

Essential Info for Parents

Camp Administration

Directors: Rabbi Hillel Hexter

Rabbi Menachem Zehnwirth

Elementary Co-Head Counselors: Rabbi Aryeh Leib Katz & Rabbi Doniel Cohen

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 (*No camp on July 4*)

2nd Session: July 19-August 9

Hours of Camp

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

C.I.T. Program: Optional Shacharis - 8:30; Camp - 9:15-4:20 (Friday until 3:30)

Masmid Lite (entering 9th grade, both sessions): 4:20-5:20 @ 3 times/week

Masmid Program (entering 10th grade, 1st session only): (9:25-11:20 and 4:20-5:45)

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

Elementary & C.I.T. Program: Dial 410-484-6600 and follow the instructions

Text Lists:

Last year's text lists have been wiped clean.

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

To join this year's new C.I.T. text list (for delays, etc.): text @cittext to 81010

Camp Fees: As per the application agreements, charges/debits will be posted on June 18th. All declined payments and refused debits/checks are subject to a \$25 fee.

Accrediting Agency: Md. Dep't of Health.

Tax Benefits: Since we are an accredited Day Camp, many families will be able to benefit from cafeteria plans or the Child Care Credit (Form 2441). Consult your tax advisor for details.

Carpool Dropoff

Elementary: Not earlier than 8:50 at Wellwood Int'l School

C.I.T. Program: Not earlier than 9:05 unless coming to Shacharis at 8:30. Program will be held at Pikesville High School.

Carpool Pickup

Elementary: You must have an assigned pickup number for the Elementary pickup. Please click [here](#) to access the [Elementary Carpool Reservation Form](#). If your carpool changes at a later date please make sure to inform the Camp Office. Walkers and bikers will be dismissed at

3:50 unless there is inclement weather, in which case the walkers and bikers will be dismissed at 4:15. They need to fill out a permission form by clicking [here](#). Carpools with numbers 1-40 will be dismissed at 3:55, while carpools with numbers 41 and above will be dismissed at 4:05. Please be prompt. Please do not come earlier than your scheduled time. On Friday, adjust everything one hour earlier. In case of necessity of early pickup call the day before.

C.I.T. Program: Carpool pickups should not arrive earlier than 4:15 (Friday at 3:25). Masmid Lite and Masmid will be learning second Seder at Wellwood and will dismiss from there.

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

Campers 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

Campers Must Not Bring:

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

Items are subject to confiscation.

Camp Premises and Buildings

Since we are guests in Baltimore County Public School buildings, it is imperative that every camper display the greatest of sensitivity and care in their use of the buildings and their contents. The Principals have informed us that anyone who does not treat the buildings or its contents with the proper consideration will not be allowed to return to their building for the remainder of the summer, effectively ending his summer. Please impress this upon your son.

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 First 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 necessary 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 (\$80 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!!