



PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK





DEAR CAMP DROR FAMILIES,

We are busy preparing for an exciting 2026 season at Camp Dror. And, we're ready to make this coming Summer a memorable one! This packet will give you some helpful details and answer many questions. We encourage both new and returning camp families to read these materials carefully, as a great deal of updated and important information is included.

We are thrilled with our fantastic staff hailing from across the state of Israel. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking Forward,
THE CAMP DROR 2026

Camp Dror is OU Israel's summer camp experience, offering separate Orthodox sleepaway programs for boys and girls entering grades 5–10. The camp is infused with the ruach, educational values, and religious spirit of the OU.

Camp Dror is a special place where campers from English-speaking backgrounds, including many new olim, build lasting friendships, strengthen their connection to Torah and Medinat Yisrael, and feel at home in Israeli society.

The 2026 camp season will take place July 9–30, BE"H, in Northern Israel.

FORCE MAJEURE

If Camp Dror is unable to operate as scheduled, in whole or in part, due to circumstances beyond our reasonable control—including war, acts of terrorism, military operations, security escalations, or binding directives from government authorities—we will not be held liable for any resulting disruptions.

In such situations, Camp Dror will make every reasonable effort to adjust programming in a way that supports our families. This may include rescheduling sessions, offering alternative arrangements, or providing appropriate credits.

We are committed to working with each family in good faith to find a fair and reasonable solution based on the circumstances at the time.

*Please note that some of the information in this handbook may change before camp begins.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CAMP DATES

STAFF TRAINING:

July 7–9, 2026

CAMPERS:

July 9–30, 2026

DROR B'KTANA:

July 26-30,2026

CAMP FEES

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

8,650 NIS (ends March 20)

REGULAR REGISTRATION:

9,250 NIS (begins March 21)

SIBLING DISCOUNT:

8,900 NIS (available for Regular Registration)

DROR B'KTANA:

1,800 NIS

CANCELLATION POLICY

ON OR BEFORE APRIL 9:

Refund minus 360 NIS non-refundable registration fee

APRIL 10–MAY 21:

Refund minus 1,800 NIS cancellation fee (includes registration fee)

ON OR AFTER MAY 22:

No refunds

SHORT ABSENCES:

Up to 3 days, no refund

DEPOSITS:

Non-refundable

BALANCE DUE:

June 30, 2026 (payment plans available; contact office)

SCHOLARSHIPS


- Camp Dror provides scholarships to ensure no camper is denied due to financial need.
- Apply during registration. If we cannot meet your need, your payment will be refunded in full.
- Families are encouraged to contribute to Camp Dror's scholarship program to support camp programming.

CONTACTING THE CAMP


CAMP OFFICE


BOYS' CAMPUS:

 Number to be published

 Kfar Hassisim

GIRLS' CAMPUS:

 Number to be published

 Hodayot


HOURS:

Sunday–Thursday 9:00–17:00, Friday 9:00–12:00

CAMP DIRECTOR

Rabbi Kenny Pollack

 kpollack@ouisrael.org

 +972-58-641-1355

IN-SESSION STAFF CONTACT

- Please contact the camp office for all staff communications.
- Emergencies: Contact the Camp Director directly.

STAFF & CAMP LEADERSHIP

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR:

Cindy Wiesel

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

Chaim Marom

BOYS HEAD COUNSELOR:

Rabbi Yonatan Hirschorn

GIRLS HEAD COUNSELOR:

Zahava Bauer

TRANSPORTATION

- Campers travel from central drop-off locations: Efrat, Jerusalem, Modiin, Beit Shemesh, Raanana
- Detailed transportation info sent closer to camp
- **Dror b’Ktana:** Single pickup on Sunday, July 26 in Jerusalem

FORMS REQUIRED

Camper Medical Form

(ONE PER CAMPER)

Parental Agreement

(ONE PER FAMILY)

Camper Code of Conduct

(ONE PER CAMPER)

Copy of Camper’s Kuppat Cholim Card

CAMP HEALTH & SAFETY

INFIRMARY:

Fully equipped, staffed by EMTs 24/7, physician consultant on call

MEDICAL INSURANCE:

Camper must have Kuppat Cholim card

MEDICATIONS:

All meds must be in original containers with instructions; checked in with infirmary staff

ALLERGIES

Notify camp in advance to accommodate meals

GLASSES/CONTACTS:

Send spare pair; contacts must be self-inserted

PREPARING FOR CAMP

CAMP DROR DRESS CODE & PACKING LIST 2026

The following is a camp dress code and packing list of items recommended for camp. Please mark your child's full name on everything possible with either labels or laundry markers. Camp is not responsible for lost belongings. Campers do not have use of a laundry facility on the camp premises; our complimentary Camp Dror Laundry Service is available to all full session campers.

Please pack all items in proper luggage (i.e. suitcases, backpacks or duffel bags), marked or tagged with the camper's first and last name. Use of plastic garbage bags in place of proper luggage is strongly discouraged and may result in belongings that are misplaced or inadvertently disposed of. Camp Dror is not responsible for and cannot guarantee the safe return of items packed in trash bags.

DRESS CODE

At Camp Dror, the way we dress is part of the atmosphere we create together. As a Torah-centered, values-driven camp, we strive to foster an environment of kedushah, respect, and tzniut for both our girls and our boys. Our dress code is not simply about measurements or specific clothing items; it reflects the kind of community we are building — one grounded in Torah values, dignity, and sensitivity to one another. Any language and images on clothing must be appropriate. If language or images are not appropriate, the items will be held by our staff and returned to the camper on the last day of camp.

Clear guidelines help ensure that our shared standards are understood and upheld consistently. We are committed to enforcing the dress code so that campers can focus on friendship, growth, and meaningful summer experiences without distraction.

If you feel that the dress code does not align with your family's expectations, please reach out to Rabbi Kenny before camp so we can have a conversation. Campers who are not in dress code will be asked to change. If appropriate clothing is not available, camp will provide loaner garments until suitable replacements can be sent



BOYS DRESS CODE:

- T-Shirts or long sleeve shirts
- Kippah or baseball hat worn at all times
- Tzizit
- Pants required for Shacharit for post Bar Mitzvah boys
- Tank tops are NOT permitted at Camp Dror
- Sports Jerseys without sleeves are permitted during sports only



GIRLS DRESS CODE:

- Shirts with sleeves close to the elbow (no cap sleeves or sleeveless)
- Skirts that cover the knees at all times outside of their room

Suggested Packing List for Boys*

- 8-10 pants (long pants or shorts)
- 10 shirts (must have sleeves)
- 2 sweaters/sweatshirts
- 3 - 4 pairs of Tzitzit
- Comfortable clothing for hiking
- Messy clothing for art
- White t-shirt for Tie dye!
- Swim shirt or white t-shirt for pool
- 2 swimsuits
- Water shoes - must have straps like shoesh
- Sneakers
- 10 pairs of socks
- 10 sets of underwear
- 3 sets of pajamas
- Spare Kippot
- Hat
- Shabbat shoes/sandals
- Shabbat clothing for 3 Shabbatot (long pants, white shirt)

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Red and Blue clothes for color war!
- Costume stuff for dress up days

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Weekday and Shabbat Siddur
- Tefillin (if applicable)
- Laundry Bag (labelled with name!)
- Kuppas Cholim Card (mandatory)
- Medications (when applicable)
- Spare pair of glasses (when applicable)
- Sport string for glasses (when applicable)
- Small knapsack for hikes
- 2 x 1.5 liter water bottles
- Flashlight
- Safety pins
- Extra Kippa Clips
- Laundry marker (suggested)
- Paper and pens for letter writing
- Parent and grandparent WhatsApp phone numbers for sending letters

TOILETRIES

- 3 bath towels
- 2 face towels
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap
- Mosquito Repellant
- Sunblock
- Lip Balm
- Deodorant
- Lice Comb
- Tweezer

Suggested Packing List for Girls*

- 8-10 skirts (long enough to cover the knee)
- 10 shirts (sleeves must be close to elbow)
- 2 sweaters/sweatshirts
- 3 pairs pants/leggings for under skirts for hikes
- Comfortable clothing for hiking
- Messy clothing for art
- White t-shirt for Tie dye!
- Swim shirt or white t-shirt for pool
- 2 swimsuits- one piece only
- Water shoes - must have straps like shoesh
- Sneakers
- 8 pairs of socks
- 10 sets of underwear
- 3 sets of pajamas
- Hat
- Shabbat shoes/sandals
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- Tweezer

COMMUNICATION WITH CAMP

CONTACTING CAMP

Camp Office

For questions before or during camp, the Camp Office is your first point of contact.

The office can assist with general questions, camper needs, or emergency situations.

Boys Campus: Number to be Published

Girls Campus: Number to be Published

Office Hours

Sunday–Thursday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Camp Director – Emergency Contact

For urgent matters during camp, please contact:

Rabbi Kenny Pollack

Phone: +972-58-641-1355

Email: kpollack@ouisrael.org

Staff Communication During Camp

Parents should **not contact individual counselors directly**. All camper-related communication should go through the **Camp Office**, which will connect you with staff members when necessary. Counselors (no matter if you know them from the community) should not be calling parents about camper related issues.

Campus Information

Both the **boys' and girls' campuses have an on-site office**.

The Senior Staff Team can be reached through the Camp Office if needed.

Administrative Director: Cindy Wiesel

Boys Head Counselor: Rabbi Yonatan Hirschorn

Girls Head Counselor: Zahava Bauer

Operations Director: Chaim Marom

CAMP PHOTOS

At Camp Dror, our first priority is always your child's experience—having fun, building friendships, and fully engaging in camp life. While we love sharing glimpses of the magic happening each day, we make sure our sharing never gets in the way of campers being present and immersed in activities.

Camp Photos

We will post approximately 30 photos every other day, accessible through a link to our photo hosting service. This link will be shared with parents before camp begins. Our goal is to upload photos taken during the previous days by noon (except on Shabbat). As the camp session approaches, we will send more detailed instructions explaining how to access and view the photos. We will also post blog updates on our website several times during the camp session so families can follow along and celebrate the day-to-day excitement at camp. If you would like a more direct update about your child, please reach out to the Camp Office. We are always happy to connect you with the appropriate staff member while still keeping the focus on creating a full and joyful experience for all campers.

CAMPER COMMUNICATION

Every policy in this section is designed to help campers stay engaged at camp and ensure a positive experience for the entire bunk. Communication from home can affect camper dynamics—favoritism or jealousy can develop, and every touchpoint home can increase the possibility of homesickness.

Our goal is for campers to thrive and have a positive camp experience. If you have concerns about these guidelines, please reach out to **Rabbi Kenny Pollack before camp**.

LETTERS AND PACKAGES

At Camp Dror, we focus on creating a community where all campers feel included, safe, and fully engaged. To support this goal, we have guidelines around letters, packages, and necessities that help minimize distractions, reduce anxiety, and maintain a positive environment for everyone.

Letters and Packages

Packages are not allowed. They can create jealousy among campers, increase anxiety for parents, and are difficult to manage logistically. Mailed letters are also discouraged, as they may not reach campers in a timely manner.

Necessities

If your camper forgets an essential item—like pillowcases, shampoo, or other personal necessities—exceptions can be made. Please contact the Camp Director to discuss before sending anything, as our understanding of a “necessity” may differ from yours.

Please also remind friends or relatives who may be visiting camp that packages are not permitted, including those brought by visitors, Shabbat guests, or spouses. This helps us keep the focus on campers and their shared experience.

CAMPER EMAIL

Parents can send emails to campers through our website: www.campdror.com/mail

To send an email:

- **STEP 1**
Enter the camper’s **first and last name and grade**
- **STEP 2**
Select the camper’s **gender**
- **STEP 3**
Type your message in the space provided



Tips for Writing to Your Camper

- Focus on **camp experiences and activities**, rather than what the camper is missing at home.
- Ask about **their counselors, bunkmates, and activities**.
- Keep messages **positive and encouraging**, especially during the first few days.
- Share some of **your own camp memories or experiences**.



Attachments or pictures **cannot be sent** — only text messages are accepted.

Emails will be **printed and distributed to campers approximately every two days.**

CAMPER-TO-PARENT LETTERS

Since campers **will not have access to cell phones**, we are introducing a system that allows campers to write letters to their parents. Campers may write letters whenever they wish. The Camp Office will photograph the letters and send them via WhatsApp to parents and grandparents.

To help this process run smoothly:

Please send your child with a **list of WhatsApp numbers** for parents/guardians and grandparents. Clearly label the **names and phone numbers** so we can reach everyone efficiently.

HOMESICKNESS

Coming to camp may cause a brief period of homesickness. Homesickness is a normal and healthy experience for many children, especially when they are away from home.

Our staff is trained to be attentive to campers' moods and emotional adjustment. If a camper feels homesick, counselors will encourage them to talk about their feelings and will help them understand that these emotions are normal. At the same time, staff will work to involve the camper in activities and help them connect with friends and counselors.

When necessary, our camper support staff will also assist. In our experience, most campers adjust within two or three days and quickly become busy enjoying camp life. Some parents may receive a typical "homesick letter," especially during the first 48 hours of camp. If you receive such a letter, do not panic. By the time you receive it, your child is often already feeling much better. If this happens, write a supportive and encouraging message. If you receive another message that still sounds unhappy, please contact the Camp Office, and we will take appropriate steps.

CAMP POLICIES

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

1. First Word

Usage of cell phones and other electronic devices can interfere with and even sabotage a child's overall experience at camp. A camper that spends so much time immersed in technology or communications may do so at the expense of getting to know fellow campers and counselors and participating in camp activities. Summer camp offers a great opportunity to learn about and navigate social situations while not being constantly connected to and immersed in a digital/virtual world.

During camp, we recommend that your child powers down, unplugs, and takes what we're certain is a well-needed break from the world of electronics. We appreciate your cooperation in implementing this policy.

2. No Cell Phones

It is our policy that campers are not permitted to have a cell phone (or any other device that can connect to the internet) at Camp Dror. Being at camp is an opportunity for your child to develop interpersonal and social skills. To this end, campers must leave their cell phones at home.

The only time campers will be allowed to use cell phones is to communicate with parents while they are traveling to and from camp. Once a camper has arrived at camp, the cell phone will be collected by our staff and returned on the last day of camp.

If a cell phone is found after the first day of camp, it will be confiscated and returned on the last day of camp.

If you have concerns about being in touch with your camper, please contact Camp Director, Rabbi Kenny Pollack, prior to the summer.

3. Limited use of iPod/MP3 Players

We recognize that some campers have a real need for personal down-time. As such, we have set aside appropriate times during the day specifically for this purpose. If your child must have their music at camp for personal down-time, please send iPods without video or Wi-Fi access (e.g., iPod Shuffle or Nano). Or, ideally, an inexpensive audio MP3 device. No camper may use any permitted electronic device during regular programming hours. If this occurs, the device will be confiscated and returned on the last day of camp. Please remove all movies, TV shows, videos, or games from any iPod/MP3 player. Any iPod/MP3 player that contains such content will be confiscated and returned on the last day of camp. We will confiscate any music playing devices that contain music with inappropriate lyrics and recommend that parents review the music choices that are on your child's iPod before coming to camp.

4. Other Prohibited Electronic Devices

Hand-held game devices, laptops, tablets (including iPads, Samsung Galaxy, Amazon Fire, and Kindles, etc.), portable DVD players,

and other similar devices are not allowed at camp. If your child brings any such device, the device will be confiscated and returned on the last day of camp. If your child brings a device that we may have omitted from the list above, please understand that it will be up to the Camp Director's sole discretion to allow its use.

5. Cameras

Inexpensive digital cameras are allowed at Camp Dror. Please discuss proper handling of the camera with your child and how pictures should be taken of other campers only with their permission.

FOOD AT CAMP

We know that food is an important part of your child's comfort, happiness, and overall camp experience. At Camp Dror, we take this seriously and work hard to create meals and snacks that are nutritious, delicious, and meet a variety of dietary needs. While we aim to provide food that campers enjoy and look forward to, we also recognize that every child has individual preferences and sensitivities.

To ensure a safe, equitable, and well-managed dining experience for all campers:

- Personal food at camp will be limited: For health reasons (including allergies), kashrut, and pest control, personal food or candy may only be brought to camp on the first day in their carry on bag. We will be checking the food for allergen details. This helps us maintain a safe and fair environment for everyone.

6. Camp Dror is not Responsible for Lost, Damaged, or Stolen Devices

Please be advised that if your child brings any electronic device to camp (whether permitted or not), it may get lost, damaged, or stolen. Camp Dror cannot and will not be responsible, for any reason, for their loss or damage, nor does our insurance policy cover their replacement. You assume 100% of the risk associated with your child bringing any device to camp.

7. Interpretation of this policy

The Camp Director has the right to modify, amend, or interpret this policy in his sole discretion.

- Planned snacks and meals: Fresh fruit and snacks will be available throughout the camp day, and our menu is carefully designed to be both enjoyable and nutritious.
- Dietary needs and preferences: If your child has specific dietary requirements, sensitivities, or preferences, we encourage you to reach out to the Camp Office before camp begins. Our team is happy to work with families proactively to make sure every camper feels supported and included at mealtimes.

By planning thoughtfully and communicating in advance, we can make sure meals and snacks are not only safe but also an enjoyable part of your child's camp experience.

OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PERMITTED

For health and safety reasons campers are **not** permitted to bring the following:

- **Cell phones and electronic devices (please review the previous section for details)**
- Weapons, knives, hatchets or sharp edged tools or objects (If needed for camp-outs, we will provide)
- Illegal drugs, cannabis products or alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco or cannabis products in any form, or vaping materials
- Air guns or projectile devices
- Matches, lighters, fireworks, flammable materials or any other related items
- Any type of cooking appliances

It is the parent's responsibility to make your children aware of these restrictions and ensure that none of the aforementioned items are packed or brought to camp. We do not permit the use or possession of weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, cannabis or tobacco products at camp. Violation of this policy will not be tolerated and will result in the camper being sent home immediately at his or her parent's expense. In the event of reasonable suspicion by the Camp Staff, we reserve the right to inspect campers and staff bags without prior notice.

VALUABLES ARE HIGHLY DISCOURAGED

Jewelry, expensive clothing, cameras or other electronic devices, expensive games/toys, excessive cash in bunks, etc. are discouraged. Camp Dror is not responsible for loss or damage of these items.

NO MONEY AT CAMP

At Camp Dror, we want campers to focus on friendships, activities, and the full experience of camp—without distractions or concerns about money. To support this, campers do not need to bring personal money with them.

Please do not send money with your camper, as it can create temptation or feelings of inequality among campers. We understand that campers traveling from out of town may need some money for their trip or airport incidentals, but during camp and regular programming, campers will not need money from home.

On rare occasions, campers may be transported off-campus for special activities or rewards.

During these times, Camp Dror will provide a small budget for each camper to use. Campers will not be permitted to spend personal money from home during the session.

For snack options, Shekem will be served in the afternoon, and every family is required to pay the Shekem fee which will not only include daily snacks, but also trip snack and laundry and weekly bottled water. This system ensures fairness, simplicity, and focus on the camp experience, while still giving campers the ability to enjoy occasional treats in a structured way. The details of this account will be shared closer to camp.

CAMP DROR IS NUT FREE

Camp Dror is a Peanut and nut free environment. Due to allergies, we do not serve food containing peanuts or tree nuts.

SHABBAT AT CAMP DROR

Shabbat at camp is a special and exciting time for our camp family. It's a time when we detach from our typical daily activities in order to spend time together, engage in fun and exciting programming, and connect with Judaism through delicious foods, songs and praise. As an orthodox camp, we also refrain from using any electronics, electricity, musical instruments.

CAMPER IN/OUT POLICY

It is highly disruptive to Camp Dror, the staff, and other campers when a camper starts camp late or leaves before the end of the session. Campers are required to start camp on the first day of camp and remain at camp until the end of the session. We recognize that there may be certain limited circumstances (e.g., major lifecycle events) that necessitate a camper arriving late or leaving camp early. All changes in a camper's arrival or departure schedule must be authorized in advance of the start of camp by the Camp Director in his sole discretion. Under no circumstances will Camp Dror prorate camp fees if your camper arrives late or leaves early, or refund any camp fees if the Camp Director decides not to approve your request for a late start date.

Visitation Policy:

At Camp Dror, our primary focus is creating a safe, immersive, and uninterrupted experience for all campers. While we value the interest and support of families and friends, unplanned visits can be disruptive to activities, routines, and the overall camp environment.

Camp Dror does not permit unauthorized visitors. Visits can be disruptive to campers and staff members, so we aim to keep them to a minimum. Parents or others who wish to visit Camp Dror must obtain authorization from the Camp Director ahead of time by contacting the Camp Office. Anyone who arrives without prior approval will be respectfully turned away. This policy helps ensure that every camper can fully engage in their camp experience while maintaining a safe and focused community.

CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

At Camp Dror, we believe that every camper thrives best when they are part of a community built on respect, safety, and shared responsibility. Our camp is a place where children can learn, grow, and build friendships while exploring their independence in a supportive environment.

To maintain this kind of community, we ask that all campers—and their families—understand and commit to the values and behavioral expectations that make Camp Dror a safe and inclusive place for everyone. These norms are not meant to restrict fun, but rather to ensure that every child can fully enjoy their camp experience, feel secure, and be treated with dignity. By establishing clear expectations, we create a space where campers can challenge themselves, try new things, and build meaningful relationships—knowing that everyone is committed to the same standards of respect, safety, and responsibility.

CODE OF CONDUCT, BULLYING AND RAIDING

Camp Dror requires all campers and parents/guardians to sign a **Code of Conduct and Bullying/Raiding Policy Agreement**. This agreement details the rules and behavior a camper is expected to abide by while at Camp Dror. Any camper who is found violating these rules may be dismissed from camp at the camp director's discretion with no second chances or refunds. Directions for downloading and returning this form (along with the other required forms) can be found via your family account.

Behavior

Destructive behavior of any kind is never allowed at camp and will be addressed. Repair and replacement expenses resulting from willful damage to the camp or camper property will be billed to the camper's parents and is cause to not have your camper return in future years.



Bullying and Raiding are not allowed at Camp Dror.

We encourage campers and staff to respect themselves and others, our camp, camp facilities, and the environment. Camp Dror, Camp Dror, is committed to providing a safe environment in which relationships are characterized by dignity, respect, and fair treatment.

Any behavior in violation of the following policies or practices may be cause for immediate expulsion from camp at the discretion of the camp director with no refund of camp fees:

- Campers must not bully or threaten other campers or staff. This behavior is not tolerated.
- Campers must stay with their assigned group with appropriate supervision.
- Campers may not leave camp grounds, unless on a camp-related program.
- Campers must attend all scheduled activities, meals, and programs, unless excused by a staff member and then only if supervised.
- Campers must follow set curfew hours and may not sneak out of their cabin

Fire Risks

Campers may not possess or use any kind of tobacco products, matches, lighters, fireworks, fire crackers, or open flames for any purposes at camp. The only exception to this policy is lighting Shabbat or Havdalah candles under direct supervision of camp staff.

Raids

Raids are NOT ALLOWED at camp. Removal or destruction of personal property is not permitted. Stink (fart) bombs are not allowed at camp. Raiding is strictly prohibited.

Respect

Campers are expected to respect themselves, each other, camp site and equipment, and the environment. This is exemplified by appropriate physical behavior, appropriate language, maintaining campsite and bunk cleanliness, honesty, and thoughtfulness. If a camper observes behavior harmful to another's safety, they must share it with the camp director or staff member immediately.

Bullying

Bullying happens when a person or group of people want to have power over another (or others), and use their power to get their way, at the expense of someone else. It may occur through teasing, taunting, gossip, hitting/kicking, putting down a person, text messaging, email, IM, and other methods. Bullying prevents campers from achieving their best possible camp experience and is not tolerated at Camp Dror.

Drugs and Alcohol

Possession, consumption, or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or the illegal use or unauthorized use of legal drugs is prohibited at camp.

Dress code

We expect campers to adhere to and honor the camp dress code as outlined in the Parent Handbook. The dress code reflects Torah values and the healthy attitudes Camp Dror wants to encourage.

Graffiti

Graffiti is only permitted in certain locations designated by the director. If campers write on camp property in designated areas, parents will be billed at a minimum rate of 200 Shekel per "graffiti" to cover associated costs.

Property Damage

All campers are expected to be respectful of the camp environment including plant, wildlife and the camp facility. Parents will be billed for damage to any camp property caused by their camper, individually or as part of a group of campers, at the discretion of the camp director. In addition, the director reserves the right to expel a camper for intentional damage to camp property.

Technology

Devices with screens or Internet access are not permitted in camp. Devices will be confiscated by staff.

Weapons

Weapons are not permitted at camp or during off-site programs. In addition to all assumed weapons (knives of any kind, etc.) a weapon includes any items, body parts, or words used in any inappropriate way, which may cause threat, harm or intimidation to others or to yourself. If there is any suspicion that a camper is self-mutilating or inflicting pain on themselves or others in any way, the director reserves the right to expel the camper.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

HEALTH FORMS

Camp Dror highly prioritizes the health and safety of all our campers and staff. To help us reach this goal, we must have a signed health form for every individual at camp. If you get a stamped הצהרת בריאות from your Kuppa, that is fine.

We understand parental fears about having their child “labeled”, and we appreciate the desire to offer an environment where your child can experience a summer with no pre-judgments. However, since we are ultimately responsible for your child’s physical and emotional health, we ask that you provide us with as much information as possible about your child and his or her conditions so we can fully support your child and create a great summer camp experience tailored to their specific needs.

INSURANCE

Every camper must have their kuppa card with them.

Common reasons for needing to use medical insurance during camp include:

- ankle injuries, which are very common in the camp environment and x-rays are sometimes indicated
- infections, which are also common and lab tests may be indicated

Given that parents are not always immediately reachable, the infirmary staff may decide to get medical care and then discuss options with parents once x-ray or lab results are available. Camp Dror cannot be responsible for any medical expenses incurred during the camp season.

INFIRMARY

Camp Dror operates a fully equipped infirmary with trained EMT’s on site 24 hours per day, seven days a week, an Infirmary director and a physician consultant on call at all times. The infirmary holds daily open hours during which campers and staff can be seen for any symptoms. Infirmary staff may not always call families for minor issues that can be treated within the infirmary. Sometimes campers will need to sleep in the infirmary overnight, and families will be notified in that case. In case of emergency, we will transport campers to the nearest medical facility, and will notify family once the issue is stabilized. There are Kuppot and Hospitals close to both and girls campuses.

MEDICATIONS

All medications are kept in the infirmary at all times, except when being distributed at mealtimes. All medications (whether over-the-counter or prescribed by a healthcare provider) should be placed into a gallon-sized ziplock bag in original containers or packaging, along with your instructions / suggestions for how our staff can support your camper in taking their medications. The medications with instructions must be signed in with the infirmary staff upon arrival at camp.

Camp Dror infirmary can only dispense medications from an original, appropriately marked bottle for that person.

Every time your child leaves camp for a hike, day trip, or camp out, their health information and an appropriate supply of their medications will go with them. Please, if possible send two (2) bottles of each medication to camp; one may be empty, so we can provide some for those campers away on an out-of-camp experience.

FOOD ALLERGIES

If your child has a true food allergy, please make sure that Camp Dror is aware of it BEFORE camp starts so we can be prepared to accommodate healthy meal choices! We emphasize good nutrition; vitamins are not necessary unless prescribed by a healthcare provider.

LENSES

If your child wears glasses or contact lenses, please send a second pair to camp with your child. The Infirmary will be glad to store these for him if needed during camp. If your child has contact lenses, they must be able to insert them without assistance. Please send enough for the entire season.

IF A CAMPER IS ILL PRIOR TO CAMP

We take the health of our campers very seriously. If your child is ill or injured prior to camp, please contact us ASAP. We will have you speak to the Infirmary Staff to make an individualized plan for your child. The health of both your child and of the entire camp is our top priority.

FINAL THOUGHT

Please complete all health forms so we can best care for your camper(s). We aim to meet every camper's needs and ask your support to help us reach that goal.

CAMP SCHEDULES

Typical On-Campus Day at Camp Dror

While our daily schedule varies, this is an example of a typical day.

7:15 AM

Welcome Time

Start the day with Zrizut (Alacrity) to make sure we can be at Tefillah on time.

7:30 AM

Mishna Club

Early morning learning with prizes, games and hot chocolate

7:45 AM

Tefillah

Our classic Tefillah prayer. If enough for a Sephardic Minyan - can look into that

8:45 AM

Breakfast

We eat!

9:15 AM

Flag Raising

The beginning of our morning when we announce the day's important events and learn some of the important education themes of the day.

9:30 AM

Sessions

Torah learning about interesting and experiential topics that revolve around the Camp Dror themes we're teaching in camp.

[During this time counselors attend counselor meetings to check in about their campers]

10:15 AM

Cabin Clean-Up

Each day we clean our bunks and outside areas.

11:10 AM

Aruchat 11

Stop by the Lodge to pick up some nutritional snacks before the start of activities.

11:30 AM

Bunk Activities - Session 1

Bunks participate in exciting activities.

12:30 PM

Bunk Activities - Session 2

Bunks participate in exciting activities

1:30 PM

Lunch

We eat!

2:15 PM

Minha

We pray!

2:30 PM

Free Time

Mail is delivered during this time as campers take a much-needed break around their bunks.

3:30 PM

Bunk Activities - Session 3

Bunks participate in exciting activities such as Art, Challenge Course, and More! Multiple bunks may be combined for these activities.

4:30 PM

Shekem

Stop by the Shekem to sit down and have a snack.

5:15 PM

Chugim

Campers select their activity of choice from a menu of options. Activities such as, music, swim, basketball, etc.

6:00 PM

Shower Time

Campers return to bunks to rest and shower before dinner.

6:30 PM

Dinner

We eat!

7:30 PM

Maariv

We pray!

8:00 PM

Prep for Night Activity

Campers get ready for the night activity!

8:15 PM

Night Activity

Campers, based on age, will participate in fun and educational full camp programs.

9:15 PM

Lights out

-10:30 PM

Campers need to be in their rooms.

Curfew time is dependent on age.

Shabbat at Camp Dror

Shabbat is a special time at Camp Dror where the whole camp comes together for Tefillah, kiddush, meals, and, of course, singing!

FRIDAY

3:30 PM All Camp Cleanup

4:00 PM Prep for shabbat

5:00 PM Pictures

5:30 PM All Camp Photo

5:45 PM Candle Lighting

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

7:00 PM Dinner

9:00 PM Oneg

SHABBAT DAY

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Tefillah

11:00 AM Kiddush

11:30 AM Perasha

12:30 PM Lunch

1:45 PM Mincha

2:15 PM Supervised Free Time by Zone

4:30 PM Manigut Led Program

5:15 PM Snif with Madrichim

6:30 PM Seuda Shlishit

8:15 PM Mariv

8:30 PM Havdalla

9:00 PM Night Activity for Older Bunks

CAMP SERVICES

LAUNDRY



A **Camp Dror Laundry Service** is available for all full-session campers. It is part of your Shekem fee. Campers will be able to load a large laundry bag with dirty laundry. Clothes will be laundered once during camp and will be collected from campers approximately once a week. Laundry will be returned clean approximately 24 hours later. See packing list for details.

Campers *do not* have independent use of a laundry facility on the camp premises. Laundry machines at camp are reserved for emergency purposes operated by staff.

LOST AND FOUND



Lost items **MUST** be picked up either at camp lost and found before leaving camp or at OU Israel center after camper pick-up. We will make our best effort to return items that have been labeled to their owner. **Non-labeled items left behind at camp or at pickup will be donated.** Camp Dror will NOT be responsible for the return of mistakenly sent food items, lost items, damaged items or items packed in plastic trash bags.

Please LABEL all items brought to camp.

FINAL LOGISTICS & CONTACT INFORMATION

BEFORE CAMP CHECKLIST

Before arrival day, please make sure you have completed the following:

- All required forms submitted through your family account
- Camper belongings labeled with the camper's full name
- Packing list reviewed and packed
- Medications placed in original containers and ready for infirmary check-in
- Kuppat Cholim card packed
- WhatsApp contact list for parents and grandparents packed for camper letters

CAMP WEBSITE

Parents can find camp updates and resources at:

www.campdror.com

During the camp session, families will receive links to:

- Camp photo galleries
- Camp blog updates
- Camper email system

A FINAL NOTE

We are excited to welcome your child to Camp Dror and look forward to a summer filled with friendship, growth, Torah learning, and meaningful experiences.

If you have any questions before camp begins, please do not hesitate to contact the Camp Office.



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