

WEEK NINE ALREADY?

Every year at this time we look at the calendar and say, "It can't be the end of summer already!" We work hard preparing for camp all year, and then once summer arrives, it's over before we know it. Though the days pass quickly, we hope that all of our campers leave their Camp Kinneret summer with wonderful memories that they will cherish throughout their lives. Now, with just a few days remaining in the summer of 2018, it's time to begin saying goodbye. We hope that these goodbyes are not permanent, and that everyone will keep in touch with their new camp friends. Our objective was, is, and always will be to make Camp Kinneret a special place for children.

As we reflect on 2018, many different thoughts come to mind, including plans for next summer! We encourage you to tell us about your child's experiences at camp this summer. Your comments, suggestions, and concerns are very important to us and help in shaping future camp seasons! We will provide you with an online survey in the fall and we hope that you will take that opportunity to provide us with your feedback. If you prefer, give us a call after camp ends to share your thoughts. Your input is important to us and to our staff and the campers. Thank you for your trust and confidence. We strive to make Camp Kinneret the best that it can be and hope that this summer was all that you wanted it to be.

NEXT SUMMER'S ENROLLMENT!!

<u>Returning Family Priority Enrollment</u> for 2019 begins in early January. Returning Camp Kinneret families have priority when it comes to registering for next summer during the month of January. However we do enroll returning families in the order in which we receive your application so get them in early!

Here is how the priority enrollment period for returning families works:

- 1. Enrollment information will be mailed to you at the end of December.
- 2. Submit your application to us by January 31st and it will be processed before any new family applications.
- 3. Returning family applications are processed in the order in which they are received. Some day combinations in some groups begin to form waiting lists during the priority period, so submitting your application earlier in January increases the likelihood (though doesn't guarantee) that your desired space will be available.
- 4. Beginning mid-January, new families will be able to submit applications which will be held in order and processed beginning in February. Returning families applying after January will be processed along side new families on a first-come, first-served basis.

We encourage you to submit your application in January even if you are unsure of your summer plans. Our refund policy allows you to receive a full refund of your deposit if your plans change by the deadline- which will be indicated in your enrollment packet. If your camper has friends who would like to attend Camp Kinneret in 2019, please have them contact us for information about applying!







ANOTHER GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT!!!

The Great Kinneret Sleepout II was another success! After our traditional late afternoon activities and chicken dinner, we all headed off to enjoy the entertainment of skits. They were creative and funny and everyone will remember the great performances! A special thanks to all of our staff and campers for making the Sleepout another fun night for everyone.

DID YOU KNOW?

- →On the nights of the Sleepouts, some bus drivers sleep at a local hotel. In the unlikely event that we need to evacuate during the night, they're ready to come to camp on a moment's notice.
- →We hire a security guard to monitor camp during the nighttime hours at each of our Sleepouts. Mostly they find raccoons and listen to the sounds of the night. We have never "needed" them, but it's nice to know that they are with us at camp just in case.

TIE DYE MAKE UP DAYS

If your camper missed tie-dye last week, please send a shirt with them this week. Be sure to have your camper tell their counselor that they have something to tie-dye with them. They will need to take a special trip to Arts & Crafts. Also, be sure to label your child's item!

A special note from the Elephant Bus...

Howdy camp parents! The "Westernphants" ask any willing camp families to bring canned foods to their campers' bus stops this week starting Monday, August 13th and ending Thursday, August 16th. All donations will go back to those in need in our local communities. Yee-haw!