



Camper and Family Handbook

Boynton Beach

Summer 2022

*Make new friends *Learn a new skill *Exit your comfort zone *

The Camp Shalom team is eager for an amazing summer! Health and safety protocols are of utmost importance here. ****Please read our Camper and Family Handbook indicating that you are aware of and agree to our policies and note that they are subject to change based on local and state guidelines.****

Program Details

Yeladim Lower Camp: preschool age campers (including Infants and Toddlers)
Upper Camp: entering grades K – 6 in the Fall

Days & Times

Monday-Friday: 9:00am -4:00pm
Before care: 8:00 – 9:00am
After care: 4:00 – 6:00pm
Infant hours: 8:00 – 6:00pm

Important Phone Numbers:

Yeladim Camp (Preschool): 561-732-7620
Upper Camp (Grades K-5): 561-259-3000
Main Mandel JCC Number: 561-740-9000

Arrival and Carpool Procedures

At our Meet the Staff Days, each family will be given 2 carpool cards to be placed on the dashboard of each vehicle during drop off and pick up.

If you are not able to attend the Open House, you will be given your cards during pick up on the first day your camper starts camp. If you need more than 2 copies of your cards, please let the Camp Office know and we will be happy to provide you with additional copies. Please be patient with the camp staff and our carpool system. Everyone is working together to ensure the safety and well-being of all of the children being dropped off.

Morning Drop-off:

- Begins at 8:30am and remains open until 9:00am
- Campers will be dropped off and picked up in front of the Mandel JCC entrance
- Vehicles should pull all the way to the front, as directed by the camp staff
- Camp Shalom staff will greet campers in the carpool lane and escort them to their groups
- If your camper arrives to camp after 9:05am, please call the camp office and a member of our team will come to greet your camper

Afternoon Pick-up:

- After camp, carpool will begin at 3:30pm and remain open until 4:00pm
- Drivers should go to the designated carpool lane and wait for their camper to be walked out to their vehicle by our Camp Shalom staff members
- Please be sure to display your carpool card in a visible area on the dashboard of your vehicle. Drivers without the designated carpool card will be asked to show ID.

- At 4:05 p.m. any campers not picked up will join our aftercare program and will be charged accordingly.
 - In order to emphasize the importance of prompt pick up, families who arrive after the designated time will be charged as follows:
 - \$10 for 1-10 minutes late and \$1 per minute thereafter
 - Late fees can be paid in cash or billed to a camper's account
 - We understand that extenuating circumstances can arise, so please do not hesitate to inform us of those situations.
- For safety reasons the Camp Shalom staff cannot fasten campers into car seats or booster seats.

Early Dismissal:

- If you would like to have your camper ready for early pick up, please call the camp office or email barbaral@jcconline.com for upper camp or StacyM@jcconline.com for lower camp(Yeladim) by noon each day. If you do not email in advance, we cannot guarantee your camper will be ready. Please keep in mind that camp is very spread out and it could take up to 20 minutes to get your camper ready if we don't know in advance. **All early pickups must be completed by 3:00pm.**

Reminders:

- For everyone's safety, there should be NO cell phone use while in the carpool line
- Please be patient and allow for any necessary adjustments that need to be made, such as in the case of pausing pick up or drop off due to inclement weather
- Please follow staff guidance regarding moving up in the carpool lane

Away from the Mandel JCC

To ensure that we are all doing our part, we ask you to continue making safe choices while away from the Mandel JCC. This includes proper hygiene practices and socially distancing when at all possible.

Camper Health Forms

Current health forms, the Florida State HRS-H Form 3040 and the Florida certificate of immunization 680 Part A, are available from your pediatrician and must be on file in the camp office. For the health and safety of all campers and staff, **campers will not be permitted to attend camp without a completed medical examination and required paperwork.**

Health Alerts

If someone in your camper's group is sick, an email health alert will be provided. Health alerts, are sent for illnesses such as strep throat, the flu, pinworm and lice. For Covid-19 Communication, see "Covid Communication Policy." In accordance with HIPA guidelines, camper and staff identities will always remain confidential.

Health and Safety Protocols

We will teach and reinforce healthy hygiene practices including:

- Properly exercising [hand washing](#) techniques
- Properly covering coughs and sneezes among campers and staff
- Properly teaching and reinforcing using a [face covering](#) when necessary which will include transition times and entering and exiting the facility. Please note: In accordance with CDC guidelines, campers 2 and under will not be required to wear a mask.
- Having adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol (for staff and older campers who can safely use hand sanitizer), paper towels, tissues, etc.

Face Coverings/Masks

Masking is optional at Camp Shalom and Yeladim. **Masks will be stored in a labeled zip lock bag when not in use. Please send in a new labeled bag with your camper.**

Covid Exposure Policy

If a staff person or camper in a group test positive for Covid-19, that staff member or camper will need to isolate for five days from the day of the test and can return to the Mandel JCC on the 6th day with a negative test result (from a lab) or on the 10th day without a test.

Covid Communication Policy

If a Mandel JCC staff member or participant in a Mandel JCC program **test positive for Coronavirus**, we will communicate only to families in the group of the impacted person.

Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing

Campers will be asked to clean their hands throughout the camp day. Additionally, they will wash hands before eating. Camp Shalom staff will carry hand sanitizer with them for use as needed. Proper hygiene guidelines will be followed for handwashing and cleaning. The Mandel JCC has additional hand sanitizing stations throughout the campus.

Cleaning the Facilities and Equipment

Camp Shalom will follow recommendations for cleaning and safety given by the Health Department and the CDC. Our Building Services and cleaning teams will use EPA approved products to clean and disinfect all areas, and staff will regularly disinfect areas prior to allowing the next group of campers to enter.

Labeling

To ensure that your camper comes home with only his/her belongings, please label everything that is sent to camp including water bottles, bathing suits, and reusable masks.

Lunch

Option 1: Please send your camper to camp each day with a packed lunch and include an ice pack. Lunches must be labeled with your camper's name.

Option 2: If you choose to purchase lunch for your camper, please do so through our website or contact the Camp Shalom office. If your camper has any allergies, please be sure to review them with our leadership team.

****Please remember that Camp Shalom is NUT AWARE and only serves nut free snacks.**

Campers may not bring any items containing nuts. **



Visitors at Camp Shalom

In an effort to minimize the spread of germs, we will not be allowing anyone (including parents) into the building other than campers registered in the program, staff, and special events vendors. This includes Shabbat, Special Events, Birthday celebrations, lunches, etc. The doors at the Mandel JCC will remain locked throughout the day. If your camper forgets something and it needs to be brought to them, please call upon arrival and our staff will meet you at the front door and gladly deliver it to them.

Sick Campers and Staff

Campers and staff will not be able to attend camp if they have a fever of 100.4F or higher. They will also be sent home during the day at any time if a fever reaches this temperature.

Those who have a fever of 100.4 or higher will be quarantined. Parents will be asked to pick up within 30 minutes of being notified that your camper is sick. If you are not able to pick up within that time frame, we will begin calling names on your emergency contact list. Please ensure that these individuals are comfortable picking up a sick camper. Please help us ensure the health and safety of everyone at the Mandel JCC by adhering to our policy.

All participants must be **fever free & without the use of medicine that reduces fevers for 24 hours** before returning to Camp Shalom.

Birthdays at Camp

We love to celebrate birthdays at Camp Shalom! Campers who celebrate their birthdays during camp will be recognized during the camp day. Because we have many campers with dietary restrictions, we ask that parents not to send birthday treats for distribution to the other campers in their group/class. For families who would like their child to celebrate their birthday with a treat, we offer two options.

1. Mini cupcakes for \$15
2. Ice Cream Sunday for \$20

If you would like to take advantage of one of these options, please email or call us and we will send you an order form to fill out and send back with cash. We will need at least 48 hours' notice to accommodate the request.

Snack

Camp Shalom will provide a daily snack. If you would like your camper to have additional snacks, please provide a nut free and clearly labeled snack for your camper. Snacks are unable to be refrigerated, so please ensure it is non-perishable.

Staff

Summer staff are skilled mentors who are carefully screened, interviewed and trained prior to the beginning of the program. Our team members are selected for their positive energy, enthusiasm and commitment to caring for your campers. Our staff members are trained in the management of campers including their physical, emotional, and social well-being. Staff development and training will also be given on specific procedures for health and safety protocols.

Swim

At Camp Shalom, we love to swim! In Lower camp, Campers ages 2 and up will participate in free swim during the program day. Campers ages 3 and up will participate in a combination of instructional and free swim. Upper campers who pass a deep-water test will also be able to be able to use *The WIP*, our Water Inflatable Park! Certified JSwim Lifeguards will be on duty at all times while campers are in the pool area. Please send your camper wearing their swimsuit to allow for more time in the water if they have morning swim. Please also send your camper wearing sunscreen and we will remind them to reapply before and after swim. Should a camper require assistance with sunscreen, staff members will assist them.

Tipping Policy

Camp Shalom loves our staff, and we hope that you do, too! With that in mind, tipping is a personal and individual choice. If you choose to tip, please send a clearly labeled and sealed envelope during your camper's last week of the program. The Camp Shalom office will provide you with the names and positions of your camper's counselors.

Water and Water Bottles

Campers are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please provide your camper with a clearly labeled water bottle daily that will be refilled throughout the day. Please be sure to clean the water bottle at the end of the day.

We're Unplugged at Camp!

Tablets, iPads, phones, gaming systems and other electronic toys distract from the social aspect of our community. Please be certain that your camper leaves these items at home. The Mandel JCC cannot be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged personal items.



Backpack Basics



LABEL! LABEL! LABEL!

Every day, campers need to bring a back pack to house their belongings. Their belongings will remain in their group's bunk during the camp day. Make sure that **every item you send is clearly labeled** with your camper's name. **DO NOT** pack gum or candy in your camper's backpack. Camp Shalom at The Mandel JCC is not responsible for lost, stolen or damage to any items brought to the Mandel JCC.

What to WEAR to camp:

Comfortable Clothes that can get dirty

T-shirt or tank top & bathing suit

Sneakers and socks

Sunscreen (will be re applied during the day)

What to PACK IN THE BACK PACK every day:

Lunch and snack (unless purchasing)

Reusable, labeled water bottle

Waterproof bag for wet bathing suit

Change of clothes (tip: place in a big Ziploc bag to save space and keep dry)

1 towel

Sandals or Crocs for swim time

Sunscreen (will be re applied during the day)

Hair and head bands to keep long hair back during swim or other activities

Hat/Visor (recommended)

Insect repellent (optional)

Sunglasses (optional)

What to LEAVE AT HOME every day:

All electronics including; cellphones, gaming devices, iPads, tablets

Toys including; stuffed animals, Pokémon cards, Bakugan, etc.

Money

Jewelry

Personal sports equipment (unless indicated for sports campers)

Medicine and/or first aid supplies (must be brought to the nurse with a doctor's order)

Gum & Candy

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Acknowledgement and Participant Waiver

I hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in any Mandel JCC activities and use of any recreational facilities involves a risk of accidental injury despite all safety precautions. Having been informed of the activities to be conducted by the Mandel Jewish Community Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc., we as an individual and/or as a parent and/or legal guardian of the participants named herein, assume all risks and hazards, incidental to the activities and release from all responsibility and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Mandel Jewish Community Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc., its officers, directors, independent contractors, volunteers and all employees; as well as the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County for any illness or injury to me or my children and/or family members occurring during their participation in any activities or use of any recreational facilities at or conducted by the Mandel Jewish Community Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is virus that spreads through person-to-person contact. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in Mandel JCCs programs or accessing Mandel JCCs facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. While the Mandel JCC is taking many steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Mandel JCC in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in Mandel JCCs' programs or accessing Mandel JCCs facilities.

I/We hereby grant permission for the Mandel JCC and/or its agents to photograph and/or video tape the above-named registrant during their participation in activities or use of recreational facilities at the Mandel JCC. I further authorize the use of any such photos and/or videos for any promotional and/or documentary purpose without compensation. I have read and agree to the Mandel JCC's policies on refunds, cancellations, credits, transfers and program policy as well as the liability waiver.

By enrolling my child in Camp Shalom at the Mandel Jewish Community Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. (JCC), I understand and agree to the terms as stated on this page. In the event of an emergency, if I am unable to be contacted, I hereby grant permission to the JCC to authorize any emergency action necessary to ensure my child's safety.

I understand the contents of the Camp Shalom Parent and Family Handbook. My signature indicates that I have reviewed this guide with my child and will follow the guidelines included in the handbook.

Child 1 Name: _____

Child 2 Name: _____

Child 3 Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

