

# Camp Moshava of Wild Rose, WI

Under the auspices of Religious Zionists of Chicago and its youth affiliate, Bnei Akiva of Chicago



מדריך להורים  
**PARENT HANDBOOK**

## **FORMS & FEES**

### **FORMS DUE**

The following forms must be completed and submitted to the camp office by May 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Health Form
- Canteen Form
- Travel Questionnaire for non-Chicago area campers. Travel forms for 2<sup>nd</sup> session must be in by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**No child will be permitted to come to camp without completed forms.**

### **Health form:**

All children must be examined by a licensed physician prior to arrival at camp. All information on the health forms will be kept confidential.

Current health insurance information must be provided, as the camp's insurance policy does not cover hospital or emergency room visits, dental expenses, ambulance fees, or prescriptions. A copy of your insurance card, front and back, must be attached to the health form, together with your prescription card information.

We recommend that you provide your medical insurance and credit card information to your nearest Walgreen's pharmacy, so that if any prescriptions must be filled, we can fill them at the Walgreen's near camp. With your insurance information on file, Walgreen's can process the prescription and bill your credit card directly.

### **Travel Questionnaire:**

Non-Chicago area campers should return the completed form detailing their travel plans. Please refer to the transportation section of this guide for more information on travel.

### **FEES**

All camping fees are due by May 1.

## **HEALTH CARE AND MEDICATIONS**

In order to best serve the medical needs of our campers, our staff includes two registered nurses and, whenever possible, a resident licensed physician. Moreover, we are located only minutes away from a hospital that has a full complement of specialists and medical facilities.

Each morning, sick call is conducted by the camp's medical staff in the health center. These professionals are also on call around the clock to tend to campers' medical needs.

Please assist us by following these health guidelines:

- It is essential that your child receive all polio, tetanus, and booster inoculations before coming to camp.  
**All Avodah campers are required to have a TB test.**
- All medications that must be taken by a child at camp, whether brought to camp by the child or prescribed by the camp doctor, will be collected, stored, and distributed by the camp's medical staff. **No medications, prescription or otherwise, may be stored in the cabins.** Exceptions will be made for inhalers or Epikits. These may be kept with the camper, but a spare should be turned in to the medical staff.
- All medications should be clearly marked with the camper's name, type of medication, schedule to be followed, and the doctor's name and phone number.
- Lice check will be conducted upon arrival at camp. Please check your child's hair for nits or lice before their departure for camp. Should your child need lice treatment at camp, the cost for this medication will be passed along to the parents.
- Parents will be billed for any prescriptions filled by the local pharmacy, if not charged to your credit card on file with Walgreens.

## MAIL, EMAIL, PHONE CALLS TO CAMP

### MAIL

Camp Moshava encourages all parents to write letters often to their children. You are also welcome to send packages and presents, but please be sure that all food items that are sent are certified Kosher by an accepted Kashrut board. If you have any questions concerning what is appropriate to send, please call the camp office at (847) 674-9733, x12. **No home-baked goods are permitted.** Mail and packages should be addressed to:

**Camper's Name  
c/o Camp Moshava  
W8256 County Road P  
Wild Rose, WI 54984**

**Counselor's name  
(or Program Name, for high school campers)**

"Downstairs" (primary) campers are required to write letters to their parents twice a week.

### EMAIL

Parents may send one-way emails to their campers through our Web site, [www.moshavawildrose.org](http://www.moshavawildrose.org). (There is a nominal fee for this service from the Website company.) The emails are stored online and downloaded once daily, arriving pre-sorted by bunk. Campers will not be able to reply by email, but will receive these emails each day with the mail.

### FAX

Sending faxes to campers is not permitted.

### CELL PHONES/PHONE CALLS

To preserve the unique nature of an overnight camping experience, Camp Moshava does not permit telephone calls to or from a camper, except on an emergency basis. Exceptions are made for campers on their birthdays, and for campers who do not receive visitors on Visitors' Day.

**Camp Moshava does not permit campers to have cell phones at camp.** Sending cell phones with campers is not only against camp rules, it encourages campers to disregard other camp rules and guidelines, and is extremely disruptive to the camp experience and the entire camp community. Even our staff is asked not to use cell phones in public areas or in front of campers. **We ask all of our camper families to help us preserve the unique, special camp experience by respecting this policy.**

If you want to send your child traveling from outside the Chicago area with a cell phone for travel reasons, please indicate this on the travel form, and it will be kept in the camp safe and returned at the end of the session. **Cell phones will be taken away, if found during camp.**

### CONTACTING CAMP STAFF

**General communication:** You may call the camp to speak with the director, asst. director, camp doctor, camp mom, or your child's counselor. Our phone number at camp is (920) 622-3379. Please refrain from calling the camp between 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. camp time (Central Standard Time) unless there is an emergency.

**A much better way to reach us in camp is by emailing us,** since we can check emails at odd hours when things are a bit slower. The following staff can be reached directly through email:

<b>Camp Director:</b>	<a href="mailto:director@moshavawildrose.org">director@moshavawildrose.org</a>	
<b>Assistant Director:</b>	<a href="mailto:asstdirector@moshavawildrose.org">asstdirector@moshavawildrose.org</a>	
<b>Travel Coordinator:</b>	<a href="mailto:travel@moshavawildrose.org">travel@moshavawildrose.org</a>	
<b>Camp Office – Skokie:</b>	<a href="mailto:moshava@moshavawildrose.org">moshava@moshavawildrose.org</a>	
<b>Camp Office – Wild Rose:</b>	<a href="mailto:wildrose@moshavawildrose.org">wildrose@moshavawildrose.org</a>	(this email address activated June 20)
<b>Camp Mom (in camp):</b>	<a href="mailto:campmom@moshavawildrose.org">campmom@moshavawildrose.org</a>	(this email address activated June 20)
<b>Medical Staff (in camp):</b>	<a href="mailto:medical@moshavawildrose.org">medical@moshavawildrose.org</a>	(this email address activated June 20)

**Emergency communication:** You may reach us on our emergency cell phone at (847) 612-7189. Please do not use this number except when absolutely necessary.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **LAUNDRY**

Camp Moshava sends the campers' clothing to an outside laundry service. Please make sure all clothing items are clearly labeled. Laundry costs are included in the camping fees, there is no additional fee.

### **CANTEEN**

Canteen accounts enable campers to purchase light snacks, drinks, toiletries, and various other supplies that they may need. The canteen also sells Camp Moshava souvenir items. Additionally, campers use canteen funds for cash for trips out of camp.

If your child's account runs low, you may deposit more funds by sending a check or making a credit card payment through our business office. Checks should be made payable to Camp Moshava Canteen Account. Please do not combine canteen money with other funds paid to camp.

### **BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP**

Campers celebrating a birthday at camp will be allowed to call home and speak with their parents on that day. If necessary, you may contact the camp's Wild Rose office a day in advance to arrange a time that is convenient for you.

Camp Moshava can supply all the necessities for a birthday party for your camper's kvutzah. Parties for campers in our "Downstairs" program are \$50. Costs for high school campers vary by program. Please make all arrangements with the Skokie office before the start of camp.

### **HAIRCUTS**

Please have your child's hair cut shortly before leaving for camp. Haircuts are not available at camp. All male haircuts must be in conformity with standards of halacha (Jewish Law)—no carving, shaved sideburns, or shaven heads are allowed.

### **VISITORS' DAY**

All parents and friends are invited to visit us on Visitors' Day. Driving directions can be found on our Web site; a schedule of events and other pertinent information will be posted on our Web site shortly before Visitor's Day. Children not receiving visitors will be permitted to call home. Visitors' Day will take place on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

During 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Camp Moshava hosts an open house for prospective campers and parents. The 2008 Open House will take place on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. Chicago time. Prospective campers will enjoy different camp activities, while parents will see campers and staff in action during a regular camp day, and learn about the camp's educational program, safety and supervision standards, ACA accreditation, and more. There is no charge to attend this open house, but reservations are required. For more information, contact the camp office.

**Please note:** This will not be a traditional "Visitors' Day"; regular camp schedule will be in effect.

### **GRAFFITI AND DAMAGE**

Campers and their legal guardians will be responsible for any damages caused to Camp Moshava as a result of violating camp rules, regulations, and/or instructions from staff members.

**There will be a \$50 charge for each incident of graffiti writing on walls, tables or any other camp property.**

## **POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

### **Camper Participation and Cooperation**

To ensure a positive and safe camping experience for your child and other campers, Camp Moshava requires the full and active cooperation and participation of your child. **Please make sure to discuss the following central issues and guidelines with your child before his or her departure for camp.**

- Camp is an active place where campers are required to attend all activities. Campers may not remain in cabins during activities.
- Campers should understand that the camp's relaxed, informal environment does not permit disrespect or vulgar language. Speech, behavior, and attitude should be consistent with our educational, religious environment.
- At all times Camp Moshava expects every camper and Staff Member to display respect for all campers, counselors, supervisory staff, other camp residents, personal belongings of others, the environment, and camp property. To this end, absolutely no "raiding" of any kind is permitted in Camp Moshava.
- No child is permitted to leave camp at any time, except on organized, authorized, supervised camp trips. Any child leaving camp grounds without proper supervision and authorization will be sent home immediately. No camper may leave camp grounds with parents on Visitors' Day.
- Campers are expected to behave responsibly and safely. This includes avoiding areas which are off-limits without proper supervision and authorization. These areas will be pointed out to your child upon his or her arrival at camp. Entering grounds or areas deemed off-limits will be grounds for dismissal from camp.
- Campers must understand their responsibilities in ensuring their own safety as well as the safety of their fellow campers. Any behavior which threatens the safety of any camper is considered grounds for dismissal.
- A camper's attire should be within the camp dress code and be appropriate for the Torah environment of Camp Moshava. Tzniut, or modesty, guidelines appear on the packing list mailed out to all campers (and which can be downloaded separately from our Web site.)
- Girls and boys are not permitted on each other's campuses.

### **ITEMS NOT TO BRING**

Campers are expected not to bring any item that threatens the safety of any person in the camp community, nor any item to be used for harmful or destructive purposes. Any item confiscated from a camper will NOT be returned. Please make sure your camper does not bring:

- Knives or sharp-edged tools or objects
  - Martial arts or other weaponry
  - Air guns, BB guns or projectile devices
  - Shaving cream
  - Matches or lighters
  - Pets
  - Fireworks, flammable materials, incendiary devices, or related items
  - Any item which threatens the safety and/or welfare of any person in camp
  - Electrical appliances
  - Heaters or heating devices
  - **Cell phones**, pagers, or walkie-talkies
  - Inappropriate music
  - Televisions
  - Extension cords
  - Multiple outlets or similar adapters
- Jewelry, expensive cameras, etc., are also discouraged.

**CAMP MOSHAVA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONFISCATE ANY ITEM NOT LISTED HERE WHICH, IN THE CAMP'S DISCRETION, THREATENS THE SAFETY OF OTHERS OR IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE CAMP'S RELIGIOUS/EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.**