

Camp Gan Izzy

Parent Handbook

WELCOME TO CAMP GAN IZZY!

We are proud to be a part of the largest network of Jewish Day Camps in the world. Our goal at Camp Gan Izzy is to provide a fantastic summer of excitement and fun for all ages, and a safe environment to explore, enhance creativity, and make new friendships, all while imparting strong Jewish pride.

Our campers stay busy with a wonderful mix of activities such as swimming, sports, dance, arts & crafts & more! We love keeping things fresh with weekly carnivals and treasure hunts, all leading up to our favorite Friday tradition: a lively Shabbat party and challah baking.

Beyond our daily routine, we bring in professional entertainers—magicians, DJs, and animal shows—to add that extra bit of magic. We have a minute to minute schedule of activities, ensuring your child is always engaged and in a fun, upbeat environment. See the [Camp Calendar](#) for dress up days, visitors, and many of our special activities.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Safety:

The safety of our campers is the **number one priority** for every member of the Camp Gan Izzy staff. We have a low camper to counselor ratio, and exceptionally well-trained staff. Before the summer, counselors attend comprehensive training sessions that define our expectations of safety, judgment, and leadership. In addition, our staff members meet every day after camp for continued training in group dynamics and problem-solving skills through role-play scenarios.

At the pool, in addition to Red Cross certified lifeguards, we have our staff strategically placed around the pool on guard duty. We also hire a pool director to maintain a calm and controlled atmosphere and ensure that campers and staff are following safety procedures at all times.

Conduct: We expect responsible behavior from all campers. In building a community, we ask that children take responsibility for their actions and for ensuring the safety of others. If improper, irresponsible, or unsafe behavior occurs, parents will be notified, and if our staff deems it necessary, they will be asked to leave the program.

Lunches: We are proud to offer optional hot lunches daily; see our [Lunch Menu](#) here. The lunches are quite popular, and we always have buttered noodles, fruits, and vegetables on the side. Lunches can be added at any time by paying [here](#).

Please note: If you are bringing lunches from home, please be aware that we are a kosher and peanut-free facility, and therefore our policy is that no meat or anything with peanuts may be brought in.

Swimming: Please pack a swimsuit and towel every day. Our pool is heated so even if the weather does not look promising, always send swim gear. We recommend applying sunscreen in the morning, so it absorbs into the skin and doesn't wash off in the pool. If you would like your child to reapply after swimming, please send in a labeled bottle of sunscreen.

Birthdays: We are happy to celebrate your child's birthday at camp! No outside food or candy may be brought in, but you can order a treat by filling out the [Birthday Form](#) a week in advance.

Electronics/Toys: Our policy is that no toys or electronics may be brought from home, including cell phones, ipods, etc. Firstly, we take no responsibility if something gets lost or damaged. In addition, we believe that camp is a place to be social, interact with your peers, and get involved in the activities, and we don't want anything to distract the kids from enjoying themselves.

Medications: If your child has an allergy that pertains to camp, or a medical condition that requires the camp to administer medication, please be sure to fill out the [Care Plan](#) and bring all medication to Mushkie BEFORE camp starts.

Lost and Found: Please, please label all belongings. We do not take responsibility for any lost or damaged items, but we do keep a box of Lost and Found items and parents are always welcome to come look.

BRING TO CAMP

- Bathing suit & towel
- Sunscreen (for reapplication later in the day)
- Water bottle (that is easy to refill)
- Sweater (if chilly)
- Lunch, if packing (no peanuts or meat)
- Wear shoes with backs
- Change of clothing to keep at camp (for Kindergartners)

Please label ALL items!

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Drop off: Drop off begins at 8:50 am. Pull your car up to the Gan Izzy entrance (back door) and drop off at the curb. If you come before 8:50 am, please park your car and wait with your child in the parking spot until the drop off line opens.

Pick up: We start dismissing at 2:50 pm. Your car will be directed to the pickup line and a staff member will come to your window to take the names of your children. Please state the first and last names clearly. The line begins at the front door and winds around to the back lot. PLEASE make sure to pull up as much as you can; if there is space in front of your car, then keep driving! Don't stop until the line stops even if your child is on the sidewalk. They will meet you when the entire line of cars stops; this is important to be able to load many cars at once.

Pick up/Drop off during camp hours: Park and come in the front door to the main office to sign your child in or out. Do not leave your child alone until they are accounted for by a staff member.

Extended Care:

Before Care begins at 8:00 am and goes until camp starts at 9. Drop off your child at the front entrance and wait in your car until your child is buzzed in.

Camp ends at 3:00 pm and we have 2 options for kids to stay later.

- **Stay & Play** until 4:00 pm.
- **After Care** until 6:00 pm.

During this time, campers will receive a snack and then have time to enjoy supervised free play - neighborhood style. Older and younger campers hang out together and can create their own fun on the playground, shaded fields, pavilion or indoors (when it's raining or too hot).

To pick up your child, please park and come in the front door to the main office to sign your child out each day. Click to sign up for [before/after care](#), or [stay & play](#).

PAYMENT POLICY

All camp fees must be paid in full 2 weeks before camp begins. Cancellations can be made 2 weeks in advance. Any cancellations after that point will be reimbursed at 50%.

Online payments can be made to add a session, lunches, stay & play, or extended care.

COMMUNICATION

Email: Our main form of communication with parents is through email. Please let us know if your child is registered for camp and you have not been receiving emails.

Text: We have a texting service for sending camp reminders to parents. If you are not receiving those, reach out to angie@solonchabad.com.

Facebook: We are constantly posting pictures and notifications in our Facebook group, **@Camp Gan Izzy Solon**. Request to join the group to see what's going on at camp!

Contact Info:

For immediate assistance during camp hours, call Wendy at the office: 440 498 9533

For all other inquiries, contact Mushkie Galperin: 440 498 9533 or mushkiesolon@gmail.com.