

# GENERAL INFORMATION & CAMP POLICIES

## **VISITATION - Parents/visitors are not allowed to visit their camper during the session**

Parents cannot visit camp while in session, even if you are visiting the area. However, parents can request a tour of the camp grounds on arrival and departure days of each session (only).

## **PHONE CALLS**

Campers cannot use the phone or receive calls. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you are welcome to call 415-392-7080 to speak with your child's *rosh eidah* (unit head), who will return your message within 24 hours. ***Please know that if any concern arises, we will be in touch immediately.*** During Shabbat (Friday evening to Saturday evening), the office is closed, and all voicemails will be checked often and returned as soon as possible.

*\*\*For how to write and email your camper, see section below.*

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Please consult the **2018 Packing List** and adapt the list to fit your camper's needs. More helpful tips:

1. **"Soft" Luggage:** Pack your camper's things in soft luggage, preferably with wheels – they're lighter and easier to carry. **DO NOT BRING TRUNKS** (too heavy, hard to transport, take too much space)
2. **Zip-lock bags:** Handy (especially for young campers) for organizing toiletries and other items.
3. **Do not tie bags together.** Label each bag clearly.
4. **Loose items:** Like pillows, stuffed animals, etc., must be in a labeled bag – or they get lost!
5. **Footwear policy:** In the best interest of your child's safety, all shoes **must** have a closed toe or closed back. Flip-flops are only allowed for shower-use, and high heel shoes **are not permitted.**
6. **Name-labeled musical instruments & disposable cameras:** We encourage you to bring both – just nothing expensive, please. Your camper is responsible for the safe keeping of their items, so if you're concerned, we recommend purchasing insurance to cover any item you wish to protect.

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING!**

**Follow this rule – if you don't want to lose it, don't pack it! DO NOT bring the following items:**

- Cash
- Mobile/cell phones\*\*
- iPods/mp3 players\*\*
- Kindles/Nooks\*\*
- iPads/tablets\*\*
- Laptops\*\* (except Avodah & CIT for homework)
- Hand-held Games\*\*
- Sports Equipment
- Scooters or skateboards
- Grills or cooking appliances
- Mini refrigerators
- Electronic Devices
- Jewelry
- New/expensive items!

*\*\*For our complete Electronics Policy at camp, please see next section.*

## **LOST & FOUND**

**Label all items with camper's first and last name to increase the chance that your lost item will be reunited with you!** All found items are brought to the camp Lost & Found, and stored for several weeks. Items unclaimed within 14 days after camp's final session will be donated.

**PLEASE NOTE: Camp does not assume any responsibility for items that are lost, stolen, or broken while at camp.** You may purchase additional insurance through your home owner's policy or other insurance vendor to cover your child's belongings while at camp.

## LAUNDRY

- **Laundry service is provided every two weeks ONLY for sessions that are 23 days or longer.**
- **Laundry service is NOT provided for sessions that are 24 days or less.** These campers should pack enough clothing to last the length of their entire session.
- Please send a non-mesh, cotton or nylon laundry bag with your camper, clearly labeled with your camper's name.

## HEAD LICE POLICY

Because of the continued prevalence of head lice in schools, URJ Camp Newman implements the following policy to avoid head lice infestations at camp.

1. **All** campers and staff will be checked for head lice when they arrive at camp.
2. Anyone found with head lice will be isolated until a parent or guardian is contacted. Out of respect for our entire camp family, **check your children** for head lice and any other potential health problems **before** they leave for camp!

## BIRTHDAYS

*Camp celebrates birthdays in a special way!* Campers who celebrate their birthday at camp can look forward to a special treat for their cabin and being honored at a meal with our special camp birthday song. **Please do not send food of any kind for your child's birthday!**

## B'NAI MITZVAH TUTORING

***B'nai mitzvah tutoring is only available to campers with a bar or bat mitzvah before December 15, 2018.*** To those who request it, we provide tutoring at no extra fee for 2-3 times a week for approximately 30 minutes, depending on the session schedule, with one of our faculty rabbis, educators, or cantors. **The purpose of b'nai mitzvah tutoring at camp is to maintain your camper's progress; we are unable to help campers learn new pieces of their torah or haftorah, or prayers for their *simcha*. It is your camper's responsibility to study materials during their free time at camp.** Make sure your child packs all the paper materials they need to study such as torah portions, trope symbols/worksheets, and prayers. If your child requires audio to study, you *must* send an MP3 or personal CD player to camp. Camp does not assume any responsibility for items that are lost, stolen, or broken while at camp. Affordable MP3 players and personal CD players can be purchased online for less than \$30.

## CAMP SECURITY

We view the health, safety, and security of our community as our utmost priority. To provide your children with a safe, enriching and enjoyable Jewish summer camp experience, be informed that:

- A security survey of all URJ Camps has been conducted by a respected Israeli safety and security firm engaged by the Union for Reform Judaism.
- California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) has campus police that guard the property, and provide on-site security 24/7. Camp has worked extensively with them to meet our specific needs.

## CAMP MERCHANDISE & MISCELLANEOUS

The camp fee includes a Camp t-shirt (distributed on the last day of the session), a shirt that your camper will tie dye, and daily snacks. Sundry items such as toothpaste, shampoo, stamps, water bottles, Frisbees and other items will **NOT** be available at camp. **You can buy Camp Newman merchandise prior to camp here - [campnewman.org/connect/shop](http://campnewman.org/connect/shop) - or at our online pop-up store in spring.** Follow our eblasts & Facebook page for info! Select camp and sundry items will also be available at the Cal Maritime bookstore an opening day of each session for parents to purchase.