



Camp
SILVER GAN ISRAEL



Parent Handbook

Welcome

Dear Silver Gan Israel Parents,

Camp Silver Gan Israel is a safe, fun, Jewish camp. Silver Gan Israel is part of the largest network of Jewish camps in the world, and 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 health and safety in every aspect of our camp.

Together with our staff, 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 newsletters, we stay in touch with you about our programs and activities.

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

Yours truly,

The SGI Team

Your Child's Safety

Pick up and Drop off:

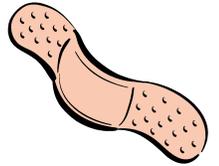
1. Arrivals are at the front of our campus, and will be marked with an 'Enter here' sign.. **Please do not exit your vehicle or park in the roundabout** . Only your child/ren should get out when you are in front of the lobby, and proceed to check in.
2. Any parent or visitor coming onto campus, must park in the north (larger) parking lot and walk to the office to check in. For the code to get into the parking lot, you can call the office. Be prepared to share identifying information.
3. Runners will be available to bring kids to their groups as needed.
4. The entrance gate will be open from 8:45 am until 9:15 am. If you are late arriving at camp, go to the main office and your child will be checked in and brought to his/her group.
5. Ideally, all communications with the camp should be done via email or over the phone. Should you need to speak to someone during pick up/drop off, please park and come in as to not hold up the carpool line.
6. We strongly advise you to both drop off and pick up your child/ren. If you need to designate another person for any reason, that person must be on your list of authorized alternatives <https://www.ultracamp.com/admin/accounts/editAltPickup.aspx> .
7. Pick up at the end of the day is from 3:30 pm until 4 pm. Any children not picked up by 4:00 will be checked into day care, and your account will be charged. You can pick them up through the lobby as well.



8. If your child is taking a significant amount of time to come, we will ask you to pull around again to keep the carpool line moving.

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.8.1)
2. Our counselors are certified to provide CPR/First Aid if, G-d forbid, this is necessary.
3. After any significant incident or injury, parents will receive notice from the office.
4. Parents will be asked to pick up their child from camp if he/she has a fever, vomits or if our medical staff deem it necessary.
5. To contact camp in case of an emergency, please see the "Contact Camp" section below.



Contact Camp

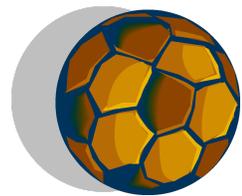
1. Camp's phone number is 949.381.5610 and email address is office@CampSGI.com. Counselors will not be available to talk during camp hours as they are supervising the children. In case of emergency, the directors will also be available after hours at this same number.
2. The camp address is 14401 Willow Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.



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, and build Jewish pride and self esteem.
2. Activities include (mostly non-contact) sports, arts & crafts, baking, swimming, creative games and hunts. Some of the out-of-the-ordinary activities at camp will be archery, BAM (biking experience), bubble soccer, electric go-karts, human foosball, gameroom, imaginarium, nerf tag, silent disco, splash pads, virtual reality, waterslides and wipeout. Each activity is designed with creative excitement which engages all participants.
3. Campers are encouraged to participate in all activities.
4. If your child wants to be with a specific other camper, please note it in the child's reservation. We will make every effort to accommodate the request, however, once a bunk has been set up, it is much harder to move campers from one bunk to another.



Camp Goals and Outcomes (CR.2)

1. To provide opportunities that stimulate the development of each camper's self-esteem:
 - a. Each camper will participate in at least one activity to promote self-esteem, which could include arts & crafts, values clarifications, sports or special hunts and activities.
 - b. Campers will participate in getting-to-know-you games at the opening sessions.
 - c. Staff will provide the campers with positive comments and encouragement throughout their stay.
2. To care for their environment and look to include others. To this end:
 - a. Counselors take an active part as role models in keeping the campus neat, serving as role models for their campers.

- b. The campers will regularly discuss as a group the importance of taking care of their camp and the type of things that they need to do such as picking up litter, not picking flowers, respecting property (no graffiti), and conserving water.
 - c. Campers and staff will participate in recycling materials such as aluminum cans, cardboard, and paper in clearly marked recycling bins.
 - 3. To provide situations for each camper to set goals and challenge him/herself while discovering his or her own skills and abilities.
 - a. Each camper will participate in at least two activities during the week that will personally challenge the camper - such as arts and crafts, relay races, and learning classes.
 - b. Campers will have the opportunity to work in small groups during activities and bunk time with each camper taking on different roles, while practicing social distancing.
 - 4. To provide exposure to Jewish culture and practices in a fun, non-judgemental and hands-on way.
 - a. Campers will participate in daily activities and arts & crafts sessions that educate them in specific Jewish cultural concepts.
 - b. Campers will hear stories that contain themes of Jewish culture and practice.
 - c. Each unit will have a Jewish theme of the week around which arts & crafts and activities will be planned.
 - d. Each camper will bring home challah bread that he/she shapes and puts in an individual pan with his/her name.
- 2. To increase the camper's network of Jewish friends.
 - a. By virtue of the fact that the campers are attending a Jewish camp they meet many new Jewish friends.
 - b. Our counselors and campers keep in contact throughout the year, either in person or as pen pals.
 - c. Reunions and holiday activities are scheduled periodically throughout the year to maintain friendships.

Swimming/Waterpark

1. Campers go swimming a few times a week in our covered Jr. Olympic sized swimming pool or wader pool.
2. The campers are supervised by American Red Cross certified lifeguards, trained in First Aid and CPR certified. (PD.24.1)
3. During swimming, our staff is required to keep all campers in sight and assist with behavior management and rule compliance.
4. Campers will enjoy our waterpark generally twice per week. The waterpark will include inflatable water slides (varying heights and levels of thrill), a water play area, splash pads and occasional foam pit.



Extended Day Care, Transportation and Trips

1. AM extended care from 7:30-8:45 and/or PM extended care from 4:00-5:30 PM will be available for \$8 per session if reserved online in advance. If you did not reserve, your account will be charged \$12.
2. Bus transportation is available from 4 locations, and you can see the stops at www.campsgi.com/transportation. The charge for transportation is \$6 per way, per day, capping at \$42 per child, per week for the first 2 children in a family.
3. Generally trips are scheduled on the calendar (www.campsgi.com/schedule). There may be an occasional additional outing for specific groups. If you need to pick up your child early, please contact the camp office to ensure that he/she is here.

Important Bus Rules



1. If your child takes the bus to/from camp, parents are to walk to the bus to pick up or drop off their children.
2. The bus drivers have to pull out on schedule, so please plan to be at the stop a few minutes in advance. If you can't make it on [time](#), please drive your child to camp.
3. Please arrive early to pick up your child in the afternoon. Any child not picked up on time, will be taken to the next stop unless there is a responsible adult willing to keep an eye on them until their parent arrives. If you would like to authorize your older child to wait alone for you, please email office@campsgi.com.
4. Please review the [bus rules](#), and make sure your child understands them as well.

Camper Behavior

1. Silver Gan Israel fosters an inclusive atmosphere of mutual respect, cooperation and courtesy between and among all campers and camp personnel. Disruptive and disrespectful will not be allowed. If circumstances warrant, campers may be removed from camp activities, or parents may be asked to pick up a child. If the misbehavior continues, the camp administration will reconsider the camper's enrollment.

What to Send to Camp

Lunch

1. Packed, non-perishable lunches can be brought from home in a marked, disposable lunch box/bag with the child's full name. Lunches and snacks should be dairy or parve; no meat is allowed in camp. All food needs to be ready to eat; no cooking, heating or refrigeration is



available. Please don't send glass jars/bottles. Please do not send any food containing peanuts or peanut by-products. We are a peanut sensitive facility as we have a number of severely allergic children who attend our program. Read our full policy [here](#).

2. Lunch can also be purchased from the cafeteria. The full lunch menu is available on our website at www.campsgi.com/lunch. There will be no special orders or refills.
3. You are encouraged to send snacks with your child. They should be healthy and preferably low/no sugar.
4. Please explain to your child that he/she is not to share food with anyone else.
5. You are encouraged to send your child with a refillable water bottle marked clearly with his/her name. We have a few bottle filling stations on campus in addition to water fountains.

Quick Reference

What to Bring to Camp

- Smile. It's contagious
- Parve or dairy lunch & snacks
- Bathing suit & towel
- Sunblock; applied
- Tzedakah coin(s)
- Mitzvah note(s) (K & 1)

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.



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. All clothing should be clearly labeled so that you can get back lost items easily.
2. Campers are required to wear a camp shirt for all outings. They will receive one on their first day or two at camp. They will also receive security wristbands before embarking on a trip.
3. All campers should bring a bathing suit and towel daily. If they prefer to keep it at camp for the duration of their stay at camp, they may do so. We have safe and fun water activities that the children enjoy.
4. Sunscreen or sunblock should be applied at home and your child should be instructed on how to apply it at periodic intervals during the day. If your child cannot apply the sunblock, we'd recommend a spray-on, tearless sunscreen for a camper who needs assistance applying it.
5. Closed toe shoes or sneakers with laces or Velcro should be worn, and campers should have socks. Flip flops, sandals and Crocs are not appropriate for our playground and sports activities.
6. Socks are required for our inflatable park and should be worn daily. If your child comes without socks, the office will provide a pair and bill \$2 to your account.
7. As daily activities will be outdoors, we recommend that each child have and wear a hat.



Personal Property Regulations (AD.16.1)

1. WEAPONS, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED AT CAMP OR ON CAMP PROPERTY. Bringing any of the above items is grounds for immediate dismissal.
2. Camp cannot take responsibility for personal property brought to camp. Toys, games, Pokemon cards and electronics should be left at home.



3. Cell phones should not be brought to camp. 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.
4. If campers or staff bring potentially dangerous articles to camp, they will be confiscated.
5. Animals are not allowed on campus, with the exception of seeing eye and service dogs, and animals brought in for shows.

Medication and Health Procedures (HW-13.1)

1. Medication for campers should be given to the office or a director in a labeled, ziplock bag which includes the doctor's instructions for dosing. It will be stored according to the health orders under lock and key, and dispensed as required. Records will be kept when necessary. In case of a question, the parent or guardian will be notified. (HW.2.1)
2. For campers requiring an epi-pen or asthma inhaler, the counselor will have it on his/her person at all times. Please send it in a labeled ziplock bag with instructions for proper dispensing for the counselor to keep for the duration of the camper's stay at camp.
3. Parents must inform the camp of any contagious conditions and must have a note from a physician to return.

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 one week in advance. To inquire about other food options, please reach out to a camp director.
3. Camp discourages goodie bags, but allows them to be given out provided that there is no food, no characters and the goodies are safe and appropriate.

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.

Registration and Refund Policy

1. Campers must register for 5 days per week.
2. There is no refund for absences
3. Campers must register for a minimum of 2 weeks (for limited exceptions, reach out to a camp director).
4. If your plans change less than 1 week before the session begins, you forfeit the charges, unless it is due to illness, with a written note from your PCP.
5. If you decide to add a week, we will accommodate only if we have space in the bunk.

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, out to the fields for activities and on field trips. Pickup during the day is from the front office. Please call when you are a few minutes away so we can have your child ready. Your child will be called to the front and seen out to your car. We cannot release campers without parental permission.



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, 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, and all campers will need to stay with their bunk.

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 activities and projects.

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