

Camp Chofetz Chaim



Essential Info for Parents

Camp Administration

Directors: Rabbi Hillel Hexter

Rabbi Menachem Zehnwirth

KidZ Coordinator: Mrs. Dassey Zweig

Chevra Head Counselor: Rabbi Doniel Cohen

Chevra Asst. Head Counselor: Rabbi Aryeh Leib Katz

Chevra Learning Director: Rabbi Yisroel Slansky

Ultimate Head Counselor: Rabbi Menachem Zehnwirth

Programs

KidZ: Boys entering K-1st grades

Chevra Program: Boys entering 2nd-6th grades

Ultimate: Boys entering 7th-10th grades

Dates of Camp

1st Session: June 30-July 22 - *No camp on July 9 (17 Tammuz)*

2nd Session: July 23-August 15 - *No camp on July 30 (Tisha B'Av)*

“Never Enough!!” Extended session (2nd-6th grades): August 17-August 21

Hours of Camp - “Covid version”

Monday-Thursday:

Friday:

KidZ: 9:30-2:00

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Chevra: 9:00-3:00

Chevra - 9:00-1:00

Ultimate: 1:00-7:15

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Location

Camp will be primarily located on our updated main campus with its 3 air-conditioned gyms, “turf” field, and enlarged baseball field. We will also be enjoying our pool campus which boasts a huge pool (225,000 gallons of fun!), plus hockey, volleyball and basketball courts. Our newest program, KidZ, will be based in our ultra-modern preschool building. We also utilize local fields.

Contact Info

Until June 30:

Phone: 410-484-6600 ext. 7327 (Camp Business Office)

Email: campbusinessoffice@talmudicalacademy.org

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As of June 30:

KidZ: ext. 7508 (as of June 30)

Chevra: ext. 7334 (as of June 30)

Ultimate: ext. 7340 (as of June 30)

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

Last year's text lists have been deleted.

To join this year's KidZ text list: text @kidzccc to 81010

To join this year's Chevra text list: text @chevracc to 81010

To join this year's Ultimate text list: text @ultim8ccc to 81010

Camp Fees: All charges/debits will be posted on June 29th. All declined payments and refused debits/checks are subject to a \$25 fee. After June 29th there are no refunds for either session.

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.

Health Information

Due to the unique nature of this summer, camp has made many modifications to enhance the safety of our campers and staff. Besides the obvious scheduling limitations, all activities have been designed to conform to social distancing protocols. Per state regulations, campers nine years old and above should wear masks indoors whenever that can be done safely and consistently. Boys will be divided into groups and reminded to keep socially distant from each other and from other groups. When campers are transported on our buses, only one camper will be allowed per bench. They will sit on opposite sides of the bus and all windows will be open. Buses will be sanitized between runs. Shiurim will be indoors with all seats socially distant. Everyone will be reminded to wash their hands frequently and keep their hands off their face. Hand sanitizer stands are spread throughout the campus. Our staff has been trained on the symptoms of Covid and what can be done to mitigate the risks. Health protocols will be updated as needed.

M.T.A. Bus information

There will be no MTA bus service this summer.

Check-in and Health Questionnaires

Per state law, all campers must bring a completed health survey with them to camp each day (form can be found on our website). There will be multiple check-in stations. Campers should stay in the car until there is an open spot at one of the stations. At check-in surveys will be collected, and each boy's temperature will be taken daily. Boys with a temperature of 100.4 or higher, have Covid-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to Covid-19 cannot enter camp until cleared by our health professionals.

Carpool

Parents are encouraged to drive their own children. If you must take another child besides your own, take all possible precautions including opening windows and using masks.

Dropoff

Please do not drop off earlier than 10 minutes before the start of your son's program.

KidZ and Chevra campers are not permitted to bike to camp.

All KidZ campers should be dropped off in front of the preschool building.

All Ultimate and Chevra campers except boys entering 2nd grade should be dropped off at our main T.A. campus.

Boys entering 2nd grade should be dropped off at our pool campus located at 4612 Hawksbury Rd. (Drive past T.A., make first right turn after crossing 695 onto Streamwood, make first right turn on Hawksbury, driveway to pool is on right halfway down block).

Dismissal

Each family will be assigned a number. That number should be displayed on the passenger side dashboard of your car. If you are picking up children from more than one family both numbers should be displayed. Cars should pull-up to the front of your pickup location and campers will be sent to your car. Please do not get out of your vehicle to look for your son.

KidZ campers will be picked up at the preschool building.

Ultimate campers and Chevra campers entering second and 4th grades should be picked up from T.A.

Chevra campers entering third grade should be picked up at our pool campus (directions above).

Chevra campers entering 5th and 6th grades should be picked up from Winand Elementary School - 8301 Scotts Level Rd (Zip is 21208).

If you have multiple dismissal locations, please make T.A. your last pickup.

Campers Should Bring to Camp:

- a) health questionnaire
- b) ages 9 and above - mask
- c) KidZ and Chevra only - lunch
- d) water bottle
- e) towel
- f) bathing suit
- g) sunscreen
- h) Ultimate only - pair of long pants for learning/davening

In addition, KidZ campers should bring a pair of "craft kids" scissors.

Please label all clothing and belongings. Clothing brought to camp should be the kind that can get dirty, etc.

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

- Glass bottles
- Electronic devices (with or without screens)
- Knives, fireworks and item that could pose a safety concern

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 and Moros. 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 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. Per state law, swimmers will be limited to 50% capacity and all high-touch areas will be sanitized frequently. Chlorine will be maintained to the proper levels that prevent Covid water transmission.

Tipping:

Our camp fee does not include tips or gratuities. Our staff works many hours above and beyond the daily camp schedule to ensure that your son has a “super summer” and it is important to recognize that extra effort. For KidZ and Chevra, 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 Ultimate, 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 and Moros are talented and experienced professionals who invest much energy and time into preparing excellent Shiurim/classes 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 safe, fun-filled and enjoyable summer. Thank you again for entrusting us with your most precious possession -- your son!!