



# Parent's Handbook

Primary Program - Summer 2021

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2021 season of Camp Gan Israel Milwaukee! We are delighted you are 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.

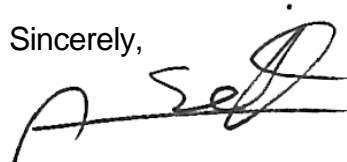
We have the privacy and comfort of a facility that is exclusive to our use. This year's location offers us access to a wonderful outdoor area with sports field, a fully equipped art room, a multipurpose room, and outdoor tents for each bunk. For swimming, we will have exclusive use of a pool at the Rite Hite YMCA for K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the Homestead High School pool for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1st . If you have not 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 2415 W Mequon Rd in Mequon the camp has access to the building, sports fields, art room and much more.

## DATES AND TIMES

Camp begins on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and runs through Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. The summer is split into two sessions: June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup> (3 weeks), and July 12<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup> (4 weeks). There will be no camp on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 back of the camp building. All parents should remain in their cars.

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

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **NEW NUMBER** - Camp Administrative Office: (414) 228-8372
- CGI camp phone: (414) 861-4626
- E-mail: [cgi@chabadwi.org](mailto:cgi@chabadwi.org); [avremi@shulcenter.org](mailto: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.

	<b>Explorers (Entering K5-2nd) 5 Days/Wk</b>	<b>Trail Blazers (Entering Grades 3-4) 5 Days/Wk</b>	<b>Pioneers (Entering Grades 5-7) 5 Days/Wk</b>
<b>1st Session</b>	<b>\$870</b>	<b>\$870</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>2nd Session</b>	<b>\$1,160</b>	<b>\$1,160</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Single Week</b>	<b>\$315</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$325 (Week 7 is \$350 due to Grand Trip.)</b>

**\* A 15% Early Bird Discount Applies for Campers Registered before March 15!**

**\* A 10% Early Bird Discount Applies for Campers Registered before April 15!**

All tuition fees must be paid (or a payment schedule arranged) prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, submission of all other necessary forms are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 the children in Camp Gan Israel to wear a camp t-shirt each day.** T-shirts are available all summer for purchase online on your [parent dashboard](#). To better prepare our campers, we are offering bundles of 3 t-shirts for \$14 and 3 long sleeve shirts for \$20 and will be provided to campers on the first day of camp.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## PROGRAMS

### **Explorers** (children entering **K5 – 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' new interests in "big kid" activities as they join the Trail Blazers in many programs.

### **Trail Blazers** (children entering **3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>** Grade)

Our second division is fully integrated into the camp program and benefits from our coaches, swim instructors, artists, specialists, and features longer trips and expanded nature programming.

### **Pioneers** (children entering **5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** Grade)

Campers in this division have the opportunity to participate in our special adventure programming.

## PROGRAMMING: AN OVERVIEW

Our goal is to provide a wide array of sports, swimming, arts, and educational programs for our campers. Each week generally Weekly Specialty Programs, Sport-of-the-Week, Art-of-the-Week, Clubs, Team & Leadership Games, and other group activities and instructions.

## TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

We hope to incorporate more field trips into our schedule this summer, however, due to the nature of the ever-changing health climate, all field trips are subject to change.

Camp provides snacks, food, drinks, etc. for all trips. **Please Note: Children should not bring money on trips.**

**Action Territory:** Located in Kenosha, Action Territory is one of the Midwest's finest outdoor family entertainment complexes. With eleven acres and a multitude of activities for all ages (go carting, mini golf, Jump basketball, arcades, and obstacle courses).

**Baseball Game with CGI Chicago:** **Boys entering 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will** be meeting neighboring campers from CGI in Chicago in Pleasant Prairie to play a team building, yet competitive game of baseball. A great way to make new friends and enjoy the afternoon!

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

**Bookworm Gardens:** Campers in **K5-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade** will spend the night and learn outdoor living skills. Activities will include swimming, canoeing, camp fires and more!

**Great America:** Our campers entering **5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

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

**Ozaukee Sports Center:** Boys and girls entering **K5-2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**Rockin Jump:** Campers entering **K5 & 1<sup>st</sup> grade** will get in some exercise with a lots of laughs along the way! In fact, campers will soar in open jump arenas, dive into pools of soft foam cubes, play trampoline dodgeball, do flips and somersaults, zip line, and much more!

**Skateland:** All campers will get to zoom around the skating rink with their favorite counselors during this fun, high-action trip.

**SkyZone:** Campers will have a blast as they explore the wall to wall spring-loaded trampolines that will catapult them, their friends, and counselors into the proverbial fun zone. SkyZone – Waukesha is a state-of-the-art jumping facility designed to energize and excite! Campers will catch some air, get some exercise, and jump feet first into a fit and active experience at SkyZone!

**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 such as 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?

**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.

**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.

**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. Esti Yanover as our art teacher.

## 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 Coach Avner Lechter 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.

## VALUES & JUDAIC PROGRAMMING

Our Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. The camp Judaic experience is comprised of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts. This year's theme will be entitled "Walk Through the Jewish Calendar" and will focus on the various holidays and special days throughout the year. Campers will work together to create a calendar masterpiece to keep with them throughout the year, creating pictures and images that will bring their new knowledge to life.

## SWIMMING

**K5-2nd:** Swimming will take place at the Rite Hite YMCA . There will be the opportunity to sign up for optional swimming lessons that will take place 2 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 indoors at Homestead High School.

**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.**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Camp Gan Israel pick up and drop off will take place at the circle drive off of Mequon Rd. (on the building's south side).

When picking up or dropping off a child(ren), please wait outside in your car and a teacher/staff person will assist you. Please note that you may be asked to stagger your arrival/departure times; the program will work this out with you ahead of time. We also ask that you practice "social distancing" (6 feet) at all times.

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

## **COVID-19 POLICIES**

In order to comply with state mandated ratios, and for the health and safety of our staff and campers, we have made some adjustments to camp this summer:

- All campers' parents/guardians must take Covid-19 screening 24 hours before the start of camp and the results of said test must be negative.
- In the event of an outbreak affecting CGI, CGI will follow directions as needed from the CDC — as well as state and local agencies — and may have to comply with camp closure on short notice.
- All campers and staff will have their temperature taken every morning. If a child's temperature is over 100 degrees they will not be allowed into camp until they are fever free for 24 hours.
- If a camper becomes ill while at camp they will be placed away from other campers and staff and must be picked up within one hour of the program contacting the parents.
- Drinking fountains are not recommended at this time. Campers are encouraged to bring their own water bottles labeled with their name from home

## **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 414.228.8372. 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. Due to Covid-19 protocols we ask that you schedule your visit with the camp director. 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.