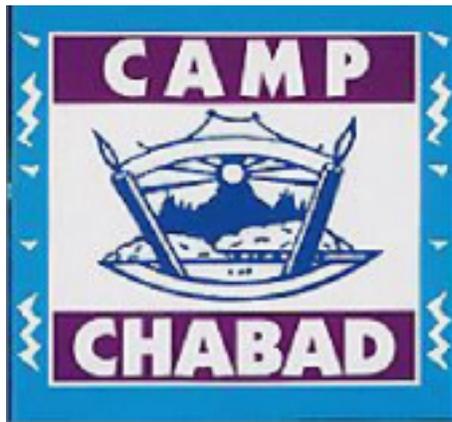


# Our 46<sup>th</sup> Season



## Camp Chabad Parent's Handbook

**Summer 2022**

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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 was established in Cincinnati 46 years ago. Camp Chabad is part of the largest network in Jewish camping, which began in 1954. Chabad camps were founded by the Lubavitcher Rebbe M<sup>o</sup>HM and now have more than 350,000 children attending camps all over the world.

The Rebbe often quoted the great Jewish sage Maimonides, who more than 800 years ago had 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 is imperative, thinking about another is key to making this world a better place.

Camp Chabad’s philosophy is that 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 2022. Our experienced and mature counselors and staff are eagerly looking forward to meeting you and working with your child. We are so grateful that we were able to operate an in person camp last summer. As of now some Covid guidelines are still applicable and that is how we plan to operate.*

**There are many changes this summer please read the entire parent handbook!**

*Camp Chabad is committed to providing an outstanding Jewish day camp experience for children in the region. Our programming, athletics, sports and creative arts are conducted under the guidance of instructors who are highly qualified in their fields. Family oriented programs are also a very important part of our camp.*

*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 20th and ends Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**There will be camp on Monday July 4th.**

**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 2nd. Forms needed are: Registration Form, Health Form (Legal Immunization Exemption if needed). Check the Camp Chabad website for all the forms ([www.CampChabad.org](http://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 non Covid related refunds after June 3rd, 2022.**

**If we have to close a bunk for more than 48 hours due to Covid, you will receive a prorated refund. If you received a scholarship, you will receive a refund only if the entire week is canceled.**

**Any non Covid related schedule changes made after June 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Sometimes there are unforeseen circumstances that may cause us to cancel camp for a day. We are not anticipating this but if it happens, there will be no refund for the day missed. We will contact you immediately if there is any unforeseen problem so that you can make other arrangements.

# 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 513-382-6821**

During camp there will be someone in the camp office until 3:00 PM. During the evening and early morning we monitor our voice mail and email.

**Email: [info@CampChabad.org](mailto: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.** Please call the office or the camp director to confirm the change, and that the note was received by the office.

If you need to speak to the director you can reach him from 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM on his cell 513- 382-6821.

**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 the 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. Any child presenting symptoms of Covid -19 will have to be picked up immediately

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 Ongoing Covid and Infectious Disease Information.

Campers and staff with symptoms of infectious diseases, including Covid-19, influenza, respirator virus and gastrointestinal infections should stay home and get tested for Covid-19. If the test is positive contact your healthcare provider and Camp Chabad. Staying home when sick lowers the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including the virus that causes Covid-19, to other people. Contact your healthcare worker and the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) to find out recommendations for mask use for people experiencing symptoms as well as quarantine.

Symptoms of Covid-19 include: Fever, Cough, Chest pain, New loss of taste or smell, changes in the skin, such as discolored areas of the feet and hands, Sore throat, Nausea, vomiting, belly pain, Chills, Extreme fatigue, Severe headache. Covid-19 symptoms appear on average about 6 days after a Covid-19 exposure. It's difficult to tell if a child has Covid or another illness. If symptoms occur, talk to your doctor and then call the Camp.

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.

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**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.** 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 new 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**

This summer there will not be any camp visits allowed.

# 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.
- Remind your child that there is **NO SHARING** at all this summer especially hair brushes, combs, barrettes or other hair items....especially after water play.
  - We urge you to apply sunscreen to your child before camp. This summer counselors will not be allowed to apply sunscreen to campers. We suggest a tearless spray sunscreen.
  
- **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 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 underwear in their bags with their towels, etc.

## Water Paly procedures:

As the water play this summer will not include any standing water, we will only play with a hose, sprinkler, water balloons, 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 \$12.00. 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, this summer 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.

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### **Lunch and Snack:** New – Please read carefully.

This summer we will not be serving lunch or snacks. Please send a kosher, perishable, non-meat lunch and snack with your child. We have no refrigeration or heating abilities on site. Please tell your child that there is no sharing of lunch or snacks this summer.

### **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 to be part of the party 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.
- 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 are allergic to them.
- Store bought Baked Goods – cookies, cupcakes, cake, etc. can be bought at the Blue Ash Krogers, Hyde Park Remke 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.

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## *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 \$12.00.

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:**

This summer we will not be utilizing parent volunteers. Thank you for your interest.

## 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.

Please let your children know that we will be washing our hands or using hand sanitizer a lot more frequently than in the past.

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.

If your child has any Covid symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills or muscle pain, new onset of severe headache, nausea or vomiting, or new loss of taste and smell) please do not send them to camp. If they present any of these symptoms at camp, you will be called to pick up your child immediately. Any child that has a fever of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed to return to camp until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

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.

If your child has been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with a confirmed case of Covid they will have to complete quarantine protocols if necessary per the CDC guidelines. This also applies if someone in your household has tested positive for Covid-19.

## 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.

This summer there is no before or after care.

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## **When Riding the Bus- on off site 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 busdriver.
  - 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.

# 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. Concrete 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	This summer campers have to bring lunch from home
12:30 -1:00	Soccer Shots	Professional Soccer Instruction
1:00 -1:30	Tennis	Tennis instruction
1:30 -2:00	Pickle making	Campers fill their mason jars with cucumbers and spices
2:00 -2:45	Kick Ball	Campers play kick ball
2:45 -3:15	Snack/Moshiach discussion	Campers discuss ways to make the world a better place.
3:15 – 3:30	Carline, pickup	Note: it is staggered pick up