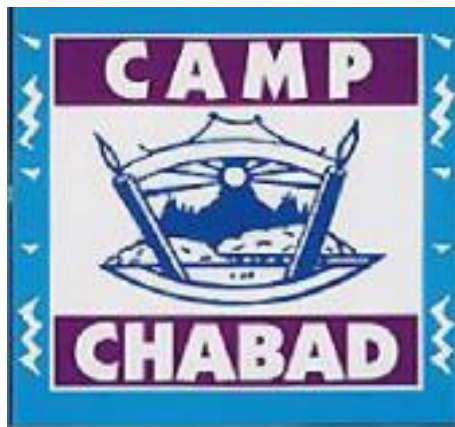


Our 48th Season



Camp Chabad Parent's Handbook

Summer 2025

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Summer Camp address: Koenig Park, 520 W Columbia Ave, Reading, OH 45215



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Camp Chabad History

Camp Chabad is part of the largest network in Jewish camping, which began in 1954. Chabad camps were founded by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, M"HM, and now have thousands of children attending camps all over the world.

The Rebbe often quoted the Jewish sage Maimonides, who more than 800 years ago said: "A single deed, a single word, even a single thought, has the power to tip the scales and bring redemption to the world." The Rebbe told a CNN reporter that "Moshiach is ready to come now, all we need to do is add in the realm of goodness and kindness." Camp Chabad is about teaching kids that goodness and kindness are imperative; thinking about another is key to making this world a better place.

Camp Chabad's philosophy is that the summer months are vitally important for the education and upbringing of children. All year long, children are in an educational environment. Over the summer months, when schools are not in session, it's even more important to convey positive influences that will affect children during their leisure time. It is an opportunity to learn new things, make new friends, explore new areas, and have fun in a safe and healthy environment.

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Dear Parents,

Whether you and your family are just getting to know us or you are returning to Camp Chabad for yet another summer of excitement and fun, we welcome you to Camp Chabad 2025. Our experienced and mature counselors and staff are eagerly looking forward to meeting you and working with your child.

Camp Chabad is committed to providing an outstanding Jewish day camp experience for Jewish children in the region. Our philosophy is that Jewish kids need a camp where they are proud of being Jewish while having a great time.

Camp Chabad strives to maintain professional camping standards. The camp is fully accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). The ACA Standards address personnel, administration, program, facility, health and safety, as well as transportation. We are very proud of our accreditation.

This Parent’s Handbook is intended to answer your questions about the upcoming summer. It might take a while to read, but we encourage you to read it all. It will answer your questions, as well as enhance your child’s camp experience.

You may have questions that the Handbook doesn’t answer. Please feel free to call the camp office anytime.

On behalf of the entire camp staff, I thank you for enrolling your child/ren in Camp Chabad. You will discover that your child/ren’s summer at Camp Chabad will be a summer of fun and adventure, which will be remembered for years to come.

Sincerely,

Menachem Majeski
Camp Director, Camp Chabad

General Information

Camp Location: Camp Chabad will be held at the beautiful spacious Koenig Park in Reading Ohio, The camp summer address is: 520 W Columbia Ave, Reading, OH 45215

Camp Chabad at Koenig Park

Girls Division (Girls ages 5-13)

Boys Division (Boys ages 5-13)

Dates:

Camp begins Monday, June 23d and ends Friday, August 1st 2025.

There will be camp on Friday July 4th. Please let us know if you will not be here.

Times:

Camp starts at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM.

Forms/Tuition:

All Forms and Camp Fees **must** be turned into the camp office prior to camp in order for your child to start camp. These forms are due on Monday May 5, 2025. Forms needed are: Registration Form, Health Form (Legal Immunization Exemption if needed). Check the Camp Chabad website for all the forms (www.CampChabad.org), you can fill out the health form and registration form online. The health form does not require a doctor's signature.

Your child will **not** be admitted to camp without the necessary forms received prior to camp or if **payment has not been completed. There will be no refunds after June 1st, 2025.**

Any schedule changes made after June 1st will be subject to a \$25 charge.

If you add additional weeks during the summer, your child will only be admitted after payment is complete. The additional weeks will be at the rate for that week of camp, not the 'special' rates you may have received for early bird sign up.

MISCELLANEOUS

In the event of unforeseen circumstances necessitating the cancellation of camp for a day, we want to assure you that we will take immediate action. While we do not anticipate such occurrences, should they arise, please note that there will be no refund for the missed day.

Rest assured, if any unforeseen problems arise, we will promptly contact you to ensure that alternative arrangements can be made.

Communication

The ability to effectively communicate is very important at Camp Chabad.

How you get information to us:

Telephone: 513 - 731-5111 or send a note with your child.

For important matters please call the director, Rabbi Majeski, on his cell 513-382-682.

Administrator hours: You can reach the administrator, Rabbi Majeski, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday at 513- 382-6821.

During camp there will be someone in the camp office until 3:30 PM. During the evening and early morning we monitor our voice mail and email.

Email: info@CampChabad.org

If you send a note to the office, put it in your child's backpack. **For critical information like pick-up changes, a note must be written, or you can send a text to 513-382-6821.**

Please call the office or the camp director to confirm the change, and that the note/text was received by the office.

Please call the camp office (513-731-5111) if your child is ill or will not be coming to camp.

How we get information to you:

We want to make certain we meet the needs of every camper and camp family. And therefore want to respond immediately to any issue before it becomes a problem. It is equally important that you, the parents of our campers, are fully informed about camp and your camper.

1. Our Head Counselors, who know their campers well, will reach you by phone to discuss or set a time to discuss any aspect of your child's behavior or to exchange information.
2. If there is a health issue, the camp nurse or health care designate will contact you and/or send a note home. Please call the camp office and ask to speak to the director about any health problems or concerns.
3. Camp will make every effort to contact you by phone in case of an emergency. Since we have no way of determining what each person considers an emergency, the general camp practice is to contact parents when there is a concern about a person's health and/or when a situation is not progressing as expected. Camp staff will leave voice messages on voicemail that appropriately communicates the need for a given parent to call the camp. All contact, successful and unsuccessful, is documented.

At the end of each week you will receive our **Friday Newsletter**. This newsletter gives you information about what went on at camp and the next week's schedule.

4. All changes in the camp schedule, special programs and water play days, will be sent home in a **Note or via Email**. Please check your child's backpack every night for information.

This is how you will know what is happening in camp.

~ CHECK backpacks every night ~

Some Infectious Disease Information.

Campers and staff with symptoms of infectious diseases, like, influenza, respirator virus and gastrointestinal infections should stay home. Staying home when sick lowers the risk of spreading infectious diseases to other people. Washing hands can prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Campers are instructed to wash hands often using proper handwashing techniques. Camp also teaches covering coughs and sneezes to help campers and staff from spreading infectious diseases.

Daily Drop off and Pick Up

Camp starts at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM.

Pull into a parking space on Koenig St, please wait in the car. The head counselor will meet you and help your child/children out of the car. Another counselor will take them to their bunk.

If we know that your child is meant to arrive from another program or activity and they do not arrive, we will call the parent(s) to make sure everything is okay. Or, anytime your child is scheduled to be in camp and does not arrive we will call to verify that you are aware that they are not in camp.

After camp Pick up:

Pull into the parking lot on Koenig St. and wait in your car. A staff member will bring your child to your car.

If your last name starts with the letter A-K please pick up from 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm. If your last name starts with the letter L-Z please pick up from 3:20 pm to 3:35 pm.

Never leave your child unattended in the parking lot!

If you arrive after the drop off time please follow the instructions below:

Late Drop Off or Early Pick UP

Bringing your child to camp late or picking up early –

If you bring your child to camp or pick your child up before camp is over, pull into a parking space on Koenig St. Call the camp Director 513-382-6821 and wait in your car. If this is drop off then wait in your car for a staff person to come and they will take your child to their bunk. If this is an early pick up, wait in your car and we will bring your child to you. **Please do not get out of your car to pick up or bring your child to the campsite.**

You may NEVER leave a child unattended at the park.

Someone else picking up your child –

In the event that someone other than the parent/guardian will be picking up your child, **a note must be sent to the office, you can also text 513-382-6821.** Please call the camp office to confirm that the note was received by the office. This person must have appropriate identification. Please make sure they are aware of the pick up and drop off procedures.

Need to Speak to a Counselor or Staff Member

If you need to speak with your child's counselor or the office staff, please call the camp office and a conversation time will be arranged. Our counselors and staff are with the children all the time and can't leave them to take phone calls.

Visit Camp Chabad

If you would like to visit Camp Chabad please let us know and we will arrange a good time for you To visit.

A Day at Camp

Dress for Camp:

- **Gym shoes or sneakers** are to be worn at camp.
- Washable, light, inexpensive play clothes, a hat and gym shoes.
- Dress appropriately for the weather. The majority of our camp day is outdoors.
- We urge you to apply sunscreen to your child before camp. We suggest sending a tearless spray sunscreen to camp if you want the counselors to help your child apply sunscreen during the camp day.
- **Every child MUST have a water bottle every day at camp, please write their name on their water bottle.**

Water Play:

Send a swimsuit and a towel (long T- Shirt) with your child on days that we will have water play. We will let you know which days are water play days.

On water play days your child can wear his or her bathing suit to camp under his or her clothes. Remember to send undergarments in their bags with their towels, etc.

Water Paly procedures:

Water play will not include any standing water, we will play with a hose, sprinkler, water balloons, slip and slide, spray bottles and the like.

The standard procedures for watching the campers will apply. The head counselor will monitor and supervise all water play.

Camp T-shirt:

A Camp Chabad T-shirt is given to every camper. Campers will receive a T-shirt on their first field trip day of camp. Please make sure to send your child with their camp chabad T-Shirt every Thursday for trip day. Contact the camp office if you'd like to purchase an extra camp T-shirt, cost is \$15.00. Camp T-shirts are worn on all of our trip days.

LABEL EVERYTHING

It is essential that each and every article that comes to camp be marked with your child's name in full. Use permanent markers. We are able to return all labeled items. This includes water bottles, goggles, baseball gloves, towels, backpacks, etc.

Personal Items:

Camp Chabad cannot be responsible for personal items brought to camp. We ask that you do not allow your child to bring Ipod's, MP3 Players, electronic games, or other fad toys. In addition, we ask that you do not bring any personal items from home.

Consistent with your expectations, we have a zero tolerance policy for drugs, weapons, alcohol or tobacco.

Lost and Found:

Items not labeled will be placed in the Lost and Found Box at camp.

Daily Mitzvah - Tzedakah:

We encourage your child to bring a few pennies to camp to help them perform the daily Mitzvah of charity. Some parents may wish to send a small baggie with pennies for the whole week of camp.

Lunch and Snack:

Please send a kosher, nut free, perishable, lunch and snack with your child. We have no refrigeration or heating abilities on site. Please tell your child that due to health reasons there is no sharing of lunch or snacks.

Birthday Policy:

If your child has a birthday during camp and you want to celebrate by doing something special, although we cannot have parents or family members coming to camp you may send treats for the bunk to celebrate, the following applies:

- Please inform the counselors about the date/day you want to celebrate your child's birthday at camp. The counselor will tell you how many campers are in the bunk.
- The item brought to camp must be Kosher, Pareve. (Non-Dairy)
- You need to check with the counselors and/or the camp nurse/Healthcare provider as to who has allergies in the bunk. Certain foods will not be permitted if any of the children in bunk are allergic to them.
- Store bought Baked Goods – cookies, cupcakes, cake, etc. can be bought at the Blue Ash Krogers, or Marx Hot Bagels, and need to be labeled "Pas Yisroel" and Pareve.
- The item should be given to your child's counselor or left with the counselor when you bring your child to camp.
 - It must be brought to camp in the original package (if bought at Marx Hot Bagels it needs to have the Vaad Hoir kosher sticker on it - this is the local kosher supervision board approved) and MUST be Parve (Non-Dairy).
- Please print your Child's Name and bunk on the item.

Supervision

Campers are supervised by camp counselors at ALL times. Active supervision is used by our staff. Keeping campers safe is our top priority.

Behavior

We believe it is important that campers, parents and staff have a common set of

expectations for behavior. Our camp goals are cooperation, good sportsmanship, unselfishness, courtesy, respect and to have fun.

Trips

T-Shirts and trip day go together. Your child **MUST** wear their camp T-shirt on all trip days. T-shirts will be kept at camp. Everyone wearing the same T-shirt is a very effective safety measure on trips. The camp T-shirt distinguishes our campers and staff from other children in the environment. Contact the camp office if you'd like to purchase an extra camp T-shirt, cost is \$15.00.

Prior to all trips, information will be sent home about the trip (permission slip, money when applicable). Certain trips require signed waivers which will be sent home with your camper or instructions given how to retrieve it from the internet. This must be returned to camp prior to the trip. Some trips may return later than the usual pick-up time. This information will be provided prior to the trip.

All activities, transportation and a camp T-shirt are provided at no additional cost. This year our Trip Day is on Thursday.

Trip fees apply to two trips a summer. Camp will notify you prior to each trip that requires a fee.

For safety reasons, campers cannot be picked up from a trip. All campers are picked up at camp.

If you choose **NOT** to send your child on a trip there will be **NO camp** that day for your child. The entire Division will be gone and there will be no one to watch your child. **PLEASE** check the weekly schedule carefully.

Parent Volunteers:

On some field trips and other occasions we have parent volunteers, please reach out to Rabbi Majeski if interested 513-382-6821

Health Care/Emergency procedures

An important Camp Chabad goal is to provide a safe and healthy experience for each camper. Our health care plan is designed to complement your child's growth and development needs as well as provide first aid and other health care. The filled out Health Form describes your child's health needs. Please include immunization history.

CARE OF CHILDREN WITHOUT IMMUNIZATIONS: Children must be immunized according to the State of Ohio's recommended immunization requirements, or following a physician's recommended guidelines or a religious waiver.

If your child has any signs of illness, please keep the child at home. If your child has been exposed to a communicable disease (e.g. chicken pox, flu, sore throat, conjunctivitis 'pink eye', etc.) please inform the camp.

Should your child become ill or injured at camp, parents will be called and will need to arrange for pick up. The healthcare provider will make every effort to contact you about any health concerns.

Emergency Medical Care Procedures

In the event that an accident occurs which requires immediate medical attention, the following emergency procedure will be followed:

- a) The Camp Director will be notified immediately. In the event the camp director is off site, go to the camp office. Contact the Health Provider.
- b) The Camp Director or Health Provider will call parents, physician on the health form, or 911 for transportation of the medical emergency.

The Camp Director or Health Provider will be responsible for contacting parents or guardians. Phone contact with parents/guardians is established in an emergency. Each person's health form contains contact information as well as designates alternate contacts if the parents/guardians cannot be reached. Since the Camp Chabad program has no way of determining what each person considers an emergency, the general camp practice is to contact parents whenever there is concern about a person's health.

Medication:

All medication, with the exception of some inhalers and EpiPens, are kept locked in the camp office. Our camp nurse, or designated healthcare provider, distributes daily medication needed during day camp hours. All medication given during camp must be in the original pharmacy containers and appropriately labeled. If you did not fill in the details for this medication on the health form, written instructions and parent's signature must accompany the medication.

MEDICATION HOLIDAY: If your child is taken off their behavior or ADHD medication during camp and the camp is not informed, it could be grounds for immediate removal of the child from camp, if they become disruptive, unable to follow rules and participate in the bunk with the other campers. Taking a child off medication has an effect on their behavior during camp and creates an unsafe situation. Our nurse or camp health care provider can help you create a proper medication holiday if we are notified in advance.

Before care and after care.

If we have enough campers to provide before care and or after care the following will be the procedure:

Before Care: Park your car and bring your child to the building attached to the shelter right in front of the parking lot. Make sure to sign your child in when you get here. If you will not be using Before Care on a certain day please let us know beforehand.

After Care: Park your car and walk to the building attached to the shelter right in front of the parking lot your child will be inside, or under the attached shelter which is right there. Please make sure to sign your child out. Parents that are consistently late to after care will be billed for the extra time.

When Riding the Bus- on offsite trips.

Bus Rules: Please explain the following rules to your child regarding riding the bus on trips. · Always be seated, and do not get up until the bus comes to a complete stop.

- Keep all body parts on the bus; do not stick hands or anything out of the window.
- Do not throw anything out of window.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Keep the bus clean. If you have trash, there is a trashcan at the front of the bus. Use it.
- Please make sure all the windows on the bus are opened. If your window is closed, ask a staff member to open it for you.
- If there is a problem with another camper or anything else, please speak to the bus counselor or the bus driver.
- When waiting for the bus to arrive, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before going near the bus.
- Stay seated until you are told to leave the bus.
- Exit the bus only according to the instructions of the bus counselor.

Staff/child ratios and Children with special needs

The Camp Chabad staff/child ratio is at a minimum 1:8. If there is a need for added support the head counselors will be available. If your child is a special needs camper and they need a 1:1 or 1:2 supervision, please call the camp office prior to camp and speak to the director to discuss how your child's special needs will be handled at camp. Or Email: rabbi@campchabd.org for more information

Camp Chabad is a registered and approved Day Camp by the state of Ohio. Any parent may contact the Hamilton County Job & Family Services at (513) 946-1800 or the Health Department at (513) 357-7200, to voice any concern regarding Camp.

Sponsorship

Some sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you would like to sponsor a trip or other camp program/event, please call the camp office.

Map of Camp Site



Campgrounds

1. Baseball Diamond 1
2. Baseball Diamond 2
3. Playground 1
4. Playground 2
5. Swing set
6. Outdoor Shelter
7. Indoor Office Space
8. Basketball Court
9. Field
10. Mill Creek
11. Parking Lot
12. McWhorter Street
13. Koenig Street
14. W Columbia Ave
15. Concreate Sidewalk
16. Gate

Sample Daily Schedule

Camp Schedule (sample, typical day)		
9:15-9:30	Carline, campers arrive	Note: it is a staggered drop off
9:30 -9:45	Line up	Cheers, schedule, songs.
9:45-10:30	Tzedaka/Davening/Mitzvah	Discuss the daily Mitzvah/Story time. AM snack
10:30-11:00	String Art	Use push pins and string to create a picture
11:00 -11:30	Gaga	Campers Play Gaga
11:30 - 12:00	Cross Stitch	Campers create items with Cross Stitch
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch	Bring a kosher, nut free, meat free lunch to camp.
12:30 -1:00	Food Art	Campers create art with food
1:00 -1:30	Field games	Campers participate in races and games
1:30 -2:00	Pickle making	Campers fill their mason jars with cucumbers and spices
2:00 -2:45	Water Play	Campers play water games
2:45 -3:15	Snack/Moshiach discussion	Campers discuss ways to do acts of goodness and kindness and bring Moshiach.
3:15 – 3:30	Carline, pickup	Note: it is staggered pick up