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Welcome to Camp

Thank you for choosing Neil Klatskin Summer Camps to be your child’s source for summer fun and growth! We pride ourselves on being the place for your children to be their best. This Parent Manual contains lots of useful information about all our Neil Klatskin Day and Specialty Camps. Please read it thoroughly and call us if you’d like additional information at 201.567.8963.

Neil Klatskin Day Camps is proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). This accreditation means that NKDC adheres to over 300 strict guidelines for health, safety, and program design in the camp industry. To learn more about what it means to be an ACA Accredited camp, please visit our website and click on the ACA logo or go to the ACA website at www.campparents.org.

We are proud that our camp offers a safe atmosphere for exploration and dynamic programming, where our campers can feel confident and comfortable to try new things, build skills, be inspired and form lifelong friends. Our enthusiastic and professional staff is looking forward to leading the campers on this fantastic journey.

We look forward to a memorable and special summer!
Aaron Atlas
Director, Youth and Camping Engagement

Parent Liaisons: We’re Here to Help You and Your Children

We encourage open communication between parents and our administrative team and we’re always happy to receive feedback as we continually look to grow and enhance our dynamic camp program. Our program directors, unit heads and head counselors who are certified educators (Kadima, ages 3 & 4, only) are your direct liaisons. If you wish to speak to them, please call the camp office and one of our supervisory staff will return your call in a prompt manner. Please remember that since our leadership team and counselors are in the field with our campers, some calls may not be able to be returned until the end of each day.

For daily or time-sensitive information you can reach our staff at camps@jccotp.org or 201.567.8963. If you would like to contact the NKDC leadership staff about a particular concern, you may also use the following emails and they will respond after 4:30 pm each day.

Kadima@jccotp.org
Gedolim@jccotp.org
Tikvah@jccotp.org
Transportation@jccotp.org
Camp Nurse – lcasella@jccotp.org

2019 Neil Klatskin Summer Camps Administrative Team

NEIL KLATSKIN SUMMER CAMPS DIRECTOR..........AARON ATLAS
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, YOUTH & FAMILY ......MELISSA PETERS
NKDC CAMP PROGRAM MANAGER........MICHAL CHERNICHOVSKY
NKDC CAMP PROGRAM MANAGER........LERON BENSOUSSAN
NKDC OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR..................FELICIA CANGRO
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR..............NICOLE RUTKOWSKI
AQUATICS PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR...........SHERRI ROTHSTEIN
INCLUSION COORDINATOR........................ANNA LAUER
CAMP NURSE.............................................LINDSEY CASELLA
DANCE CAMPS & DRAMATIC ARTS..............ALLYSON CAROLAN
FINE ARTS, STEM, NKDC CAMPS................AARON ATLAS
SPORTS CAMPS........................................KERI THOREN
SPECIAL SERVICES CAMPS......................SHELLEY LEVY
CAMP KATAN............................................ADYNA ROSEN
STARTUP NATION/ BIG IDEAS HOVAL MAGAL & SHIRA ZANDANI
SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR/CIT COORDINATOR.....IAN ZELLMAN
NKDC KADIMA (AGES 3 & 4)
Unit Head........................................Mariluz Ruiz-Norena
Kadima Resource Manager .....................Susan Suchoff
NKDC GEDOLIM (GRADES K-2)
Unit Head Kindergarten.............................Carolyn Cavaliere
Unit Head 1st & 2nd.................................Simeon Pearlestein
NKDC TIKVAH (SPECIAL NEEDS)
Program Director...................................Liz Church
JCC BOARD LIASON
Camps Chairperson................................Phyllis Kesslen

Neil Klatskin Summer Camps Values

TIKKUN OLAM...................................REPAIRING THE WORLD
HACHNASAT ORCHIM..............................WELCOMING GUESTS
HODA’AH...........................................APPRECIATING THE WONDERS AMONG US
SHMRAT HAGUF.................................CARING FOR THE BODY

At camp, we strive to live healthy and meaningful lives. These values should be remembered in all that we do at camp. We reflect on these universal values through a Jewish lens, and look for opportunities each day to practice them.
Open House Schedule — Sun, June 23
Open house will take place on the camp field except where otherwise noted. Please note that specialty camps (other than Big Idea) do not have an Open House.

KADIMA (AGES 3 & 4)
3/4 DAY 10:15-10:45 am
FULL DAY
Last Name A-L: 11:15-11:45 am
Last Name M-Z: 12-12:30 pm
(in your child’s home base classroom)

GEDOLIM KINDERGARTEN 9-9:45 am
GEDOLIM 1ST GRADE 10:15-11 am
GEDOLIM 2ND GRADE 11:15 am-12 pm

TIKVAH 11:30 am-12:15 pm
START UP NATION 11:15 am-12:00 pm
BIG IDEA 12:00-1:00 pm

Calendar
CAMP CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4
NKDC FAMILY NIGHT, AUGUST 1, 5:45-8:15 PM
NKDC LATE NIGHTS
Campers enjoy an extra swim, dinner and fun activities on late nights and overnights. Afternoon transportation is not provided on these days.

GEDOLIM 1ST GRADE
Tues, July 9 — Pick Up at the JCC at 6 pm
Thurs, Aug 1 — Pick Up at the JCC at 6 pm

GEDOLIM 2ND GRADE
Thurs, July 11 — Pick Up at the JCC at 6 pm
Tues, July 30 — Trip to NJY Camps; pick up at 6 pm

SPECIALTY CAMP EVENTS WILL VARY BY CAMP

More Special Days
Every Wednesday is a special event day for all camps. See the camp calendar on our website and sent home in your packet for specific events that will be featured each week
We also have dress-up days throughout the summer. The more dressed up the more fun! Just make sure the outfits are able to make it comfortably through the camp day.
Reminder: notices will be sent via email a few days ahead if special dress requests or materials from home are needed.

NKDC Camp Communication
We are always happy to hear from our camp families, so feel free to get in touch with us at any time. If it’s urgent, call the office 201:567.8963.

You can expect to hear from us continuously throughout the summer. The communication plan is as follows:

PRE-SUMMER
• We will ask for info from you from an online program, CampSite. This is where you tell us about your camper and fill out information like health info, emergency contacts, and friend requests.
• Mid-June, NKDC administrative team will call home
• The week prior to camp you’ll get a packet in the mail with your carpool card, calendar, lunch menu, and other camp information. Many of these items will also be available online.
• NKDC counselors will write a postcard home to your camper before camp starts.

DURING THE SUMMER
• Klatskin Chronicles, an email newsletter, will be sent home every Sunday. It will include important information, and outline all camp happenings and highlights for the week.
• Email reminders of upcoming dress-up days
• Daily Facebook and Instagram updates (facebook.com/JCCKlatskinCamps and instagram.com/jccneilklatskinsummercamps)
• Kaymbu, an interactive, web-based photo sharing software will be used to send parents frequent photos and important information about camp.
• NKDC head counselors call home weeks 1, 3, 5 & 7
• Bi-weekly camp-o-grams for the day camp campers are sent home, indicating what program and skill requirements campers have worked on.
• Swim lesson progress reports, will be sent home two times during camp for day camp campers.

Visiting Camp
Any visitors to the campgrounds must first check in at the office, and if given permission, will receive a visitor’s pass. For safety reasons, any person found in violation of these rules will be immediately escorted off of the grounds. If you would like to observe your child, please speak to your child’s Unit Head to coordinate an appropriate time.

Camp Photo Sharing
Most camps will be using Kaymbu, an interactive photo sharing software that will allow us to send parents frequent photos and important information about camp. We are very excited that we will be able to send more personalized photos and to share all the fun at camp with you each week!

Goals & Objectives for Camper Development
The following list details goals and objectives for campers at the Neil Klatskin Day Camps.

**PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES THAT STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EACH CAMPER’S SELF-ESTEEM.**
- Campers will participate in getting-to-know-you games during the first few days of camp.
- Each camper will select his/her own activity during “Choice Time” or help counselors to choose an activity for free periods.
- Staff will provide the campers with positive comments and encouragement throughout their day.
- Each camper is given a Camp-o-Gram to take home, bi-weekly, to share with his or her parents, indicating what program and skill requirements he or she has worked on.

**HELP CAMPERS APPRECIATE OUR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS AND TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.**
- Each camper will participate in at least one nature related program while at camp.
- Each camper will have the opportunity to participate in a nature activity, in addition to the nature program, which could include hiking or environmental activities.
- At the beginning of each session, the campers will discuss as a group the importance of taking care of their camp facilities and the things they need to do, such as picking up litter, staying on trails, not picking flowers, respecting property (no graffiti), conserving water, and recycling.

**PROVIDE OCCASIONS FOR EACH CAMPER TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND STRENGTHEN EXISTING FRIENDSHIPS.**
- Staff will encourage positive social interactions between campers during all activities.
- Campers will work together to achieve group goals as well as personal goals.
- Campers will learn to function as a group, support and encourage each other.

**PROVIDE CAMPERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THEIR JEWISH IDENTITY.**
- Each camper will participate in an oneg shabbat celebration each week.
- Campers will learn Hebrew words that are relevant to camp.
- Each camper will participate in our Mitzvah Day celebration and learn the meaning of Tzedakah.
- Campers will participate in activities to learn about Israel, led by a shaliach from Israel.
- Campers will have kosher meals and snacks and recite appropriate prayers.
- Campers will learn about Jewish values through programming and day-to-day interactions with others.

In order to provide a place where all campers can feel safe and happy, both physically and emotionally, the Neil Klatskin Summer Camps takes a proactive approach to bullying by adopting an Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is when one or more people exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit, kick or put down another person with the intent to hurt that person. It happens when another person or group of people want to have power over another.

Using guidelines set forth by the American Camping Association (ACA), our Anti-Bullying Policy is an initiative that is aimed at taking appropriate steps toward managing this behavior. Our staff is trained to prevent bullying and raise awareness by using different techniques and tools that will help us avoid such behavior. Using these tools, they will also be able to identify bullying behavior, take appropriate steps to intervene and then role model and discuss with their campers that bullying behavior will not be tolerated.

Parents are encouraged to share this policy with their children and to let us know about any bullying concerns so that we may take steps to ensure that each camper has the opportunity for personal growth, friendship and fun this summer.

If a child’s verbal or physical actions indicate the intent to harm themselves or others, it is the camp’s responsibility to provide for the health, safety, security and welfare of the entire camp population. In such a case, your child may be dismissed from camp, without a refund, at the discretion of the Camp Director.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the camp office.

**Behavior Management Policy**

We believe in using positive behavior management techniques to encourage cooperation, limit-setting, self-regulation, and self-esteem building through the use of positive reinforcement, redirection, and setting clear expectations. Harsh language and loud voices will never be used while redirecting or discussing a situation with a child, and physical punishment of any kind is strictly prohibited.

We aim to improve behavior with love, gentleness, praise, and encouragement. Counselors will help to model consideration, patience, and helpfulness for all of the children in the group, and work to develop trust between not only the counselors and the child but also the counselors and the parents. While most behavior concerns are dealt with by the counselors, the directors and supervisors are frequently involved in providing additional guidance and support for the child.

**REMOVAL FROM CAMP**

We want you to know we will do everything in our power to work with your family in order to prevent removing campers from camp.

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**PROACTIVE ACTIONS THAT WILL BE TAKEN IN ORDER NOT TO EXPEL A CHILD:**

- Staff will intervene in bullying incidents and address the situation with both the bully and the victim.
- Staff will communicate with both the bully and the victim’s parents to ensure understanding and cooperation.
- Staff will monitor the bully and the victim’s interactions closely to ensure their safety.
- Staff will provide the bully with support and guidance on how to change their behavior.
- Staff will follow up with the bully and the victim regularly to ensure their well-being.
- Staff will involve the parents in the process to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all campers.
- Staff will review the policy with all campers at the beginning of each camp session.
- Staff will keep a record of any bullying incidents and take appropriate action.
- Staff will provide a safe and supportive environment for all campers to feel comfortable reporting bullying incidents.

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• Staff will redirect child from negative behavior, always using positive reinforcement
• Staff will reassess environment, appropriateness of activities, and supervision.
• Directors may recommend an evaluation by the JCC social worker.
• Staff will use consistent methods of redirection.
• Child’s behavior will be documented and maintained in confidentiality.
• Camp will have frequent communication with the parent/guardian to best help the child.

Sometimes, however, despite our best efforts, removal from camp is necessary. Please review the following actions that may require removal from camp.

PARENTAL ACTIONS FOR CHILD’S REMOVAL FROM CAMP
• Failures to complete required forms, provide copy of child’s immunization records, or make payment.
• Habitual tardiness in picking up your child.
• Physical or verbal abuse to staff.
• Noncompliance with camp policy.

CHILD’S ACTIONS FOR REMOVAL FROM CAMP
• Inability to adjust after a reasonable amount of time.
• Uncontrollable tantrums/angry outbursts.
• Ongoing physical or verbal abuse to staff/children.
• Child is a danger to him/herself or others.

How to Dress for Camp
Campers are active and inevitably get dirty during camp activities, so please send your child to camp in comfortable clothes that are appropriate for the weather.

• SNEAKERS are required since a camper can run safely and comfortably in them.
• SWIMSUITS should be worn to camp. Please make sure to pack shorts and underwear for after swimming.
• SUN BLOCK of 15 SPF or higher should be applied liberally at home daily and sent to camp in your child’s bag (yes, we reapply!). We recommend spray sunscreen and a sunscreen stick for their faces.
• You may purchase sun protective swim suits through our fundraiser with grUvY Wear, visit gruvywear.com, search our camp in camp orders, and start shopping.
• CAMP T-SHIRT should be worn for Shabbat celebrations on Fridays, photo days, and field trips.
• DANCE CAMPS should wear jazz pants, tank top or leotard, ballet slippers and/or jazz shoes. Please also send a change of clothes with sneakers and t-shirt.
• THEATER CAMPS should bring a sweater, jazz shoes or thin, soft soled shoes, and thin socks.
• SPORTS CAMPS should wear athletic clothing.

You can purchase waterproof labels through our fundraiser with MablesLabels, visit www.camps.mableslabels.com, click on support a fundraiser, search for our camp name, NKDC @ Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, and begin shopping.

Helpful Packing Tips
Please pack a full water bottle, sunscreen, optional pool shoes, and a change of clothes, including underwear. Gedolim and Tikvah campers should pack a second bathing suit.

DAY CAMPS AND SPECIALTY CAMPS PROVIDE LUNCH, SNACKS, CAMP SHIRT, AND TOWEL SERVICE. DAY CAMPS ALSO PROVIDE BACKPACK, WET BATHING SUIT BAG, WATER BOTTLE, AND TZEDAKAH POUCH.

NKDC campers will receive their camp items at the Open House on Sunday, June 23. If you can’t make the Open House, you may send your child’s belongings on his/her first day of camp in a bag from home and we will send them back to you at the end of the day in their new camp bag.

ADDITIONAL PACKING INFORMATION

KADIMA (AGES 3 & 4)
A complete change of clothes and an extra container of sunscreen should be brought in a small box or bag at the Kadima Open House or on the first day of camp. This box will be left in the room. Swim shoes may be worn at the pool.

If your child is not potty-trained please also bring in a package of diapers and swim diapers.

If your child is registered for the full day program (9 am-4 pm) please send a blanket for rest time.

Your Head Counselor will let you know if more supplies are needed throughout the summer.

GEDOLIM, TIKVAH, SPECIALTY CAMPERS
Older campers have the option to drop off an extra change of clothes in a labeled zipper bag that will be stored at camp for use if necessary.

THEATER CAMPS
Please bring a 3 ring binder, pencil, and a recording device.

Carpool & Transportation
Safety is our #1 priority. Please follow the directions of our staff members and signage when dropping off and picking up your child(ren).

Note: EVERYONE who isn’t taking a bus is a “carpooler” even if you don’t have more than one child you’re dropping off/picking up. A carpool card, to use at pick up, will be sent home in the mail in late June.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR DROP OFF

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING—LABELED CLOTHES HELP OUR STAFF GET YOUR BELONGINGS BACK HOME.
Carpool is open from 8:45-9:10 am every day. As you enter the JCC parking lot area, please follow the signs for your child’s program.

Gedolim (Kindergarten – 2nd grade), Tikvah (special needs), and Specialty Camps cars should make the first right turn and follow staff directions from there.

Kadima (ages 3 & 4) cars continue straight upon entering and follow directions to the back of the building.

If you are dropping off campers in both locations, please drop your older camper(s) first and then head to the back of the building to drop off your Kadima camper(s).

**PICK-UP POLICIES**

When coming into camp for carpool pick-up, you always need to display your carpool card on the front windshield on the driver’s side. Please follow our staff’s directions and signage. The first few days of carpool will take a little longer as all parents are adjusting to a new routine.

For everyone’s safety, there is **NO PASSING** of other cars permitted once you are on the carpool line. Please wait until the car in front of you moves and remain in a single line. Please be reminded that regular carpools are limited to four campers, and that we are not allowed by state law to help you buckle your child for the way home. Carpools of 5 or more campers will receive specific instructions for pick up by mail along with their carpool cards. For security reasons, no child will be allowed to be picked up without a carpool card that gives authorization. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in working together to get everyone home safely.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Families using our bus transportation will be contacted one week prior to camp with procedures and an approximate pick-up and drop-off time. Enrollment on bus transportation must have occurred before May 14 or we cannot guarantee pick up for the first week of camp. Please email Transportation@jccotp.org or call 201.569.7900 ext. 312 with any questions or concerns about bus transportation.

**WALK-UP/PICK-UP PROCEDURE**

Three Quarter Day (2 pm): walk-up pick-up is located at the doors entering the Berrie wing Please wait outside the door and an administrator will begin dismissal. Show the administrator your camper’s carpool card and they will bring your child to you. We kindly ask that you do not enter the Berrie Wing hallway and please not to congregate in that area before 1:50 pm.

Everyone else is Full Day (4 pm): walk-up pick-up is located at the side gate of the front playground next to the JCC entrance. Please wait outside the door and an administrator will begin dismissal. Show the administrator your camper’s carpool card and they will bring your child to you.

All campers who arrive after 9:10 am must be signed-in at the camp office.

For the safety and welfare of the children, it is imperative that the Camp Office be notified when a camper is brought in late. Please **DO NOT** bring a child directly onto the campgrounds or to his/her room. After you have signed your child in, members of the camp staff will escort him/her to the group.

Should occasions arise that require you to change your child’s pick-up routine, please provide a written note with dates, times, and name of the pick-up person. You may email camps@jccotp.org or send a note to camp in your child’s communication bag. This includes play dates. The note will be circulated to all of the appropriate people to be sure that your child is waiting for pick-up at the specified time. Campers are picked up in the main camp office in the Camp Building. A carpool card or proper ID is required for pick-up. **EARLY PICK-UP MAY ONLY OCCUR PRIOR TO 3 PM. AFTER 3 PM, ALL CHILDREN ARE BROUGHT TO REGULAR CARPOOL DISMISSAL.**

To provide the most secure environment for all the campers, any child going home early MUST be signed-out. Please do not pick-up your child directly from the campgrounds or classroom. They will not be released in that way. If someone other than the parent is picking your child up, please inform them of this procedure and ask them to bring a carpool card or proper ID. **WE CANNOT DISMISS A CHILD EARLY IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE NOTIFICATION IN WRITING.**

**Forms**

THE BOARD OF HEALTH MANDATES THAT NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED TO START CAMP WITHOUT A COMPLETED AND SIGNED MEDICAL FORM ON FILE.

The best way we have found is for you to complete the front of the medical form and submit it to your physician with a stamped addressed envelope to camp. If your child has allergies we must receive an allergy action plan completed by a parent and physician. All forms should be uploaded to CAMPsite.

Policy Statement on Immunizations

The Kaplen JCC on the Palisades Immunization Policy for all children from childhood through young adulthood (21) requires that all (children from childhood through young adulthood) MUST be up to date with their immunizations as per guideless of the New Jersey Minimum Immunization Requirements for Child Care/Preschool Attendance and the New Jersey Department of Health regarding camp programs. With the the safety and welfare of all of our program participants and campers by implementing this policy we are able to take the proper precautions to ensure that all of our children, teens and young adults are properly protected from childhood diseases.

Religious exemptions will **NOT** be permitted by our programs and summer camp(s) for the required childhood immunizations which include:

- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
Sickness and Medication

A full-time registered nurse is on duty at camp to handle minor injuries and dispense medication. We also have an open relationship with Tenafly Pediatrics and Englewood Hospital. If your child becomes ill or seriously injured during camp we will contact parents as soon as possible to determine whether your child needs to be picked up or if they can remain in camp.

If your child is ill, please keep him/her home and contact the camp office. If a camper is absent for more than three days with no contact being made, the camp office will call home. Please be aware that a child may not return to camp for 24 hours after a fever, bouts of diarrhea or vomiting, or any other possibly contagious symptom has abated.

So that we may avoid the spread of illness, please contact

the camp office as soon as possible if your child is diagnosed
with any of the following: strep throat, Coxsackie, head lice,
Roseola, Fifth Disease, molluscum, conjunctivitis (pink eye)
or any other contagious illness.

Campers must also remain at home for 24 hours after

beginning antibiotics for any infection. If your child uses our
bus service to camp, you may call the bus counselor to alert
him/her. You will also receive a sign which should go on the
front door of your house on any day when your child will be
staying at home. If you live in an apartment complex, the sign
should be placed by the intercom system.

MEDICATION DISPENSED BY THE REGISTERED NURSE
NEEDS TO:

• Come with written instructions from the prescribing
  physician identifying the name, dosage, frequency and
  purpose of the medication.
• Come with a signed note from a parent giving
  permission for the nurse to dispense the medication.
• Be in the original pharmacy container or medication
  bottle with the child’s name on it.
• Marked whether the medication should be refrigerated.

Medication will be kept locked in the infirmary and will only
be dispensed by a registered nurse. Medication that does not
follow the above criteria will not be dispensed to a camper
and a parent will be contacted.

Grouping Requests

Campers are grouped on the basis of your child’s age, gender
and friendships, as requested through CAMPSITE. We may
not be able to accommodate any additional grouping
requests at this time. Reciprocal requests are guaranteed and
we try to grant other requests. We will contact you only if a
reciprocal request cannot be granted. Due to the confidential
nature of the application we do not share information about
requests.

Tzedakah

Each Friday campers have the opportunity to make a small
donation to help those less fortunate. NKDC campers are
provided tzedakah pouches and will be able to bring a small
donation as often as they please. Some ways you can
participate may be to encourage children to do an extra chore
and pay them a quarter, which can be donated as tzedakah at
camp. Or loose change found on the ground can be donated. Or
the change leftover from small cash purchases can be donated.

All monies raised at camp will go towards a charity connected
with Israel or our Jewish community.

Swim program

All Day Camp campers will be evaluated at the beginning of
camp and placed in an appropriate swim group based on
age, ability, and previous water experience. Swim instruction
is supervised by a certified Water Safety Instructor (WSI).
Progress reports are sent home three times during the course
of the summer.

ALL CAMPERS MUST WEAR A SWIM CAP IN THE
INDOOR POOL. Camps will provide a swim cap when
necessary. If your child accidentally brings a swim cap home
please send it back the following day. Swim caps are washed
between uses, just like our towels.

If you have any questions or concerns about the swim
program or your child’s swim group, please leave a message
for the Aquatics Director at 201.567.8963 and your call will
be returned after camp hours.

Food

No outside food is permitted in camp. Neil Klatskin Summer
Camps is a Kosher camp. We respect and observe dietary laws.
All foods served in camp are in strict compliance with the
dietary laws. Special allergy situations can always be addressed.
and daily lunch and snacks are included for all campers, eliminating the need or temptation to bring food from home.

Sensitive to all individual camper allergies, we are peanut and tree nut aware, and strive to avoid all peanut products. Open communication between parents and camp staff is necessary and encouraged to ensure the safety of your child. Please be sure to clarify your child's allergies to your child's counselors, Program Director, and Camp Nurse. If you would like to meet with the Food Service Provider or Camp Nurse about your child's allergies, please call the camp office. We send weekly emails with food labels and ingredients to families of children with allergies. Please make sure we have your updated email address if you would like to receive these emails.

Birthdays
Every Monday, birthdays in the day camps for the week are announced and celebrated campwide with our delicious Klatskin Birthday Treats. **NO FOOD OR FAVORS SHOULD BE SENT TO CAMP.** We provide all that is needed for this celebration.

Tipping
We encourage families to tip their child’s counselors to the best of their ability. Our staff members work hard all summer to ensure your camper has an amazing camp experience. If you are planning to tip the staff, please do so on the last day your child will be in camp, and by checks made out to the specific counselors. A suggested tip scale and staff list will be given out during the summer, but please give as you see fit and what is affordable for you. Tips can be dropped off in the camp office in a labeled sealed envelope or sent in your child’s backpack with the counselor’s name on it.