



# CAMP NESHER PLAYBOOK



*Summer 2023*

## **DEAR CAMP NESHER FAMILIES,**

We are thrilled that your children will be joining us this summer! The following pages are designed to answer some commonly asked questions and provide you with important information. Every child at Camp Neshar is precious and unique - we strive to provide an environment that will enable each camper to have the best summer camp experience possible. Please partner with us by following these guidelines and help us create the atmosphere that makes Camp Neshar so special. See you this summer!

**JEFF BRAVERMAN, DIRECTOR**

**JOHNNY SHLAGBAUM, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

# 2023 CAMP NESHER CALENDAR

**OPENING DAY - Monday, June 26th**

**1ST SESSION ENDS - Monday, July 24th**

**2ND SESSION BEGINS - Tuesday, July 25th**

**CAMP ENDS - Monday, August 14th**



**SHORT STAY:**

**BEGINS - SUNDAY, JULY 30TH**

**ENDS - MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH**

# IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION:

## HOW TO ACCESS YOUR CAMPER'S ACCOUNT, FORMS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Your family has its own login and profile where you are able to manage family information, camp finances and complete the required forms for each of your campers.

- Click [www.njycamps.org/hesherlogin](http://www.njycamps.org/hesherlogin) to access the log-in.
- Enter your account email address
- If you know your password, please enter it. If not, select Retrieve/Set Password on the bottom right to retrieve your password.
- Download the Campanion app to access forms, send your camper emails and see pictures!

**Camper forms are an integral part of our summer preparation - the information you share is used to help prepare staff to better care for your child. Bunking requests, medical forms, photo upload and the camper questionnaire can all be found in your CampMinder account under Forms and Documents. You will also find a packing list, code of conduct, electronics policy, helpful links and more. As we get closer to the summer, we will advise you should additional forms and information be added.**



**UPON ARRIVAL TO  
CAMP EACH  
CAMPER WILL RECEIVE  
A 2023 CAMP  
NESHER T-SHIRT!**

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# ARRIVAL AT CAMP

## LUGGAGE

We encourage families who reside in the Tri State metropolitan area, Philadelphia or South Florida, to ship luggage through Camp Trunk Delivery. Registration for this service, which includes door to door pickup/drop-off, is at [www.camptrunkdelivery.com](http://www.camptrunkdelivery.com). Campers outside the CTD pickup areas may ship their luggage via UPS or FEDEX or drop-off at camp.

**Please note luggage and cases of water will not be allowed under the bus unless otherwise permitted by the Camp Director.**

## TRANSPORTATION

Finalized transportation details for the bus trip to camp will be sent several weeks before camper departure. If your camper is arriving via air travel, please contact us before booking flights - all air travel must be arranged through Newark's Liberty Airport. Unless your camper is arriving from an international destination, we require that all luggage be shipped directly to camp, in advance of arrival.

## BUNK REQUESTS

When bunking campers we consider the following, in priority order: 1) Session 2) Reciprocal requests 3) Neighborhood and/or school. Please include the full name of requested bunkmates. If more than two requests are submitted, only the first two will be considered. We make every effort to accommodate at least one request per camper. Please submit requests by May 10th.

**Campers will be informed of their bunk placement upon arrival at camp.**



# VISITING DAY - SUNDAY JULY 23RD

## FULL SUMMER CAMPERS ONLY

VISITING DAY WILL TAKE PLACE OFF CAMPUS IN THE MONTICELLO, NY AREA. FULL SUMMER CAMPERS WILL BE BUSSED TO THE LOCATION IN THE MORNING AND THEN BACK TO CAMP LATER IN THE DAY - THERE WILL BE NO IN-CAMP VISITATION. (DURING THAT SAME TIME, FIRST-SESSION CAMPERS WILL BE PACKING AND PREPARING FOR THEIR DEPARTURE FROM CAMP THE FOLLOWING DAY.)



## CAMP NESHER DRESS CODE

This Dress Code is created to help maintain a modest atmosphere in camp.



- Shorts and skirts must reach the top of the knee. Absolutely no boxers or short-shorts.
- Leggings may only be worn under appropriate skirts or shorts.
- No tank tops, sleeveless shirts, see-through shirts or shirts with wide, low or revealing necklines.
- Boys are asked to wear tzitzit and a kippah or hat at all times. Only kippot on Shabbat please.
- Girls wear skirts during tefillah.
- Bathing suits should be shorts - type for boys and a one-piece for girls.
- Appropriate Shabbat attire: slacks and collar shirts for boys; modest, knee-length skirt or dress for girls. No sneakers please.

**Please label everything and do not bring expensive jewelry/clothing to camp.**

# WHAT TO PACK:

## CLOTHING

- 12 T-Shirts
- 10 Shorts (Knee Length)
- 2 Long Sleeved Shirts (Casual)
- 3 Sweatpants
- 2 Sweatshirts/Fleeces
- 1 Rain Poncho or Hooded Raincoat
- 3 Warm Sleepwear
- 3 Light Sleepwear
- 28 Pairs of Socks (& Safety Pins for Laundry)
- 18 Pairs of Underwear
- 4 Bathing Suits (No Bikinis)
- 3 Baseball Hats
- 2 Jeans/Pants
- 3 Casual Skirts (Knee Length)
- 2 White T-Shirts - for Tie Dye
- 1 Belt

## FOOTWEAR

- Flip Flops/ Slides
- Sneakers
- Waterproof/Rain Boots
- Non Leather Shoes (for Tisha Ba'av)

## BEDDING

- 1 Heavy Blanket or Comforter
- 3 Beach Towels
- 3 Bath Towels
- 2 Face Towels
- 2 Fitted Cot Sheets
- 2 Flat Cot Sheets or Duvet Covers
- 2 Pillow Cases
- 1 -2 Pillows

## TOILETRIES

- Toiletries Case
  - Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Cup
  - Liquid Soap
  - Box Facial Tissues
  - Shampoo, Conditioner, Bodywash
  - Comb, Hairbrush
  - Deodorant\*
  - Bug Repellent\*
  - Sunscreen\*
- \*Non-aerosol

## OTHER

- 1-2 Laundry Bags
- Duffel Bags/Soft Trunks
- Water Bottle
- Flash Light & Batteries
- Hanging Shoe Bag to Hold Small Items
- Hair Dryer
- Hangers
- Paper, Pens, and Pre-Stamped/Addressed Envelopes
- 1 Portable Fan (Battery operated recommended)
- Tefilin for Boys
- 3 Kippot for Boys
- 3 Tzitzit for Boys

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT (OPTIONAL)

- Swim Goggles
  - Tennis Racquet (Camp Provides)
  - Baseball Mitt
- Hockey Safety Equipment:**
- Glove & Helmet with Face Mask
  - Wrist Guards, Elbow & Knee Pads
  - Protective Cup for Boys
  - Rollerblades (for hockey) - optional;
- Safety Equipment Mandatory**

## SHABBAT CLOTHES FOR GIRLS

- 4 Modest Dresses, Skirts, & Blouses
- 1 Pair Shabbat Shoes

## SHABBAT CLOTHES FOR BOYS

- 3 Dress/Collar Shirts & Slacks
- 2 Casual Shorts
- 1 Pair Shabbat Shoes

# WHAT NOT TO PACK:

Food	Cell/Smartphones	Skateboards, Scooters, etc.
Animals/Pets	Fireworks/Matches	Personal Computers
Walkie Talkies	Extreme Water Guns	Knives/Weapons
Mini Fridges	Video Cameras	Heelies/Skate Shoes

Please be aware of what your child is bringing to camp.

If an item is questionable, please don't send it.

**In accordance with American Camp Association accreditation standards,**

Be advised that illegal substances, alcohol and weapons are not allowed in Camp. Usage or possession of any of these, including tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaping paraphernalia by any camper, will result in immediate dismissal.

## POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONES & OTHER ELECTRONICS

This policy is intended for everyone's security, privacy and well being. It is difficult to cover every "electronics" situation on this page therefore we turn to our parents, to act as partners, in ensuring that their children do not come to camp with anything that resembles the items detailed here.

**Campers may not possess cell phones, smart watches (i.e Apple watch) or anything with data capability, including those without SIM cards. Please do not send them to camp with your child. Campers found to be in possession of a cell phone or found to have used a cell phone will face a 3-day suspension from camp.\***



We discourage but do allow campers to bring the following items to Camp :

- Mp3 players: Only music is permitted. Please delete all videos before your camper comes to camp. If videos are found on a device and cannot be removed, it will be confiscated.
- Gaming and E-Book devices: Only without movies or data capability. We allow games rated for general audiences only. Inappropriate games and devices will be confiscated.
- Cameras: may never be used inside or around the bunk area.

**Please reconsider allowing your child to bring expensive electronics to camp. Camp will not be held responsible for loss, damage or theft of electronic devices.**



## **FOOD IS NEVER PERMITTED IN BUNKS**

- Food, gum, soda, etc. are strictly not permitted in bunks- please do not send them with your campers. Only bottles of plain, unflavored water permitted.
- **Cases of bottled water may be ordered through your camper's online account and will be delivered directly to them at their bunk.**

## **SPORTS EQUIPMENT**

- Camp provides equipment for the Athletics program although campers are also welcome to bring their own.
- For hockey players, please send all necessary protective gear, including a mandatory protective cup for boys.

**Please label all items clearly!**

## **PHONE CALLS**

- Campers may call home on their own and their parent's birthdays.
- Please allow our staff 24 hours to return your call if you leave a message for us.
- Campers may never have cell phones with them in camp.

**Please see our detailed policies regarding this and other electronics in this handbook.**

## **TIPPING**

- There is a strict NO tipping policy at Camp Neshar. If you wish to acknowledge a particular staff member in a special way, please make a tax-deductible donation, in his or her name, to our scholarship fund online. The staff member will receive notification of your donation without details of the donation amount.

## **EXTRA CANTEEN OPTION**

Included in your camp tuition is one canteen item which campers receive during their bunk's official canteen-time on weekday afternoons. Because of Camp's very strict policy of not allowing food and drinks (other than bottled water) in and around bunk areas, we offer an Extra-Canteen option that allows campers to choose two items for their daily canteen-time instead of one. You can opt-in by logging into your Campminder account and clicking on "Forms and Documents" - click on Extra-Canteen. Please note that while most parents do elect to participate, it is COMPLETELY voluntary to do so.

**Please note: If a camper "overspends" in Extra Canteen, we will not ask parents to cover the difference. Conversely, if they underspend, refunds will not be issued.**

# CAMP NESHER HAS GONE CASHLESS!

## **"CAMPER CASH" - SPENDING MONEY IN CAMP**

It is commonplace for campers to have cash on hand for use as spending money while at Camp. In lieu of actual cash, every camper now has a "Camper Cash" account which can be found by logging in to your CampMinder account and clicking on "View Camper Cash" under the "Your Family" section. You can fund the account using the same payment method you have identified for all other necessary camp payments. You will have access to your camper's account, be able to fund it as well as view how their money has been spent. Remaining "Camper Cash", at the end of the summer, can either be rolled over to the following year as a credit or donated to Camp's Scholarship Fund.

### **"Camper Cash" can be used for the following:**

- Purchases of drinks/snacks at the canteen (OTHER than during formal canteen-time noted above - "Camper Cash" may NOT be used during that time)
- Bunk sweatshirts

### **Spending Money Outside of Camp - TBD**

- Due to ever-changing regulations at our trip destination vendors regarding going "cashless", we have not yet determined our campers' spending money policy when outside of camp. We will update you as the summer draws nearer.

# LETTERS & PACKAGES



- Please send your campers with stationary & stamps. Self-addressed stamped envelopes work best.
- Campers may receive but not send emails home.

## SUMMER MAILING ADDRESS

**YOUR CAMPER'S NAME  
C/O CAMP NESHER  
90 WOODS ROAD  
LAKEWOOD, PA 18439-3943**

## EMAIL FOR CAMPERS & SUMMER STAFF

**EMAIL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE  
SENT SEPARATELY ALONG  
WITH INFORMATION ABOUT  
OUR COMPANION APP.**



- All packages will be opened by an office staff member in the presence of your camper.
- **Please do not send any food to camp, as it will be confiscated. Please share this policy with anyone who might wish to send a package to your camper.**

# MEDICAL CARE AT CAMP NESHER

Our Health Center includes nurses and a physician on premises. It is Camp's policy to call parents when a child needs a prescription or to visit a physician/hospital outside of camp.

We will also call if your child spends a night in the Health Center.

## REQUIRED CAMPMINDER ONLINE FORMS– DUE BY MAY 10TH:

- Include all medical and prescription insurance policy information recognized in the United States.
- Legible photocopy of both sides of camper's medical insurance card.

## MEDICATION AT CAMP

- In our ongoing commitment to ensure the safety of campers who will be taking medications, vitamins or supplements on a daily basis while at camp, we have selected J Drugs, a pharmacy who supplies pre-packaged medications, to supply medications to our campers for the upcoming summer season.
- Our policy for dispensing medicine requires ALL campers who take medication daily to use J Drugs to package their prescription medications, over the counter medications, vitamins and supplements. PARTICIPATION USING J DRUGS IS MANDATORY
- For more information regarding medication at camp please see the J DRUGS REGISTRATION form on your CampMinder account.
- Click this link to complete [www.campnesher.org/jdrugs](http://www.campnesher.org/jdrugs) registration.

**MEDICAL FORMS are due by May 10th.  
Campers will not be permitted in camp  
without them.**

## PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP LICE FREE!

- Every camper is checked for lice.
- Anyone with lice/nits may not rejoin his/her group until s/he is lice-free.
- If your child is found to have lice/nits, a professional will treat your child at camp - Note that this service is approximately \$300.

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Winter Office Phone: (973) 575-3333

Summer Office Phone: (570) 798-2373

Campspot (Outfitter): (800) 705-2267

[www.thecampspot.com](http://www.thecampspot.com)

Camp Trunk Delivery: (201) 836-0904

[GOCTD.Com](http://GOCTD.Com)

(enter your email address & password Neshers)

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## PICTURES POSTED ONLINE DAILY!

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 **INSTAGRAM.COM/CAMPNESHER**

*See You Soon...*

