



Camp Gan Israel

Summer 2020

Parent Handbook Addendum

COVID-19 Camp Policies and Procedures

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the upcoming summer at Camp Gan Israel, first and foremost in our minds is the safety and wellbeing of our campers and staff.

The information contained in these pages reflect discussions and consultations with our Camp medical committee and guidance from local, state and federal agencies. We have done our best to provide you with a clear, concise and practical outline of what we have planned for the camp season.

This information and attached acknowledgment of receipt of this packet, is an addendum to the Parent Handbook, which can be found on our website.

Please know that we will be in contact with all relevant agencies to keep up to date with changes that may occur during the summer camp and will share them with you.

With all necessary precautions in place and our vigilance during the summer, we are confident that we could provide your children with an exciting and fun summer experience. Nonetheless, we cannot guarantee that COVID-19 or other illnesses will not occur at camp this summer. No camp can make that guarantee. Please make the best decision for you and your family.

The success of our summer depends upon all families openly and honestly communicating whether anyone in their home has tested positive or even has any related symptoms.

It is ok to contract COVID-19. It can happen to anyone, even if they are adhering to stay-at-home directives and social distancing protocols. Stigma or silence surrounding this is counterproductive. If we’re open and honest with each other, we can keep camp— and the joy that it brings to dozens of families— open all summer.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have over the summer.

With heartfelt prayers for a well-deserved safe, healthy and enjoyable summer for our campers!

Sincerely,

Rochel Teldon

Director

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

GAN IZZY GADOL (rising 1 and up)

Drop off:

Please drop off your child halfway up the circular drive at the steps. If your child is able to get in/out of the car unassisted, allow them to do so. If the child is too young and needs assistance, please open the car door and take your child out. A masked staff member will then take your child from the side of the car. At this time, the camper's temperature will be taken via an infrared touchless thermometer and screened for symptoms. Please do not drive away until it is determined that they are safe to join camp.

Pick Up:

Please pick up your child at the end of the circular driveway, near the back patio. This year, all parents will receive a few placards with the family last name printed on it to be displayed in their car window. Your child will be brought to your car by a masked staff member. Please remain in your car unless the child needs assistance.

GAN GANI CAMP (18m-rising K)

Drop off:

Please park in the parking spots in front of the Preschool building (if full, park in the general parking lot). Open the car door and take your child out. A masked staff member will then take your child from the car. At this time, the camper's temperature will be taken via an infrared touchless thermometer and screened for symptoms. Please do not drive away until it is determined that they are safe to join camp.

Pick Up:

Please park in the parking spots in front of the Preschool building (if full, park in the general parking lot). This year, all parents will receive a few placards with the family last name printed on it to be displayed in their car window. Your child will be brought to your car by a masked staff member. Please help your child in and out of the car, thereby limiting staff contact with your child and the car.

- For the safety of our campers and staff, **PARENTS OR ANY VISITOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING AT ALL.** If you need to speak in person to a staff member, we will come out to you.
- If possible, older people such as grandparents should not pick-up or drop-off children because they are more at risk.

Sick Policy

- Please check your child's temperature at home prior to coming to camp.
- Keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Any child with a temperature of **100.4** or above will be sent home. Temperature screenings will be conducted via an infrared touchless thermometer. Due to the margin of error, any camper with a temperature of **99.5** or above will be retested at arrival via a traditional thermometer with a protective sleeve and again at lunch time.
- Children must be symptom free (without the aid of a fever reducing medication) for 72 hours before returning to camp.
- If your child has an excessive and unusual runny nose, cough or sneeze, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, loss of taste or smell, or any other symptoms typical of COVID-19, we will ask that you pick up your child and keep him/her home for 72 hours. In some cases, a note from your child's doctor will be required for your child to return to camp.
- If your child shows symptoms while at camp, they will be cared for by a staff member in isolation. You will need to pick up your child within 1 hour. The room will then be sanitized and disinfected.
- If you, your spouse or other members of your family have a temperature or are sick, we respectfully request that you keep your child/ren home.

Confirmed COVID-19

- If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member, the respective program (Gan Izzy Gadol or Gan Gani Camp) will be closed for a minimum of 24 hours. We will notify you immediately if that is the case.
- Local health authorities will be notified and will advise us on re-opening procedures.
- Areas used by anyone with a confirmed case will not be used until cleaning and disinfection has occurred. We will ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep disinfectant products away from children.
- Any camper or staff member who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 will need to self-quarantine for 14 days and a doctor's note will be required before returning.

- Any camper whose parent or member of their household has a confirmed case of COVID-19 will need to self-quarantine for 14 days and a doctor's note will be required before returning.

Refund Policies

COVID-19 Related Refund Policy:

Any camp (or bunk) COVID-19 related closure, or confirmed COVID-19 related absence, that exceeds 2 consecutive days will be refunded 50%.

Cancellation Refund Policy:

Until June 7th if you choose to cancel your reservations, you will be refunded all tuition paid and your registration fee returned.

After June 7th if you choose to cancel your reservations, you will be refunded 70% of tuition costs and your reservation fee will not be returned.

On and after June 29 if you choose to cancel your reservations, you will be refunded 30% of tuition costs of the remaining complete weeks.

There is no refund for daily absences.

Masks

- All staff will be wearing masks as often as possible, especially during times that they are in close proximity to the children; this includes, changing diapers, serving snacks in Gan Gani Camp, and speaking directly to one child.
- We ask that you send your child in Gan Izzy Gadol with a mask every day, since there will be times when masks will be encouraged (see below).
- In accordance with state guidelines, we are not making it mandatory for our campers to wear masks. If you would like your child in Gan Izzy Gadol to wear a mask, they may certainly do so.

Physical Distancing and Bunk Sizes

In an effort to limit exposure and to provide contact tracing should the need arise; the State of Texas has mandated the following new regulations:

Bunk size will be under the State recommended size:

- Gan Gani Camp - Up to 10 campers and 2 staff

- Gan Izzy Gadol - Up to 12 campers and 2 staff
- Camper and staff groupings will be as static as possible. The same group of children will remain with the same staff each session, each day, all day; for young children, and as much as possible for older children.
- We will restrict mixing between groups of Campers.
- Physical distancing for campers and counselors within their bunk will be encouraged.
- This year, each bunk will have their own set of equipment and supplies, i.e. markers, balls, jump ropes etc.

In the event bunks are gathered together for a show or performance, the following conditions will be met:

- All staff will wear masks.
- There will be 7-9 feet separation between bunks.
- Campers will be encouraged to wear masks at these events.
- During nap time for younger children, cots will be set up 6 feet apart. Please note you will be asked to take home their sheet and blanket each day to launder and return the following day.

Camp programs have always been built around developmentally appropriate practice. Social distancing is not a developmentally appropriate expectation for any child under the age of 12, and especially the younger children (under 7). Therefore, we expect that your child will be at a distance of less than 6 feet of another child, neither of whom will be in a mask, at many times this summer. Our staff will remind campers frequently to social distance, but we know that it will not always occur. Our program will not encourage activities that place campers in less than 6 feet of one another for prolonged periods, or that occur in confined indoor spaces for prolonged periods to minimize aerosol transmission.

Sanitizing

All materials not easily sanitized, such as fabric, will be removed from the class/bunk rooms.

Our full-time, onsite custodian will be sanitizing the building thoroughly throughout the day, including door handles, bathrooms etc.

Hand washing will take place often and under the supervision of the counselors. The following times are mandatory for handwashing:

- Immediately upon entering the building in the morning.
- Before and after snack.
- Before and after going outdoors to play.
- After using the bathroom.
- Before leaving camp at the end of the day.

In addition, every counselor will have hand sanitizer for campers and staff to sanitize in between hand washings.

Food & Drinks

- Campers will eat lunch with their bunks only.
- Parents should provide an AM & PM snack in addition to lunch.
- Please do not send any reusable containers to camp for your child's lunch. Everything must be in disposable containers or bags and easily opened and eaten by the children with little counselor help.
- Prepackaged food will be served for Shabbat party and special occasion with staff wearing masks
- Cooking and baking activities will be done less often and with extra precautions.
- Please send a large, filled, reusable water bottle. We will be providing each bunk with their own water cooler and cups for refills to avoid using water fountains.
- Gan Gani Camp will be serving a snack. Staff will wear masks and gloves when preparing and serving any snacks.

Staff

- The State of Texas no longer mandates self-quarantine for out-of-state travelers. Nonetheless, all staff that will come from out of state will have a negative COVID-19 test in their

place of origin, quarantine for 7 days in San Antonio, and undergo a second COVID-19 test before being allowed in to camp.

- All staff will be trained on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- All staff will be required to take two courses offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension: one course is on "Providing High Quality Experiences during COVID-19 for Emergency Child Care Settings," and "Special Considerations for Infection Control during COVID-19."

Travel

- Out-of town campers will be required to have a negative COVID-19 test administered in San Antonio prior to admission.
- Enrolled campers who travel out-of-town within 14 days of attending camp will be required to have a negative COVID-19 test administered in San Antonio, post-travel, prior to admission

Program Modifications

In order to adhere to CDC guidelines, we have altered the Camp program as follows:

- We have cancelled all off-site field trips and inter-bunk activities. Our exciting specialty activities will be offered as bunk specialty activities as opposed to inter-bunk electives.
- We will not be using any buses.
- There will be no late-nights, over-nights, or family events this year.
- There will be no contact sports or activities. (We will play all kinds of sports such as disc golf, kickball etc within our bunks)
- We have limited camp gatherings, events, and on-site extracurricular activities to those that can maintain social distancing, support proper hand hygiene, and have restricted attendance to the maximum group size as determined by the current phase of the State of Texas plan.
- No synagogue members will be permitted access of facilities allocated to camp during camp hours.
- When seated for lunch or another activity, campers in Gan Izzy Gadol will, whenever possible, sit at least six feet apart.

- Cooking and baking activities will be done less often and with extra precautions.
- Only one bunk at a time will use the playground. They will wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before and after each use under staff supervision.
- Swimming will be limited to one bunk at a time to aid social distancing, and pool railings will be disinfected between uses.
- Only one bunk will change in the large bathrooms at a time.
- All campers should apply sunscreen at home. When reapplying sunscreen in camp, campers in Gan Izzy Gadol will do so unassisted; campers in Gan Gani Camp will be assisted by a masked staff member.

Agreements

In addition to signing this handbook, we now require parents and staff to sign a waiver stating that they are attending camp of their own free will and understand the potential risk involved with being at the camp. This must be signed and returned before your child can attend. Waiver will be made available during the registration process and will be sent to those who have already registered.

Please sign below that you acknowledge that you have read and agree to this handbook.

Name _____ Date _____