

## **Essential Info for Parents**

### **Camp Administration**

Directors: Rabbi Hillel Hexter

Rabbi Menachem Zehnwirth

Elementary Head Counselor: Rabbi Doniel Moskowitz

Elementary Coordinator: Rabbi Aryeh Leib Katz

Elementary Learning Director: Rabbi Yisroel Slansky

C.I.T. Head Counselor: Rabbi Menachem Zehnwirth

### **Programs**

Elementary Program: Boys entering 1st-6th grades

C.I.T. Program: Boys entering 7th-10th grades

### **Dates of Camp**

1st Session: June 26-July 18

2nd Session: July 19-August 9

Extended Session (4th-6th grade only): August 13-17

*There is no camp on July 4.*

### **Hours of Camp**

Elementary: 9:00-4:00 (Friday until 3:00)

C.I.T. Program: Optional Shacharis - 8:30; Camp - 9:15-4:15 (Friday until 3:15)

Masmid Lite (entering 9th grade, both sessions): 4:15-5:15 @ 3 times/week

Masmid Program (entering 10th grade, 1st session only): (9:20-11:40 and 4:15-5:45)

*For August 9th (last day of camp) dismissal time will be announced*

### **Contact Info**

Camp Business Office: (T) 410-484-6600 ext. 327

(E) [CampBusinessOffice@Talmudicalacademy.org](mailto:CampBusinessOffice@Talmudicalacademy.org)

Elementary Program: before June 26 - ext. 327; after June 26 - ext. 334

**To join this year's text list (for delays, etc.): text @cccelem to 81010**

C.I.T. Program: before June 26 - ext. 386; after June 26 - ext. 340

**To join this year's text list (for delays, etc.): text @cittext to 81010**

**Accrediting Agency:** Md. Dep't of Health

### **Carpool Dropoff**

Elementary: **Not earlier than 8:50**

C.I.T. Program: **Not earlier than 9:05** unless coming to Shacharis at 8:30

### **Carpool Pickup (at T.A. unless you are notified differently)**

No parking or pickups allowed outside of Elementary parking lot.

In case of the necessity of early pickup call the day before

Elementary: Carpools should not arrive earlier than 3:50 (Friday at 2:50).

**BE PROMPT!**

Parking spaces are in short supply so you must have an assigned pickup slot.

Go to the Camp page on T.A.'s website to sign up. Preference given to carpools!!

C.I.T. Program: Carpools should not arrive earlier than 4:10 (Friday at 3:10)

**C.I.T.'s and Elementary campers are on different schedules and should have separate carpools.**

**You Must Bring:**

- a) Lunch
- b) drinks
- c) water bottle
- d) towel
- e) bathing suit
- f) sunscreen (optional)

C.I.T. Program: Required - Long pants for learning/davening

Clothing should be the kind that can get dirty, etc.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CLOTHING & BELONGINGS**

**Don't Bring:**

- Glass bottles
- Electronic devices (with or without screens)
- Knives, fireworks and any safety concerns

Items are subject to confiscation.

**Learning:**

We take tremendous pride in the high quality of our Rabbeim. Every grade is given one or more individualized Shiurim on its own level in various Limudim/topics such as Chumash, Gemara, Mishna, Halacha or Navi. Positive reinforcement is utilized extensively. Curricula, skills and scope of learning are all designed to correlate with the academic program of the regular school year. Though there is no homework, we encourage the older campers to review at night since that will greatly increase their retention and understanding.

**Swimming:**

We are thrilled that we own our very own swim club, boasting the biggest private outdoor pool in Baltimore. Our boys love its supersized pool, big slide and diving board as well as its tennis, basketball, hockey and volleyball courts. As always, safety at the pool remains our top priority. All lifeguards are certified in Lifeguarding, C.P.R. and 1st Aid.

**Trips:**

In the Elementary Program you will always be notified before upcoming trips. In the C.I.T. Program, for a variety of reasons specific to this age group, campers are not notified before upcoming events until necessary. Camp works with the understanding that by sending a camper to camp we are being given permission to take him off camp grounds, sign all waivers and releases and that you are allowing him to participate in activities as we see fit. We take pride in always maintaining a superior standard of supervision and we view this responsibility as our highest priority.

**Staff:**

Camp Chofetz Chaim takes enormous pride in our superb counselors. They are keenly aware of the tremendous responsibility they shoulder and are excellent role models for the children and adolescents under their care. The relationships that they forge with our campers are strong and last for years.

**Tipping:**

Our camp fee does not include tips or gratuities. Our staff works many hours above and beyond the daily camp schedule to insure that your son has a “super summer” and it is important to recognize that extra effort. For the Elementary program, a tipping schedule will be sent home approximately one week before the end of each session along with the names of the various staff members concerned. For the C.I.T. Program, we strongly recommend a tip of \$40 per session (\$70 for the full summer) per camper that the counselors will pool and split among themselves. Our Rabbeim are also talented and experienced professionals who invest much energy and time into preparing excellent Shiurim.

**Special Issues:**

If your son has any social or medical issues it is important for his sake that you let us know. If your son takes any medication during the school year it is important to make sure that Camp is notified immediately. Matters such as these have proven to be major factors in ensuring your son has a stress-free and relaxing summer.

**Parent Communication:**

Camp Chofetz Chaim believes strongly in keeping parents informed about the wonderful experiences that your son will be enjoying. Every Friday a letter will be sent home with your son, giving you a brief review of some of the past week's highlights and informing you of important upcoming events. Please watch for this letter - and if your son does not give it to you, ask him for it. This weekly letter will be our means of communicating with you.

*We hope that you have found this information helpful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to a fun-filled and enjoyable summer. Thank you again for entrusting us with your most precious possession -- your son!!*