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DATES AND TIMES

SESSION 1	SESSION 2
June 27-July 15	July 18- August 5

Mini Gan Izzy:

Ages 20 months to 2 1/2 years-9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

Ages 20 months to 4 years-9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Before Care

Monday-Friday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

After Care

Monday-Friday 1:00 pm - 3:30pm or 5:00 p.m.

Camp Gan Izzy:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Camp Gan Izzy Ages 5 to 12

Before Care

Monday-Friday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

After Care

Monday-Friday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Please avoid dropping off your child earlier than 8:50 a.m. or picking up after 1:10 p.m./3:40 p.m.

Late pick-ups are difficult for children and unfair to staff. Please do your best to be prompt.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Camp's Office Manager will be in the office from 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon.

E-mail: campganisraelofsilverspring@gmail.com

Emergency Contact Information:

Mini Gan and Gan Izzy: 301-915-7841

HEALTH AND SAFETY

With a staff/camper ratio of 1:4, we maintain a counselor/camper ratio that far exceeds that mandated by the state. Certified lifeguards (in addition to counselors) supervise swimming and field trips and at least one of the director's accompanies the campers.

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

As an extra safety measure, the camp will provide matching T-shirts for the children on trip days. Trip days are scheduled for Monday (smaller trips) and Wednesday (bigger trips). Mini Gan does not leave campgrounds. We bring the best of fun to camp.

CAMPER RELEASE

Parents wishing to have their child released during camp to anyone other than themselves (or their designated substitute) must make prior arrangements by calling the camp office and speaking with the Office Manager.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND MEDICATION

If your child has any special challenges or conditions (i.e. social, behavioral), please bring them to our attention to allow us to properly address these needs.

All medication to be administered during camp hours must be clearly marked with the camper's name and be provided in its original container. A separate note containing dosage instructions and parent's signature must be sent as well. If you would like to discuss your child's health situation, please call the camp office.

COMMUNICATION

Please share your feedback and suggestions regarding any aspect of the camp's program with us. Your input allows us to constantly improve our program, and we value it greatly. The directors meet weekly with the counselors to discuss the status of each child. We will attempt to contact you during the camp session to discuss any areas of concern we may have.

To see your child in action and review updates regarding schedules and special event, check out our website at www.cgisilverspring.com, updated daily.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

For organization and safety reasons we ask parents of the older division to follow the drop-off procedure. Every car will get a car pass with your child's name on it. Counselors will be waiting to greet the campers and help them out of the car. Pick-up will be done the same way. The counselors will bring the campers to the cars, and we will try to keep the cars moving as swiftly as possible!

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BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Extended before and after care is available by making prior arrangements with the camp office.

The fee is \$4 an hour.

YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Children 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 camp season). 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/sneakers in camp. Please mark all swim gear, accessories, clothing and other belongings with a permanent marker to avoid loss.

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

LUNCH AND SNACKS

Your child should bring a dairy/pareve (non-meat) kosher lunch. Camp will provide snacks twice a day. This year we are offering a nutritious lunch program. (Menu on page 20).

WE ARE PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE

We are a peanut and tree nut free environment. Please do not send your child with any food items that contain peanuts, peanut butter or tree nuts.

GAN ISRAEL DIVISION (AGES 5-12)

PROGRAMMING: AN OVERVIEW

Camp Gan Israel aims to expose the children to the widest array of activities, trips, and educational programs. The daily schedule includes a mixture of sports, swimming, field trips, educational activities and crafts. A week generally comprises two trip days, , three swim days, and Friday specialties.

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 composed of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts.

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Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way. Our high quality staff provides excellent role models for the campers.

Some programs include:

Making a Difference: Children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities; designed to help other people and strengthen the Jewish community, encouraging children to reach out to others. Some activities may include packing clothing for children in Jewish orphanages, creating cards for patients at Children's Hospital and sending Rosh Hashana packages to Jewish soldiers.

Mock Jewish Wedding: One of camp's most anticipated events is the mock wedding. Campers plan, cook and rejoice at the "CGI Wedding."

Chai life Line Swim-a-Thon: Campers get sponsors for the swim-a-thon where they swim laps to raise money so sick children can have a wonderful camp experience in Camp Simcha.

Camp Theme: Every year our head counselors follow a fabulous theme which keeps the children excited and focused on doing good deeds! The theme is incorporated daily with all our camp activities. Children learn about mitzvot, holidays and the importance of giving.

Daily Theme time: Every morning campers enjoy a slot of theme time—this time is the ultimate combination of learning and fun. The children learn the theme of the day in a creative and hands-on way. Whether through a counselor skit, hunt, activity or craft—each day there's a surprise in store.

Shabbat Outreach

Grand Gan Izzy campers will visit seniors every Friday, cheering them up with challah, shabbat songs and their warm smiles!

(Only for Grand Gan Israel-Back by popular demand!)

New for this year!

Gan Izzy's Got Talent

Gan Izzy Talent Show to be presented on stage in Downtown Silver Spring. Campers have opportunity to share their talent and boost their self esteem. Stay tuned for details of this new exciting event.

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE GAN IZZY AGES 5-7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Line up	Line up	Line up	Line up	Line up
Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time
Sports	Camp Activity	Sports	Trip Day	Fun Shop electives
Funshop Elective	Snack	Funshop Elective		Snack
Snack	Trip Day	Snack		Camp Activity
Sports		Sports		Sports
Lunch		Lunch		Lunch
Swimming		Swimming		Swimming
Camp Activity		Camp Activity		Specialty Program
Wrap up	Wrap up	Wrap up		Wrap up

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE SENIOR DIVISION AGES 8-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Sports warm-up	Sports warm-up	Sports warm-up	Sports warm-up	Sports warm-up	
Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time	Davening & Theme Time	
Swimming	Camp Activity	Swimming	Trip Day	Swimming	
snack	Snack	snack		snack	
Camp Activity	Trip Day	Camp Activity		Shabbat Out reach	
Lunch		Lunch		Lunch	
Funshop Elective		Funshop Elective		Funshop Elective	
Sports		Sports		Sports	
Snack		Snack		Snack	
Wrap up		Wrap up		Wrap up	Wrap up

Our Fun Shops give children the opportunity to explore different avenues of projects and activities. Many are new for this year! With our unique Fun Shop Electives, children can choose which Fun Shop to take:

This year we are offering a unique choice schedule.

Every week brings a different element of surprise. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss which funshop they'd like to master each week. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday children will have a designated time each day to master their chosen skill.

Week One

Balloon Twisting

By combining original balloon twisting with high energy entertainment, Katie delivers a balloon entertainment that keeps everyone smiling! No more balloon dogs and swords! Katie's twisted entertainment is unlike any clowning you've seen. She twists FABULOUS balloon animals, wearable's and fun. Campers will not only get instruction on balloon twisting, they will get to take home their creations.

Hello Cupcake

Using ordinary candy and snacks, a few everyday kitchen tools, a little good old fashioned ingenuity, and a dollop of fun, 'hello cupcake' has turned the cake decorating world on it's head with extraordinary cupcake designs that beg the question "is this really a cupcake?"

Tennis

Campers will enjoy this fun sport as they gain skills and confidence. Led by professional sports instructor 'Rozelle' and his team.

Karate

This is an exciting and fun introduction to martial arts. The children will get to explore Karate with various safe, no-contact games and character lessons. Instruction by renowned instructor from 'TK Martial Arts'.

Week Two

Crafts

Campers enjoy a wide variety of crafting projects all summer! CGI counselors spend time working with campers on projects such as: plaster crafts, mezuzahs, candle making, wood clocks, tzedaka boxes, picture frames, kaleidoscopes, birdhouses and more!

Fruit and Veggie Art

Campers will enjoy this hands on funshop with using luscious fruits and veggies to create master pieces! All under the guidance of professional and creative chef-Rachell Goldberg

Mad Science

Our science sessions offer a unique combination of fun and hands-on activities. Group interactions and demonstrations show campers how science is a part of our everyday lives. Activities may include: exploring the properties of heat, gravity, depth and perception and the effects of color and light on our environment.

Basketball

Each day of basketball clinic will have skills development sessions in the morning and plenty of team games throughout the day. Skills include dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, rebounding, and defense. And each player will be assigned a team to play on for the day and throughout the week. There are individual contests each day and of the course we always include the famous "HoopEd Money Shot!"

Week Three

Baruch Hashem

Budding Builders

Do you love Lego building? Well, if you do here's the perfect opportunity under the guidance and advice of 'THE BRIXALOT TEAM'. They will bring to our facility thousands of unique pieces of Lego to have the building experience that you dreamed of!

Cooking

Campers can look forward to good eating and good fun as they enter the wonderful world of culinary delights. They learn about kitchen responsibility, safety and healthy food preparation. The best part is that campers get to sample everything that they prepare!

Art Smart

Campers will enjoy the perfect blend of guidance and creativity under the professional guidance of our art instructor. Classes will include, drawing and painting.

Soccer Clin-

As the children become more experienced they will be taken through more advanced classes and team games. All of the important skills needed to become a good soccer player will be covered through the use of structured games but not boring drills. Each session will also end with a scrimmage with the main emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship.

Week Four

Puppetry

Campers will enjoy this great funshop that will instruct children how to build puppets, sets, props and even music! Children can build hand puppets, rod puppets and shadow puppets. The puppet building workshops are excellent educational tools, teaching kids hand-eye and craft skills, writing concepts, drama and conflict resolution, stage design, social skills like teamwork and role playing and many others.

Magic and Mime

Campers will have an absolute blast with this magic and mime workshop. An opportunity for creativity, a boost of self esteem topped off with loads of fun!

Mosaics

The art of mosaics is detailed oriented and requires children to focus. The results-beautiful and rewarding. Campers will come home with a beautiful mosaic master piece!

Tennis

Campers will enjoy this fun sport as they gain skills and confidence. Led by professional sports instructor 'Rozelle' and his team.

Week Five

Acrobatics

This fun shop will have our campers dancing and moving. Led by professional acrobat instructor, we can assure you they will come home with the most up to date moves and acrobatic trends.

Creative Cookies

Campers will thoroughly enjoy creating and decorating cookies with a creative cutting twist! It won't be the typical 'cookie cutter' that they will come home with!

Ceramics

Through different shaping and glazing techniques, campers are introduced to clay and ceramics. As they apply glazes, their appreciation for colors is also enhanced. Each child shapes and paints their own Judaica treasures to take home and share with the family.

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Wood Working

Campers will enjoy a hands on activity under the supervision of an experienced instructor from Hope Depot.

Using wood, nails and safe tools, this is the ultimate wood working experience.

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Week Two

Baruch Hashem

Chef program

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Leather Crafting

Use traditional leatherworking tools in creating artwork and in making leather products like belts, yarmulkes, purses and key chains. Leather art is a mixed media, combining the sculpting of leather, the use of paint, and the addition of beadwork and other decorations to create the finished piece.

Horseback Riding

No need to go to the stables...the horses come to Gan Izzy! Enjoy this experience on Camp Gan Izzy grounds. Learn horseback riding skills and techniques.

Week Three

You tube Animation

Working as a "crew", kids create their own movie. They learn how to storyboard their ideas, create costumes and props, plan for special effects and act for the camera. They learn how to put it all together and create a finished movie. Camp today... Hollywood tomorrow. Each child takes home a DVD.

Dazzling Beads

Campers will use their creativity to design exquisite master pieces. Each day they will start and complete a piece of jewelry with their choice of beads.

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Week Four

Yoga

Yoga is the perfect blend of relaxation and fun. Brought to Camp Gan Israel by Lisa Finestone-trained and licensed for the popular 'yoga kids'. This funshop will give your child an opportunity to learn yoga poses and have a fun and interactive yoga experience.

Glass Art

Glass etching is the process of abrading or eating areas of shapes or patterns which creates a roughened frosted glass design. The etched areas stand out with its frosted elegant and unique look. The design is elegant because the details that make up the image are nothing but the glass itself. It is one of the most unique arts and crafts. We are please to bring in professional instructors from Weisser Glass!

Tennis

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International Cooking

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Outdoor Survival

Learn all you need to know to live with the world around us, from identifying plants, first aid, pitching a tent, team building and more!

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Gan Izzy Friday Specialties

There's nothing like culminating a fantastic week with the entire Gan Izzy family!

Below are the Friday specialties that we are delighted to have at Gan Izzy.

Parrot show

See those unique and wonderful birds up close and personal! These parrots are talkative and very tame. Parrots are natural performers and will make this a memorable event for our campers.

Acrobatic and Stunt Show

Michael Rosman will astonish our campers with his comedy, acrobats, juggling and fascinating show!

Mr. D's Magic

Mr. Dave of D's Magic provides professional and quality entertainment with over 150 birthday party performances each year. He provides a visual and innovative show that combines comedy magic, illusions choreographed to music, audience participation, and a classic appearance of a live rabbit!

Eric Energy

Eric Energy is the premier science entertainer in the Baltimore/Washington area. With over 12 years of classroom, camp and stage experience, Eric is a master at bringing scientific concepts to young audiences and making learning fun.

Eric Energy offers live, interactive, hands-on science shows that come directly to you. You The wide range of educational topics includes air, matter, sound, electricity and more! A well-trained "wacky" scientist will be your instructor and volunteers from the audience will be used effectively throughout the show.

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WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS IN CAMP

Clothing: Clothes should be comfortable, washable and appropriate for camp activities (sandbox, sitting on the rug, art activities, etc.) Clothes should allow for self-dressing in the bathroom (the independence is great for self-esteem).

Smocks: Please send a smock (marked with your child's name) that will protect your child's clothing to your satisfaction. A waterproof smock with sleeves is best. We use washable art materials whenever possible, but with or without smocks, expect your child's clothes to get dirty!

A complete change of clothing is to be kept in camp: Each item (including socks) should be marked with your child's name. Please send a plastic shoebox size container, marked with your child's name, for storing clothes in camp.

Marked clothing: Clothing especially outdoor wear, should be marked with your child's name.

For toddlers: Toddlers not yet toilet trained should have a supply of diapers and wipes sufficient for several days in camp to be replenished as needed. We do not initiate toilet training, but we will support your efforts as much as possible. State regulations do not allow us to keep potties in camp; we will use step stools where needed.

For hygienic reasons, children who are not toilet trained must have a supply of swim diapers.

Tzedaka: We encourage the children to bring tzedaka (money for charity) every day. A penny or two is fine - the point is to develop a daily habit of sharing. It also helps children associate money with giving and good deeds.

Mitzvah notes: A mitzvah note is a narrative recognizing a child's positive behavior and actions. To enhance the partnership between home and camp, we encourage families to write mitzvah notes. Teachers will often send blank notes in a variety of shapes with a particular classroom theme.

MINI GAN INFORMATION**DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

At morning drop-off, parents must bring their children into camp and sign them in. Campers must be signed out at pick up. If anyone other than the parent will be picking up the child, we must have signed permission from the parent. The adult picking up your child will need to identify themselves by showing the staff a photo I.D.

A NOTE ON GREETINGS

We aim to warmly greet each camper upon their arrival at camp. Because the staff needs to begin programming at 9:05 a.m., campers arriving after this time may not have a counselor ready to greet them immediately. Of course we will ease the camper's transition smoothly, but please try to be on time to avoid a difficult beginning to the day.

CHANGE OF DISMISSAL PLANS

If your child's end of day arrangement is different from the usual, you must give a written note to the Division Head (Do not leave oral messages). This includes changes in carpool arrangements, play dates, etc. Please avoid calling camp during the day with changes, unless it is a true emergency.

BRINGING YOUR CHILD TO CAMP-THE FIRST DAY & BEYOND

Only one adult should accompany the child to their room on the first day to minimize commotion the KISS method - Keep It Short and Sweet. The point to emphasize (we even sing about it) is that "mommies (or daddies or nannies) always come back." Keep in mind that although your presence is reassuring to your child, they often cannot get on with the business of coping and adjusting until you leave. Your child's teacher will work with you to determine the best adjusting style for your child. The "fussing" is almost always over by the time you reach your car, but if you are concerned you can always call camp later just to check. Sometimes we see "fourth-day-itis," which is the type of behavior you associate with the first day, but sometimes it shows up a few days later. Let us know if you see this.

What we recommend, if needed, is the first day to remain with your child up to ½ hour, the second day, fifteen minutes the third, five minutes and the fourth day a kiss and goodbye. The teachers and counselors are there to hug your child and take over; show your child that you trust them and they will feel secure.

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE - MINI GAN IZZY
YOUNGER DIVISION - AGES 2-4

BELOW IS A SAMPLE SCHEDULE. THIS GIVES AN IDEA OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE DAY. TEACHERS WILL ADJUST THE SCHEDULE TO THEIR CAMPERS' NEEDS.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Center time	Center time	Center time	Center time	Center time
Playground	Playground	Playground	Playground	Playground
Circle reading time	Circle reading time	Circle reading time	Circle reading time	Circle reading time
Funfit Movement	Music	Yoga	Dance/Theater	Weekly Special Programs
Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
Outdoor water activities	Outdoor water activities	Outdoor water activities	Outdoor water activities	Outdoor water activities
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Art Soccer for 4's	Cooking/baking	Sports Karate for 4's	Art	Shabbat Celebration
Wrap up	Wrap up	Wrap up	Wrap up	Wrap up

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Mini Gan Izzy Special Programs

Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, special programs and activities, all designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Music

Children will achieve basic music competence while having fun singing, dancing and playing instruments and will learn to sing using rhythmic patterns and musical improvisation. Curriculum includes modern Jewish music and well-known children's songs.

Funfit

Funfit has been keeping kids and families fit in the Washington area for over 20 years. Funfit will conduct their Tots classes at Gan Israel this summer to give your children a complete heart-healthy workout that is disguised as play. Through fun, non-competitive, active games using balls, parachutes and other props, children will build their self-confidence, coordination, muscle tone, develop social and language skills, learn to follow game instructions and enhance cognitive development. Children participate in the activities and move continuously during these full-of-fun Funfit classes.

Yoga

Your child will participate in an innovative yoga program that benefits the entire child; mind, body and spirit. Each session corresponds with the theme of the week! Yoga gives the children an opportunity to relax in a creative way.

Arts and Crafts

The children will have the opportunity to explore their creative side with various activities which include painting, cutting, pasting and creating.

Theater

A FAIRY GODMOTHER brings elaborate costumes (most are hand crafted), small scale scenery, and unusual props to camp, , providing an INTERACTIVE children's theatre entertainment program for our campers.

Water Fun

Campers will have a great time playing with water and water toys. They will have fun running through sprinklers and cooling off in the warm weather.

Karate

This is an exciting and fun introduction to martial arts. The children will get to explore Karate with various safe, no-contact games and character lessons. Instruction by renowned instructor from 'Tk Martial Arts'. (4's Only)

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Mini Gan Izzy Friday Specialties

Petting Zoo

No need to go to the zoo the zoo comes to Gan Izzy! Children get to feed, pet and enjoy freindly farm animals!

Fun Bus

You got it! Fun on a bus...air conditioned bus with gymnastics, tumbling, jumping and great fun.

Eric Energy

Eric Energy is the premier science entertainer in the Baltimore/Washington area. With over 12 years of classroom, camp and stage experience, Eric is a master at bringing scientific concepts to young audiences and making learning fun.

A well-trained "wacky" scientist will be your instructor and volunteers from the audience will be used effectively throughout the show!

Childtime Magic

Magic Show for our special younsters. This show will have our campers at the edge of their seats rolling in laughter!

Mad Science

Interactive science presentation brought to Mini Gan Israel by Mad Science of Greater Washington

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Frequently Asked Questions...

How does my camper find a lost item?

Please mark all belongings with your camper's name and group. This is very important since individual items can be difficult to identify without a label. Lost & Found items are available each day in the cafeteria. Please contact us in writing or by phone 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 office. Once we are aware of your arrival time, we can arrange to have your camper ready for you. Please note that no camper will be released to ANYONE without written 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. We invite all parents to join Friday mornings for our show day or any other special day.

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

No camper will be 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. If any child does not want to participate, the parents and counselors must discuss a plan of action.

Can my camper bring a precious item to camp?

We do not permit your camper to bring jewelry, electronics or, expensive toys to camp. Camp Gan Israel supplies everything campers need.

What does my camper need to bring each day?

Campers only need a bathing suit and towel each day, regardless of the weather. We supply all sports and safety equipment such as tennis racquets and baseball mitts. Please apply sunscreen at home. If you would like more applied during the day, send in the sunscreen marked with your child's name and a note.

How often does my child drink water at camp each day?

At orientation every child will receive a water bottle. Water bottles are kept on camp grounds. Water coolers are set up around the camp. They will be instructed to drink every hour. Bottles will be refilled as needed throughout the day.

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.

How can I speak with a Camp Director?

The director is available to answer your questions and discuss your concerns during the day through the camp office at (301) 593-1117. If the director is unavailable at the time of your call, please leave a message with both your daytime and evening phone numbers and your call will be returned promptly.

Are we obligated to give a tip or gift to our child's counselor?

Although not required, tips or gifts are appreciated. If you wish to do so, here is a general guideline: \$20-\$25 for a junior counselor and \$30-\$40 for a counselor.

How can I become more involved with Camp Gan Israel?

The camp encourages the involvement of "bunk" parents (just like a class parent). If you are interested, please inform the director.

When must campers wear a camp shirt?

We require that all campers wear a Camp Gan Israel shirt on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While on field trips camp shirts distinguish our campers and staff from other visitors and we are instantly recognizable to each other.

How much time do the campers spend outdoors?

Weather permitting, campers will spend lots of time outdoors. A playground is available as well as all fields and courts. Please apply suntan lotion at home prior to camp. In case of rain or extreme heat, campers will have the opportunity to be indoors.

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LUNCH MENU

Monday:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Carrot sticks
- Juice
- Dessert - Fruit Cup



Tuesday:

- Tuna Sandwich
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Tomatoes
- Juice
- Dessert - Whole Fruit



Wednesday:

- Hot dogs in buns
- French Fries
- Cucumber Sticks
- Juice
- Dessert - Whole Fruit



Thursday:

- Fish Sticks
- Corn on the Cob
- Rolls
- Juice
- Dessert - Apple sauce



Friday:

- Pizza
- Pepper Slices
- Juice
- Dessert - Fruit



(prepared by Wrap2Go, LLC)
(pizza prepared by Ben Yehuda Pizzeria)



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