

Essential Info for Parents (ver. 1.3)

Camp Administration

Directors: Rabbi Hillel Hexter

Rabbi Menachem Zehnworth

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

Elementary Learning Director: Rabbi Yisroel Slansky

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

Programs

Elementary Program: Boys entering 1st-6th grades

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

Dates of Camp

“Just Can’t Wait!!” early session (3rd-6th grades): June 24-June 28

1st Session: July 2-July 24 (*No camp on July 4*)

2nd Session: July 25-August 15

“Never Enough!!” extended session (3rd-6th grades): August 19-August 23

Hours of Camp

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

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

Masmid Lite (entering 9th grade, both sessions): 4:30-5:30 @ 3 times/week

Masmid Program (entering 10th grade, 1st session only): 4:30-5:45 @ 3 times/week

Location

We are proud that Camp will be located on our newly refurbished campus with its 3 air-conditioned gyms, new “astro-turf” field, and enlarged baseball field. We are looking forward to having these beautiful facilities enhance our entire camping program!

Contact Info

Phone: 410-484-6600

Camp Business Office: ext. 7327

Camp Elementary: ext. 7334

C.I.T. Program: ext. 7340

Email: CampBusinessOffice@TalmudicalAcademy.org

Text Lists (for delays, last minute info, etc.):

Last year’s text lists have been wiped clean.

To join this year’s Elementary list: text @cccelem to 81010

To join this year’s C.I.T. text list: text @cittext to 81010

Camp Fees: As per the application agreements, charges/debits will be posted on June 13th. 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.

M.T.A. Bus information

There will be two bus routes available in the morning for those who wish to use the Baltimore

City bus service. One is designed to arrive around 8:25 for the C.I.T. Shacharis Minyan and a second is designed to arrive around 8:50 for the start of the Elementary camp day.

There are two Baltimore City bus lines available in the afternoon. One will leave a few minutes after 4:00 to accommodate the Elementary dismissal and one will leave a few minutes after 4:30 to accommodate the C.I.T. dismissal. On Friday afternoons, bus departure times will be one hour earlier. These bus times cannot be changed so City buses will not be available in the event of trips that carry late dismissal times. All routes are the same as during the school year.

Carpool Dropoff

Elementary: Not earlier than 8:50.

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

Carpool Pickup

Elementary: You must have an assigned carpool number for Elementary pickup. A link to access the Elementary Carpool Reservation Form will be emailed in the next week or so as well as being available on the Camp web page. If your carpool changes at a later date please make sure to inform the Camp Office. In case an early pickup is necessary, please call us the day before. As the safety of our campers is our #1 priority, Elementary campers are not permitted to bike to camp.

C.I.T. Program: Carpool pickups should not arrive earlier than 4:25 (Friday at 3:25). Masmid Programs will dismiss after 2nd Seder (5:30 and 5:45) unless there is a later dismissal for the entire C.I.T. Program.

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

Campers Must Bring:

- a) Lunch - Elementary campers do not need to bring lunch on Wednesdays or Fridays unless they are trip days. Camp will arrange hot lunches on those days through the Baltimore City Lunch program.
- b) water bottle
- c) towel
- d) bathing suit
- e) sunscreen (optional)

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

PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CLOTHING & BELONGINGS. Clothing brought to camp should be the kind that can get dirty, etc.

Campers Must Not Bring: (Items are subject to confiscation with no return)

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

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 & adolescents under their care. The relationships that they forge with our campers are strong and last for years.

Learning:

We take tremendous pride in the high quality of our Rabbeim. Every grade is given several individualized Shiurim 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 the supersized pool, big slide and diving board as well as its 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.

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. 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 talented and experienced professionals who invest much energy and time into preparing excellent Shiurim and should be recognized accordingly.

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 Camp needs to be 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!!