades)
Friday, July 26th, 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, July 27th, 9:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Dinner for All Campers and Their Families
Friday, August 2nd, 6:45 p.m. - The Shul in Bayside (8825 N. Lake Dr.)

Great America Trip and Grand Overnight
(Campers entering 5th-7th grades)
The trip begins Wednesday, July 31st and ends August 1st - Pickup at 7:00 p.m. at The Shul (8825 N. Lake Dr, Bayside)

PROGRAMS

Explorers (children entering **K5 – 2nd** Grade)
Carefully designed as a camp-within-a-camp, this division broadens the children's horizons and at the same time is mindful of their age, emotional needs, etc. Our K5 group allows for the "TLC" under which our youngest campers flourish. This division grows with your child, expanding its programming to fit our 1st and 2nd graders' new interests in "big kid" activities as they join the Trail Blazers in many programs.

Trail Blazers (children entering 3rd – 4th Grade)
Our second division is fully integrated into the camp program and benefits from our coaches, swim instructors, artists, specialists, and features longer trips, such as Bay Beach, an overnight camping trip to Lake Geneva, and expanded nature programming.

Pioneers (children entering 5th – 7th Grade)
Campers in this division have the opportunity to participate in our special adventure programming which includes: an overnight camping trip, speed boating, an overnight trip to Great America Amusement Park and many more!

PROGRAMMING: AN OVERVIEW

Our goal is to provide a wide array of sports, swimming, field trips, arts, and educational programs for our campers. Each week generally includes two trip days (such as Action Territory, boating, or ice-skating, etc.) and three swim days. Activities include Weekly Specialty Programs, Sport-of-the-Week, Art-of-the-Week, Clubs, Team & Leadership Games, and other group activities and instructions.

The enclosed calendar provides a glimpse of the exciting activities we have planned for your children. A detailed schedule will be sent home with your child prior to each week of camp.

TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

The camp provides snacks, food, drinks, etc. for all trips. **Please Note: Children should not bring money on trips.** The **only two exceptions** are for the Brewers Game on July 24th and the trip to Great America on July 31st.

Adventure Rock: Our campers entering **5th-7th grade** will spend an afternoon of rock climbing fun at Adventure Rock in Brookfield. Under the close supervision of certified instructors, children will learn climbing basics and feel the thrill of accomplishment after making it to the top of their own mini-Everest.

Above & Beyond Children's Museum: Campers on **K5-2nd grade** will enjoy Sheboygan's own interactive and educational children's museum with over 10,000 square feet of fun on three floors! Their day will be filled enjoying railways, participating in hands on activities in the visual and performing arts, role playing in a market, engaging in interactive games and enjoying the fun and exciting play areas that stimulate their senses.

Bay Beach: For campers in **2nd-4th grade**, this thrilling, full-day trip features a 100 ft. slide, bumper cars, roller coasters, a Ferris wheel and more. Campers in **2nd- 4th grade** will be returning to The Shul at 6:00 p.m.

Bookworm Gardens: Campers in **K5-2nd grade** will enter a world of literature and nature on this whimsical trip to these gardens.

Bowling: All campers will put their hand-eye coordination to the test when they enjoy an afternoon of bowling fun.

Brewer's Game: Campers will cheer on the Brew Crew in Miller Park as they enjoy an exciting Brewers baseball game and see their name highlighted on the scoreboard. Children will return after camp hours with the option of attending a picnic with their families.

Camping Trip at Black Hawk Camp Grounds: All **campers entering 3rd-7th grade** will spend the night and learn outdoor living skills. Activities will include swimming, canoeing, camp fires and more!

Great America: Our campers entering **5th-7th grade** will travel to Great America for an exciting overnight trip. The extended day will be full of rides, shows, and fun, followed by a busy night of fun at the LaQuinta Inn. Extra staff is hired for this day to ensure that children are in small, manageable groups and are properly supervised.

Kite Competition: Campers will construct, decorate, and fly their very own kites as they enjoy a day outdoors with their counselors and friends.

Kohler- Andre State Park: Campers will have the opportunity to hike Wisconsin's home of majestic sand dune and golden beaches. During their hike campers will enjoy the shimmering Lake Michigan water, the whispering pines, wildlife, and more

Lake Geneva: Campers in **3rd-7th grades** will enjoy a day of fun-in-the-sun and splashing around at Lake Geneva. Activities vary based upon age and include swimming, pontoon boating, speed boating and tubing.

Ledgeview Nature Center: Campers in **3rd-7th grades** will venture north to explore 105 acres of wooded ledges and open prairie. They will also enjoy a belly crawl through the caves and quarries lead by a Wisconsin certified Naturalist.

LightSpeed - Go Karts and Lasertag: All campers in will experience the thrill of indoor go-kart racing and the action-packed excitement of laser tag at Lightspeed! With a 10th of a mile go kart track and a 4500 sq. ft. laser tag arena and an arcade – let the fun begin!

Long Lake: A day trip to Long Lake Beach will be full of sunshine, sand castles, and of course, a dip in the water.

Monkey Joe's: Campers in **K5-2nd grade** will venture to the destination for bouncing, sliding, and jumping fun! Campers will have a ball monkeying around the inflatable play area, obstacle courses, and bounce houses.

Ozaukee Sports Center: Boys and girls entering **K5-4th grade** will enjoy mini-golf, inflatables, and more as they venture over to one of Ozaukee's top notch sport centers!

Pirates Hollow Water Park: All campers will enjoy a fun-filled trip **EVERY FRIDAY** where they will zoom down waterslides and splash in the water with their friends. This will be a great day of fun in the sun!

Pontoon Boating: Campers in **K5-2nd grade** will get their feet wet as they paddle around Milwaukee.

Zoo: All campers will have a chance to chatter with the chimps and yak with the yaks during this field trip to Milwaukee's excellent zoo.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

At CGI, we provide opportunities for campers to customize their Camp experience and choose the activity of their choice. This year we have revamped our camp choice activities to allow for longer sessions and bigger projects.

Our K5 children are automatically enrolled into sampling of each of the age-appropriate choices--this form is not required for our K5ers.

CLUBS

Campers will have opportunities to choose from a number of simultaneous, counselor-led activities that include the following:

Cake Decorating: The only thing more exciting than using multiple colored frostings and toppings is eating your own creations.

CGI Book of World Records: Campers will test their limits by trying to break world records! How many apples can you bob for in one minute? How many campers can we get to jump rope all at once?

Face Painting 101: Campers will learn the art of face painting using brushes, washable face paint, jewels, and even glitter! They can practice on paper and then partner up and create wearable art on fellow campers for everyone to enjoy.

Fun Foods: Our CGI campers will create crepes, ice cream cones, and smoothies. Then, enjoy the fruits of your labor by eating the projects!

Intense Sports: If you can't get enough of sports, this is the club for you. We'll do some non-traditional games, a handful of your favorites, and a few surprises.

Israeli Dancing: Kids swing into the steps, rhythm, and music of Israeli dancing.

Jewelry Making: Using an array of glass and other colorful beads, we'll make jewelry fit for a queen.

Lego® Construction: Our campers use our huge array of Legos® to build the projects of their dreams.

Mini-Chefs: Get ready to mix, measure, and create as Shaindy Schapiro leads our budding chefs on a taste bud voyage and culinary adventure!

Painting: Aspiring Picassos are invited to paint to their heart's content. Display your masterpieces for everyone to admire at the all-camp picnic.

Professional Hair Braiding: Learn exotic hair weaving techniques sure to set you apart in a crowd.

Survivor: Test yourself, wacky CGI style...who thinks they can win the "CGI Survivor Challenge?"

ART PROGRAM

Our art program allows campers to nurture their creative spirit while creating works of art to take home and share with their families. This year we are welcoming Ms. Kari Slater as our art teacher.

Mrs. Slater has specialized in and instructed on various mediums of art for over twenty years. She refers to herself as a crafts person and an art enthusiast, not an art teacher, emphasizing her passion for instilling creativity and encouraging every child to develop a passion for art. We welcome her return to Camp Gan Israel, as the art program director, and are looking forward to the unique projects she has planned.

SPORTS PROGRAM

Sport-of-the-Week is a series of sport courses that vary throughout the summer and are given three times during the week. In addition to "Sport-of-the-Week" activities, children participate in outdoor sports several times a week, depending on their age. This year we are welcoming Ms. Hannah Millikovsky as our sports teacher.

NATURE PROGRAMMING

Camp Gan Israel provides superb nature and discovery programs for children of all ages. This adventure-based education program helps children learn to work together to achieve common goals, while allowing individuals to challenge themselves through risk-taking and goal setting.

Archery: Under the guidance of a certified instructor, children learn to use equipment and understand safety methods, proper shooting form, and sighting techniques at CGI's archery range.

Field Days & Hikes: Campers enjoy a host of outdoor activities including scavenger hunts, relay races, and hiking at some of Wisconsin's scenic trails, capped off with delicious BBQs.

Camping: Senior campers learn how to use a compass, pitch a tent, build a campfire, practice their outdoor cooking skills, and how to track trails on our popular overnight.

Plus exciting field trips, clubs, and choice activities: Boating, Hikes, Outdoor Living, and Long Lake (see Trips & Excursions for details).

VALUES & JUDAIC PROGRAMMING

This year's theme will be entitled "Around the Jewish Town" and will focus on the various holidays and special days throughout the year. Children will get to experience many aspects of Jewish life at our virtual town. We will discuss and practice mitzvos that can be done wherever the children go, such as sharing on the playground, honoring the elderly at an old age residence, or welcoming guests into their own homes. Throughout the summer, we will "travel" to various parts of the town, examine what goes on in each area, and try out many of the mitzvos. Some examples of "places" we will visit include the grocery store, the scribe's house, a synagogue, and a school. Learning will be very hands on for our campers and will incorporate activities such as practicing the script for writing a mezuzah and making a shofar. Greater awareness of Jewish life will emerge while having fun in the process.

Shabbatons: Shabbatons are incredible opportunities for campers to forge relationships with their counselors and bunkmates by spending a complete Shabbat (Friday evening until Saturday evening) eating, singing, sharing stories, and much more together.

Friday Night Shabbat Dinner: This is a chance for our campers to share a glimpse of the special spirit, love, and friendship that reigns at CGI with their whole family while enjoying a delicious Shabbat dinner in style and comfort.

SWIMMING

K5-2nd: Swimming Will Take Place Outdoors and All Lessons Will Be Taught By Certified YMCA Instructors! Swimming lessons will take place 2-3 times a week for 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes of free swim. Upon completing swim courses, each participant receives a YMCA card or certificate of accomplishment recognizing the completion of his/her level. Progress reports will be sent home at the end of each session. Your child's progress is very important to us, and we welcome any comments or concerns that you or your child may have.

3rd-7th: Swimming Will Take Place At The Homestead High School Indoor Pool.

Open swim will take place for all campers who are not participating in lessons. Please make sure to send a swimsuit, swim shoes, and towel in a tote or plastic bag with your child every day of camp, unless otherwise noted. Since there are water activities almost every day at CGI, please have all bathing suits and towels marked with permanent ink or labels. **Please note that wet towels and suits should not be left on camp grounds overnight.**

YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Campers are assigned a cubby in which to keep their belongings during camp. Please send along a smock for arts-and-crafts, an extra change of clothing for water activities, and sunscreen (to remain in camp throughout the summer). In order for campers to be able to participate in all activities, it is crucial that they either wear or have a pair of gym shoes at camp.

Many children share the same size and brand of clothing. Please mark all clothing, swim suits, towels, caps, and accessories that your child may bring to camp with a **permanent laundry marker** to avoid loss. Additionally, please make sure all items are kept in a zip-up backpack or bag.

There is a special Lost & Found for lost articles, and it is reviewed every Friday. Please alert us if your child has lost an item. The camp is not responsible for items lost during camp, but we'll do our best to locate them. We strongly urge you not to send expensive items to camp.

LUNCH

Please send your child with a dairy/parve kosher lunch.

Please be informed that we have campers who are fatally allergic to peanuts and ALL tree nuts.

In consideration of the seriousness of this allergy, we are asking that parents refrain from sending any peanut or nut products to camp. We realize that this may be a great inconvenience to you but given the ramifications of an error made we are certain that you will understand the need for this requirement. If your child has difficulty with this type of menu choice, please contact us and we will do our best to resolve this problem.

To assist parents with the daily task of packing lunches, we are offering an affordable Daily Lunch Program. If you wish to participate, you are able to pre-purchase lunches for your camper online at www.cgimilwaukee.com/lunch. A nutritious and delicious lunch menu is offered for campers at the cost \$22.50 per week. To arrange for specific circumstances or individual purchases, please call the office at (414) 228-8372.

TRANSPORTATION

Camp Gan Israel pick up and drop off will take place at the circle drive off of Donges Bay Rd. (on the school's north side).

The drop-off area at camp will be supervised beginning at 8:50 until 9:00AM, and pickup from 3:45 until 4:00PM.

Counselors will escort the children to and from the car. Please be mindful of the fact that many cars will be arriving at once and we need to keep the cars flowing quickly and smoothly without backing up the street.

If you need to discuss an issue with the director or counselor, please park in the parking lot.

If you would like to make a change in your child's transportation routine, such as having them transported by a friend, please send along a note to their counselor.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does my camper find lost items?

Please mark all belongings with your camper's name and bunk. This is very important since shirts are identical and individual items are difficult to identify without a label. Lost & Found items are available each day in the office. Please contact us in writing, by phone, or by e-mail regarding specific items.

How do I arrange to pick up my camper during the camp day?

If you have to pick up your camper during the day, please notify our camp director at 414.861.426 or our office at 414.228.8000. Once we are aware of your arrival time, we can arrange to have your camper ready for you. We cannot release campers without parental permission.

When can I visit my camper?

Camp Gan Israel is open for parental visits every camp day. We suggest that you schedule your visit carefully as your camper may be involved in a field trip or other off-campus activity. All visitors will be directed to the camp office for visitor registration and assistance.

What if my child does not want to participate in a particular activity?

No camper is forced to participate in any activity. However, we do urge campers to try all activities and take advantage of the complete program offered at camp Gan Israel. We appreciate parental input and feedback on this matter.

What does my camper need each day?

Campers should have a change of clothing, art smock, water bottle, sunscreen and gym shoes at the camp at all times. A bathing suit and towel should be sent every day. We supply all sports and safety equipment such as tennis racquets, mouth guards, shin guards, etc. Counselors will apply sunscreen upon request.

Can my camper bring precious items to camp?

Campers should **not** bring jewelry, radios, iPods, expensive toys, cellphones, or any valuables to camp. Camp Gan Israel supplies everything campers may need.

How can I speak with my child's counselor?

A call to the camp office will answer most questions. Since counselors are constantly supervising groups and activities, messages will be taken at the camp office. Please leave your name and evening phone number, and the counselor will return your call as soon as possible.