



Camp
SILVER GAN ISRAEL

Parents Handbook

Welcome

Dear Silver Gan Israel Parents,

We are so excited to offer you the best summer experience for your child. Silver Gan Israel Day Camp, part of the largest network of Jewish camps in the world, is proud to provide the best in fun and safety in a nurturing and caring Jewish environment. As a member of the American Camp Association (ACA) we uphold 300 standards of fun and safety in every aspect of our camp.

At Silver Gan Israel, we view our staff and the parents as two integral partners of a team. Together we work to bring out the best in your child's development and growth, physically, socially and emotionally. Using our website, www.CampSGI.com, regular email communication and weekly newsletters, we stay in touch with you about our programs and activities.

Please review this handbook so you will be familiar with the procedures and policies of our camp. If you have any questions or concerns you can call the camp office at 949.381.5610 or email admin@CampSGI.com.

Yours truly,

The SGI Team

Silver Gan Israel Day Camp Huntington Beach

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Note on ACA:

Codes in parentheses correspond to American Camp Association standard numbers.

For more information on the importance of ACA accreditation visit www.campparents.org.

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Your Child's Safety

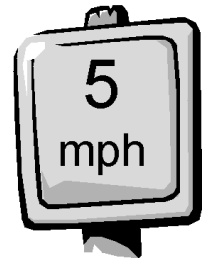
Attendance/Child Absence: (OM-13.1)

1. Attendance is taken by our staff every morning.
2. If you know your child will be absent from camp, please log into your account or notify the camp office via email to admin@CampSGI.com by midnight of the preceding day.



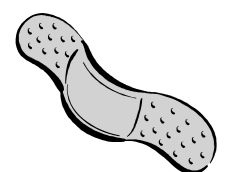
Parking Lot/Pick up Drop Off (TR-4)

1. The gate will be opened 15 minutes before camp begins/ends until 15 minutes after camp begins/ends. If you arrive after these times, you can park and walk your children in through the main gate.
2. THERE IS NO PARKING AROUND THE ROUNDABOUT during pickup and drop-off times.
3. There is a 5 mph speed limit in the parking lot. Keep our children safe!
4. Anyone who will pick up your child must be authorized in your registration. You can update this by logging into your account [here](#).
5. Campers find it hard to adjust when they come late, and they worry when their parents don't pick them up on time. Please be prompt. Camp begins at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm. After 4:15pm, after-care charges will be applied. If you are running late, your child will be checked into extended care.
6. If you are picking up your children, please follow the circular path and you MUST remain in your car. This will ensure the safety of our campers and minimize your waiting time.



Emergencies

1. In case of any medical emergency requiring more than basic first aid, the parents/guardians will be immediately notified. If we cannot reach the parents, the emergency contact on file will be notified. (HW-10.1)
2. Our counselors are certified to provide CPR/First Aid if G-d forbid, this is necessary.



3. After any incident or injury, parents will receive an incident report.
4. Parents may be asked to pick up their child from camp if the Health Supervisor deems it necessary.
5. For ways to contact camp in case of an emergency, please see the “Contact Camp” section in this handbook.
6. For our complete Risk Management Plan, Health & Safety Plan and Emergency Plan, please see our “Camp Policy” available upon request.

Contact Camp

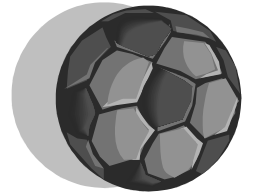
1. www.CampSGI.com has our schedule, pictures and links to upcoming camp programs.
2. Counselors and other staff may be reached by emailing admin@CampSGI.com. Place the name of the staff member in the subject of the email.
3. Camp’s phone number is 949.381.5610. Counselors will not be available to talk during camp hours as they are supervising the children. In case of emergency, the directors will be available after hours on this same number.
4. The camps address is 14401 Willow Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.
5. Silver Gan Israel Day Camp’s full “Camp Policy” is available upon request.



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About Our Program

General Information

1. Silver Gan Israel Day Camp provides a wide variety of developmentally appropriate activities and games that provide entertainment and education.
2. Activities include sports, arts & crafts, drama, dance, creative games and hunts and water sports. Each activity is designed with creative excitement which engages all participants.
3. Campers are encouraged to participate in all activities to promote unity in the group. Exceptions are made if an activity is medically not advisable.
4. Trained instructors orient staff and campers to the specific safety and operating procedures for each specialized activity.



Swimming

1. Campers go swimming almost daily in our exclusive use Jr. Olympic sized swimming pool. Kiddie Campers use our in ground wading pool.
2. The campers are supervised by experienced American Red Cross certified lifeguards. In addition, all of our staff is First Aid/CPR certified. (PA-5)
3. During swimming, staff is required to keep all of its campers in sight and assist with behavior management and rule compliance.



Extended Day Care

1. Extended day care is available daily from 7:30-9:00 AM and from 4:00- 6:00 PM. If your children arrive before 8:45 AM or are picked up after 4:15, they MUST check into daycare. (TR-4)
2. Drop-off and pick-up for day care is at the ECE entrance on Willow Lane which can be accessed from the area of the parking lot closest to the street. Please do not come through the front office or parking lot before 8:45 or after 4:15.
3. You can reserve extended day care in advance for \$4.00 per session by logging into your account [here](#). If you don't reserve in advance, you will be billed a

slightly higher fee (\$5.00) per session (morning or afternoon) that your child attends.

Trips

1. Our campers go on trips as indicated in our camp calendar. Trip days are as follows: Pre-K-Kindergarten -Thursday, 1-7th -Tuesday & Thursday. Children are transported in camp buses and vans. Staff members do NOT transport children in private vehicles. (TR 8.1) (TR 9.1)
2. All campers going on trips on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays must wear a camp T-shirt. When all staff and campers wear camp shirts, we are instantly recognizable to each other and distinguished from others. Each camper receives 2 free camp shirts on his/her first day of camp. Additional shirts for campers who come without their camp shirts on trip days will be billed \$7 per shirt. Campers also wear wristbands with emergency contact information.



Central Transportation

1. Bus pick-ups and drop-offs are prearranged by the camp at designated times and locations. These locations are available on line at www.CampSGI.com/transportation. If however, the bus is running more than ten minutes early or late, every effort will be made by the camp office to notify parents.
2. If your child is signed up to go on the bus and there is a change, you MUST log into [your account](#) before 2:00 PM to ensure that your child will end up in the correct place. The same applies if you would like your child to take another bus home. **We cannot take a camper's word that he/she is not going on the bus.**
3. In case of an emergency, parents will be notified by the camp office as to the changes in schedule, and the plan of action.

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4. Late night trip dismissals are from our front circle. Updated information concerning arrival time back at camp is available by calling our automated hotline at 949.381.5610, ext. 8.
5. Buses pull out at the designated pick-up time in the morning. Please have your child ready by that time. Do not attempt to flag the driver down or have the driver pull over because you are running late. This inconveniences other families and puts the safety of our campers in jeopardy.
6. If you are not at the stop on time for your children in the afternoon, the bus will wait until the designated drop-off time before taking your children to the next stop so as to not inconvenience other families. We will attempt to reach out to the parents on their primary phone numbers when possible.
7. While children are riding the bus to/from camp or on camp trips, the following rules must be obeyed:
 - a. Remain properly seated while on the bus;
 - b. Keep arms and other objects inside the bus;
 - c. Always follow the directions of the driver;
 - d. Keep games, balls, toys, etc. in a bag or box;
 - e. Help keep your bus clean! Put all garbage in the appropriate containers;
 - f. Learn emergency procedures (taught by driver).
8. Campers cannot:
 - a. Chew gum while riding on the bus;
 - b. Stand or change seats while on the bus;
 - c. Fight, shout, or throw objects while on the bus;
 - d. Leave anything in the center aisle.



What to Send to Camp

Lunch

1. Packed lunches should be brought from home in a marked lunchbox/bag with child's first and last name. On trip days when campers will be eating outside of camp, please send lunch in a disposable paper or plastic bag.
2. Lunches should be dairy or parve; no meat is allowed in camp. Please don't send glass jars/bottles.
3. Lunch can also be purchased from the cafeteria. The full lunch menu is available on our website at www.campsgi.com/lunch.
4. Please send snacks with your child. We also have fruits and vegetables available at our health snack table.
5. Water is always available for campers to drink.



Tzedakah

1. Tzedakah (charity) is a concept that is fundamental to Judaism. Our camp attempts to develop a commitment among our campers to share with others less fortunate than themselves by donating a few pennies every day to charity. Parents are asked to send a few coins for tzedakah every day with your children.



Mitzvah Notes

1. Parents should send young campers with a note describing a mitzvah (good deed) performed. Example, "Sara cleaned up her toys." "Max shared his juice with his sister."

Clothing

1. Kiddie Campers should have a change of clothing stored in their cubbies and bring a crib sheet and blanket for nap time. These items will be sent home occasionally to be cleaned. Diapers, swim diapers and wipes should be kept stocked if necessary.

Quick Reference

What to Bring to Camp

1. Smile. It's contagious
2. Parve or dairy lunch & snacks
3. Bathing suit & towel
4. Sunblock; applied
5. Tzedakah coin(s)
6. Mitzvah note
7. Camp shirt (trip days)

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2. All campers should bring a bathing suit and towel daily. We have many safe and fun water activities that the children enjoy.
3. Sunscreen or sunblock should be applied at home and sent in to camp in case re-application is necessary.
4. Shoes or sneakers with laces or Velcro should be worn. Flip flops, sandals and Crocs are not appropriate for our playground and sports activities.



Personal Property Regulations (OM-4.1)

5. WEAPONS, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED AT CAMP OR ON CAMP PROPERTY. Bringing any of the above items are grounds for immediate dismissal.
6. Camp cannot take responsibility for personal property brought to camp.
7. If campers bring iPods, cell phones, digital cameras, or any other expensive items to camp, and they are used while camp is in session they will be confiscated and returned to the parents.
8. If campers or staff bring potentially dangerous articles to camp, such as skateboards, slingshots, etc. they will be confiscated by the director.
9. Animals are not allowed on campus.



Medication Procedures (HW-19)

1. Medication for campers should be brought to the front office from where it will be administered and stored. Records will be kept when necessary. Medication will be dispensed according to the health supervisor's orders. In case of a question, parent or guardian will be notified. (HW-9A)
2. For campers requiring an epi-pen or asthma inhaler, the counselor will have it on his/her person on all trips.

Birthday Celebrations

1. Campers who have a birthday during the summer and would like to celebrate with their camp friends are encouraged to do so. We would be happy to block out a short period of time for the group to celebrate if we know in advance.
2. Cupcakes are available through the cafeteria. To order, please call the camp office 1 week in advance. Any other food brought into campus must be approved by the camp director and must be inclusive in regards to kosher standards and allergies.
3. Any goodies or goody bags to be given out should not include any food items (with the exception of fruit), superheroes or anything else that doesn't fit in with the spirit of the camp.
4. If your child has a birthday during the school year and would like addresses to invite his/her friends, please reach out to the camp office and we'll be happy to help when possible.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does my child find lost items?

Please mark all belongings with your child's name. Lost & found items are uploaded weekly onto the picture gallery of the camp website.

How do I arrange to pick up my child during the camp day?

If you have to pick up your camper during the day, please notify our office so we can arrange to have him/her ready for you. When planning your pick-up, please take into consideration that campers do go swimming and on trips. Pickup during the day is from the front office and parents must sign their children out. We cannot release campers without parental permission.



Can my child bring precious items to camp?

Campers should not bring jewelry, cell phones, ipods, head phones, expensive toys, etc. to camp. Silver Gan Israel Day Camp supplies everything campers need for each day's activities.

How can I speak with my child's counselor?

A visit to www.CampSGI.com or a call to the camp office will answer most questions. Because counselors are constantly supervising groups and activities,



Silver Gan Israel Day Camp Huntington Beach messages will be taken at the camp office. You can also leave a message for, or speak to, the camp directors.

What if my child does not want to participate in a particular activity?

No camper will be forced to participate in any activity. However, we do urge campers to try all activities and take advantage of the complete program offered at Silver Gan Israel.

How religious is Silver Gan Israel?

SGI is a totally non-judgemental environment made up of campers from all Jewish backgrounds. An individual's level of observance is not stressed. All children enjoy a shared Jewish spirit through songs and projects.



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