



*Camper
Handbook*

Summer 2016

Important Dates:

Pre-School OrientationWednesday, June 29

First Day of CampThursday, June 30

Independence Day.....Monday, July 4 – No Camp

Last Day First Session Wednesday, July 27

First Day of Second Session Thursday, July 28

Last Day of Camp.....Tuesday, August 23

Camp Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM



Welcome to Orah Day Camp!

Thank you for choosing Orah Day Camp. We look forward to a summer filled with fun activities, trips, ruach, swimming and much more. Please read the following pages carefully. They contain important information that will help you throughout the summer. If you need additional information or would like to contact us, please email us at orahdaycamp@gmail.com or call the office at (718) 324.ORAHA (6724).

Enclosed you will find a medical form and a parent authorization form. The medical form must be completed by a physician. Both forms must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to our office no later than Wednesday, **June 15, 2016**. These forms are required **BY LAW FOR EVERY CAMPER**. No camper will be permitted to begin camp without these forms on file.

During the summer, we will give you additional extensions to call in order to quickly answer any questions you may have. Please read the enclosed information carefully. It will answer most of your questions and explain our policies.

The day camp fee includes all transportation, student accident insurance, lunches, snacks and trips. Many bunks are already full and we have a waiting list for those bunks. Your child will not be considered registered nor will a place be reserved for her unless the camp fee is either paid in full or we have postdated checks for the balance dated before **June 15, 2016**. Enclosed you will find a statement with the total amount due.

Bus and bunk assignments will not be sent to any parent who has not made proper financial arrangements or has not submitted the required forms.

We're looking forward to another great Orah Day Camp summer!

Malka Fishman
Camp Director



Cancellation & Refund Policy:

The following procedures are in effect:

- a) Before June 22nd - all camp fees will be refunded with the exception of a \$100 processing fee per child.
- b) After June 22nd - **NO REFUNDS** will be made
- c) All requests for withdrawal from camp must be in writing.

Please note that the dates of Orah Day Camp do not always coincide with the dates of overnight camps. In the event of any discrepancies, the price of camp will not be prorated.

Arrival:

Orah Day Camp begins at 9:00 AM. Buses begin arriving at 8:45 AM. If your daughter does not take a bus, please have her arrive as close to 9:00 as possible. Please do not bring her to camp before 8:45 AM. Although the building may be unlocked early in the morning for deliveries, there will be no one available to supervise your daughter before 8:45 AM!

The bunks begin their non-stop fun activities right after davening. If your daughter is brought to camp late, she will need to take the time to locate her bunk mates at their activity. Being punctual will ensure that your daughter will get as much out of her camp experience as possible.

Please be aware that most trips leave camp before 9:45 am.



Dismissal:

No child is allowed on any bus which is not assigned to her. If you have arranged a play date for your daughter and the two girls are **not** on the same bus, you must provide your own transportation. Dismissal changes are stressful and confusing for the campers and we do not allow bus changes.

***All changes in dismissal for your camper,
whether permanent or for that day only,
must be called in to 718.324.ORAH
by 2:00 PM Monday - Thursday, and by 12:30 PM on Friday.***

We request that you call the office and write a note to your daughter's Morah. This should include the camper's first and last name, her bunk number and the bus number she goes on, as the note then gets passed to the office. Please let us know what time you will be picking your daughter up. This provides an extra safeguard and allows us to double check any dismissal changes.

**WE WILL NOT ACCEPT VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS
FROM THE CAMPERS REGARDING DISMISSAL CHANGES
EVEN IF THEY ARE OLDER CAMPERS.**

Davening:

We believe that davening is an essential part of our program. In order to provide continuity between school and camp, your daughter will be davening every morning. We therefore ask that you send your daughter's siddur with her to camp. It will be kept in her cubby and sent home at the end of the summer. This applies to campers from 2nd through 8th grades.



Supplies to Keep in Camp:

On the first day of camp, or at Orientation, please send the following items for your daughter to keep in camp:

- Siddur (Grades 2 and up)
- Pool Shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS OR CROCS!)
- Bathing Cap (provided by Orah Day Camp)
- Sunscreen

Pre-School/Lower Division:

- Smock (Grades N - 2)
- Box of tissues (Grades N - 1)
- Roll of Pennies (Grades N - 2)
- A change of clothing (Grades N - 1)
- Small mat or blanket for rest time (Grades N - P)

Soiled clothing will be sent home and should be replaced the next day.

Daily Supplies for Grades N - 7:

Each day, the following items should be brought to camp (even on rainy days and during the 9 Days for grades N - 2):

- 2 Towels
- 2 Bathing Suit
- Change of Underwear **(a must!)**
- Robe or Cover-Up



Dress Code:

All campers going into Grades 1 through 7 are expected to wear:

- Skirts covering their knees
- Socks that cover the ankles
- Shirts with sleeves (T-shirt style)

• **NO CAP SLEEVES**

- No CROCS or open toe shoes (for safety reasons)

All campers should come to camp wearing a bathing suit (under their clothing) and with sunscreen already applied. The girls are always eager to get into the pool as quickly as possible and this helps keep them on time for swimming. Clothing or shoes with complicated straps may frustrate and delay your child. **Please be aware that all girls are required to wear a cover up or robe over their bathing suit when walking to and from the pool. We ask that the robe cover the knees and have sleeves to the elbow. Pool shoes must also be worn. No camper will be allowed to walk through the hallway in an “un-tzniustik” manner.**

All clothing, towels, shoes and other belongings **MUST** be labeled. Many items look similar to each other and some children are too young to recognize their belongings easily. The Lost & Found was overflowing at the end of camp last summer. Don't let this happen to you! Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and limited to very inexpensive pieces. We recommend that your daughter not come to camp in expensive or designer clothing. **No electronic devices will be allowed in camp.** This includes cell phones, ipods, Gameboys and Nintendo DS. If a camper is seen with any electronic item, Orah Day Camp reserves the right to confiscate it and send it home. Please note that Orah Day Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Please be aware that all campers participate in Arts & Crafts and other fun (but messy) activities several times per week. Please do not let your daughter wear clothing that, if it gets stained, will upset you or her. Camp



is for having fun and we don't want the campers to lose out on activities because they are afraid that their clothing will get messy. Please make sure to send a smock (an old, button down men's Shabbos shirt is good) for your daughter to keep in camp for just such occasions.

Crocs and flip flops were unfortunately the cause of many injuries to campers this past summer and are no longer allowed to be worn to camp activities. We highly recommend that campers wear closed sneakers to camp every day and only wear their pool shoes to and from the pool. For her own safety, a camper who is wearing footwear other than sneakers will not be allowed to participate in sports.

Lost & found:

It is of the utmost importance that all campers have their clothing clearly labeled with their first and last name. (This includes jackets, sweaters, and cover-ups). For your convenience if you discover that your daughter is missing something, the lost and found tables will be on display at the end of each half in the front hallway.

Bunk Requests:

Although we would like to accommodate everyone, there are often factors which make it difficult to guarantee the fulfillment of every request. We will do our utmost to make sure your daughter is bunked with as many of her friends as possible. Please fill out the bunk request form and return before Monday, June 6th.

Trips:

Please refer to camp calendar and the Orah Highlights for the trip schedule. On occasion, a trip may need to be changed based on availability or the weather. Before every trip we will send home a trip reminder. On trip days all campers are required to wear their Orah Day Camp T-shirts which will be distributed during the first week of camp.



Meals:

Orah Day Camp provides hot lunch and an afternoon snack for all campers. Please send your daughter to camp having eaten a nutritious breakfast. Lunch is generally fleishig on Mondays and Wednesdays, milchig or parve on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Fridays is pizza day. Please consult the menu for further information. If your daughter does not like the meal that will be served on that day, please send her with an alternative lunch.

It is not necessary to send a snack to camp with your child but water bottles are always a great idea.

We welcome birthday parties in camp. Call the camp office to leave a message, and your daughter's Morah will contact you to arrange a day and time. **We have arranged for an outside vendor to provide refreshments for birthday parties. There will be various options available and more information will follow.**

Allergies:

Please make sure to inform the nurse of any food or drug allergies and the treatment recommended by your pediatrician or allergist (ie. Benadryl, Epi-Pen).

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Do not send any products to camp that contain any traces of (tree) nuts, peanuts or seeds. Some examples are: peanut butter, Bamba, halvah, sesame seeds, techina, and some granola bars and cookies. If you are unsure about a food item that you want to send, please contact the camp nurse.

There are campers attending Orah Day Camp with life-threatening allergies who might have a reaction from even SMELLING these products. Please be diligent and check the ingredients before sending any food with your daughter to camp.



Medical Forms:

Enclosed please find a personal medical form*. Every camper must have a physical examination and completed medical form on file before coming to camp. **Please make sure that the form is filled out properly and completely.** According to the NYS Health Department, we MUST have the actual dates of the immunizations and it is essential that you sign the hospital and parental consent sections where indicated.

* **Please note; you need to photo copy the medical form for additional children in camp.**

Illness:

Please note that no camper will be allowed to attend camp without a current health form. THE BACK OF THE MEDICAL FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT AND FILLED OUT COMPLETELY OR IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

We are aware that children often get colds and “the sniffles” but we ask parents to use good judgment as to whether or not to send their child to camp when they are not feeling well. As we are all aware, coughs and colds spread quickly and, before you know it, an entire bunk and their staff are sick. Please keep your daughter home when necessary.

If a child has had a fever or is on antibiotics, please wait 24 hours for the symptoms to disappear before sending her back to camp even if she seems well enough to come back before.

Please inform Orah Day Camp if your daughter or any family member has developed a contagious disease such as chicken pox, ringworm or shigella. Please notify Orah Day Camp if any family member has lice or nits. We want to assure you of our utmost discretion in these matters, and we will take the necessary steps to ensure everyone's safety.



Publications:

In addition to flyers sent home during the course of the week, each Friday your daughter will bring home our camp newspaper, **Orah Highlights**. Please refer to it for articles about all of the amazing activities that took place in camp that week. You will also find trip notices, special bulletins, Divrei Torah for the Shabbos table, pictures of that week's activities and much, much more. Please take a few moments to look over the Orah Highlights each week. You'll enjoy what you read!

Tipping:

Enclosed is a suggested tipping schedule. These are merely suggestions, and we hope the information is helpful to you. Please be aware that some staff members work for July only, August only, or the full summer. A staff roster will be provided at the end of each session.

Morah

\$25 for EACH half of the summer
\$50 for the whole summer

Counselor

\$20 for EACH half of the summer
\$40 for the whole summer

Junior Counselor

\$15 for EACH half of the summer
\$30 for the whole summer

CIT

\$10 for EACH half of the summer
\$20 for the whole summer

Lifeguard

\$7 for EACH half of the summer
\$15 for the whole summer

Bus Driver

\$5 for EACH half of the summer
\$10 for the whole summer

Bus Monitor

\$5 for EACH half of the summer
\$10 for the whole summer
per bus counselor per child





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