



Health and Safety

Dear Camp Shalom Families,

I hope your family is as excited as we are for the upcoming summer! Each week from now until the start of camp, you will be receiving emails from us twice a week. Tuesday emails will include reminders that you may need to get you ready for this summer. Friday emails will include more detailed information about important camp items and camp announcements.

As we prepare for another summer of fun and exciting activities, we want to take a moment to assure you that the health and safety of your children is one of our top priorities at camp. To kickoff our Friday emails, below are some of the steps we are taking to promote a healthy and safe environment.

1. **On-Site Nurse:** We have a registered nurse on-site every day to provide any necessary medical attention, to manage any medication your child may need, and to ensure that all health and safety protocols are followed. Our nurse ensures that all medication and first aid needs are available to those on field trips and provides a comforting touch to those who visit the office.
2. **Security on Campus:** Security guards on campus play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of the campers, staff, and facilities. They are responsible for monitoring and controlling access to the campus, identifying potential threats or hazards, and responding promptly to emergencies. Their presence also serves as a deterrent to any criminal or malicious activity, helping to create a secure and welcoming environment for all.
3. **Secure Building:** Our camp is located in a secure building that is only accessible to campers, staff, and authorized visitors. All visitors will need to check in with Camp Shalom's front desk and may be asked to provide identification for admittance. All exterior doors are locked and can only be accessed with permission.
4. **Low Camper to Staff Ratios:** We maintain low camper to staff ratios to ensure that each camper receives the individual attention they need. Our staff members are trained to provide a safe and nurturing environment where campers can grow, learn, and make new friends.
5. **Staff Background Checks:** All of our staff undergo a thorough background check before they are hired. This includes a Level II background screening. We also require this level of screening for any community members who will be on campus, including therapists, RBTs, and other volunteers. We want you to feel confident that your child is in safe hands while at camp.
6. **Lifeguards:** We have certified lifeguards on duty when children are at the pool and the lake. They are trained to ensure the safety of all campers while they are swimming and participating in other water-based activities. Campers are required to wear life jackets while boating to ensure extra safety on the water.
7. **Overall Health:** It is important for camp to prioritize the health and well-being of every camper. At camp we promote frequent hand washing, cleaning and sanitizing of common areas and equipment, and ask that campers stay home if they are not feeling well.

Thank you for entrusting your child with us. We want to assure you that we are taking every precaution to keep your child safe while they are at camp. We look forward to a summer filled with fun, friendship, and learning.

Looking forward to camp,
Summer Sweetall
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