



IMPORTANT CAMP NEWS FOR THIS FRIDAY

Answers to frequently asked questions and some tips to make *The Great Kinneret Sleepout II* a success!

MY CAMPER(S) WILL BE COMING HOME FROM CAMP THIS FRIDAY, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO THE SLEEPOUT – WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Please bring your ID to your bus stop on Friday afternoon. While our regular afternoon bus routes will take campers to their normal bus stops on the usual schedule, many buses will have a different bus counselor to sign campers out at the stops. Help make this process run smoothly by having your ID in hand at your stop.

VISITING CAMP THIS FRIDAY

PLEASE DON'T VISIT CAMP THIS FRIDAY. Sleepout Fridays are the one day that we ask parents not to visit camp because it is an especially busy, high energy day at camp. While it is a regular camp day, we have found that it's not a good day for families to try to visit their campers at camp. Because of this, we want to remind you to please choose any day other than Sleepout Friday to visit camp. If you haven't visited yet, it is a great way to help connect with your camper's experience. Pick a day, put on your shorts and tennis shoes and come play with us!

SLEEPOUT INFORMATION

Campers attending the Sleepout but not attending camp on Friday should be brought to camp between 3:00 and 3:45 on Friday afternoon. Please bring your Sleepout gear with you when you bring them on Friday.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW – BRIEF REMINDERS

1. **What to bring?** If your campers are staying for the Sleepout this Friday, they should bring all of their items to camp in a garbage bag or duffel bag. Please see the back of this sheet for a full list of what to pack!
2. **Label everything** with your camper's name, his or her counselor's name and bus stop (letter and number).
3. **Can we visit during the Sleepout?** The Sleepout is a wonderful and exciting tradition at camp. Campers of all ages enjoy the food, entertainment and sleeping under the stars. It is very normal for campers to be excited and even nervous before the Sleepout and this week's staff meeting focuses on preparing our staff for this special evening with our campers. **To attend the Sleepout, campers need to be prepared to spend the night without seeing their parents from the time they arrive at camp on Friday until the following morning.** It is our experience that once campers are at camp and involved in the fun of the night, visits from parents lead to separation anxiety. It is for this reason that campers (and families) need to be prepared to say "see you in the morning" when they say their Friday goodbyes.
4. **How is my camper doing?** If you are concerned about how your camper is doing during the evening, rest assured that if they decide that they would rather not spend the night, we will work with them to try to have a successful night. If it turns out that they aren't quite ready, we'll give you a call (at any hour) and encourage them to try another Sleepout as soon as they feel ready.

SATURDAY MORNING. . .

- A. ***I indicated that I will pick my camper up at camp. What time should I be there?*** Please plan to be at camp at 10:00am to pick up campers. (*Directions to camp: 101 to Kanan Rd. Go South on Kanan Rd. towards the beach. Turn right on Agoura Rd. We're about ½ mile down on the left.*)
- B. ***My camper will be riding a bus home. What time will she/he arrive at the bus stop?*** Please see the back for Saturday morning bus stops and times.

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT WHETHER YOU INDICATED THAT YOU WOULD BE
 PICKING YOUR CAMPER UP AT CAMP OR WHICH BUS STOP YOU CHOSE,
 PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY TO CHECK.**

SATURDAY MORNING PICKUP

On Saturday morning buses will be returning campers to the following locations.
Buses will NOT be going to all regular bus stops. On the sign up form, select one of the following options.

Stop #	Saturday AM Pickup Options	Stop Description Details at: www.campkinneret.com/sleepout.pdf	Time	Suggested for campers usually at the following stops
0	At Camp	29646 Agoura Rd. – just west of Kanan Rd.	10:00	E5, C4, G3
1	A2 – Rear of Van Nuys Blvd Gelsons	SW Corner of Milbank & Sylmar	10:30	A1, A2, A3
2	B2 – Nestle Ave School	Rear corner at Doman Ave. & Tarzana St.	10:22	B1, B2, B3
3	F6 – The Commons	On Calabasas Rd. in the bus turn out directly across from Babies R Us	9:57	F1, F2, F5, F6, E4
4	E3 – Bay Laurel School	Front of the School	9:57	E1, E2, E3, E4
5	G1- Lang Ranch Elementary	Front of the School	10:19	C1, C2, G1
6	G2 – Red Oak School	Front of the School	9:54	G2, G3, C4
7	H2 – The Oaks Mall	Parking lot closest to Lynn & Hillcrest	10:19	C3, H0, H1, H2
8	H3 – Village Homes HOA	Across the street from Evenstar Park	9:54	C3, H3

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED FOR THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT II:

- SLEEPING BAG** All of our campers and staff sleep outside on the grass. Even during warm summer days, the nights here at camp can be quite cold. It is important to send an outdoor type sleeping bag that will provide warmth for your child. *(Typically a light weight cloth sleeping bag does not keep children warm enough when spending the night outdoors.)*
- JACKET** A very warm sweatshirt also works; it can get chilly and it's nice to have warm clothes to wear and even to sleep in. *(We sleep in our clothes too.)*
- LONG PANTS** Sweat pants are a great option, but all campers should bring 1 pair of long pants for the evening. *(If your camper is attending a regular camp day Friday, these are best packed in their camp backpack for easy access.)*
- FLASHLIGHT** It does get dark and flashlights sure help us find our sleeping bags after the campfire. They also help light the path to the bathrooms. *(Be sure to write your name on it!)*
- TOILETRIES** Toothbrush, toothpaste, or any other necessary toiletry articles.
- A SMILE** The Great Kinneret Sleepout is FUN!!!
- EXTRA TOWEL & SWIM SUIT** Campers entering 1st grade and above will swim again in the late afternoon. If we've been in camp all day, we like to have a dry bathing suit and towel for our second swim! *(If your camper is attending a regular camp day Friday, these are best packed in their camp backpack for easy access.)*

WEEK NINE KINNERET CARNIVAL

Next Wednesday, August 16th is our annual camp carnival day. Camp groups prepare fun activity booths for each other to enjoy. Campers not regularly scheduled for camp on Wednesday may come join in the afternoon fun. If your camper is not scheduled for that day, but would like to participate, you may drop him/her off at camp at 12:45 and pick up between 2:15 and 2:30. **Transportation home on camp buses is not available for campers not regularly scheduled for the day.**
(Please be sure to sign your camper in and out at the barricade when you arrive and depart.)

