



PARENT HANDBOOK SUMMER 2022

Welcome to the Camp Matziv Family!

Preparing for the camp experience should be a time of excitement for both you and your child, as he is about to embark on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We want your child's experience to be a positive one. We also understand that anxious and nervous feelings may sometimes arise when thinking about leaving home, meeting new friends, and adapting to an unfamiliar environment.

The following handbook has been created to help answer your questions and ease any of your tensions during this time. It is suggested that you read this handbook with your child. It will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's upcoming adventure and share any concerns. Together with your child, read through a typical day at camp, camp policies, and our safety protocols, to help gain a better understanding of what the Camp Matziv Experience is all about. In this handbook you will also find helpful contact information, as well as packing lists and much more.

We hope you find this handbook a useful tool when getting your child ready for camp. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We are happy to help. We look forward to spending the summer together with you, *iy"H*.
Sincerely,

Rabbi Eli Klein, Head Counselor
Rabbi Moshe Monczyk, Director



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CAMP FACILITIES & PROPERTY

AT CAMP:

The campus of Matziv Midwest is located on a beautiful lake in Cassopolis, Michigan, just over two hours from Chicago and approximately 2.5 hours from Detroit. The campgrounds have been built to accommodate the Matziv program and feature:

- Gorgeous, fully equipped gym with a stage and multi-media system
- Multiple indoor rooms for various hobby and club activities
- Grand outdoor pavilion
- New spacious, air conditioned, and homey bunkhouses
- In-ground heated pool with lights for night swimming
- Amazing sports fields and courts
- Top of the line kitchen, ensuring each attendee is well fed throughout camp
- Magnificent lake with many water sports and activities
- And much, much more!



TRAVEL INFORMATION

GETTING TO & FROM CAMP:

- Staff are expected to arrive at camp between 4:00pm - 6:00 pm (CST) on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.
- Campers are expected to arrive at camp between 2:00 and 4:00 PM (CST) on Wednesday, July 27, 2022.
- Group flights are available through Get To The Point Travel by contacting Sam Noble at 773-574-2585 sam@gttpt.com or Meir Gluck at 773-543-1151 meir@gttpt.com
- Bus options are available to you via email through your Camp Minder account.
- Group transportation options will be available from Chicago City, Chicago Midway airport and possibly O'hare airport. Please contact the camp office prior to booking a ticket arriving at O'hare.
- Please email office@mmwcamps.com for a complete travel guideline before making any travel arrangements.
- Please be sure to fill out a TRAVEL FORM, which is available on your login along with the other forms.



LUGGAGE & BELONGINGS

LUGGAGE

- Each camper is allowed two large suitcases when traveling to/from camp and an additional personal item.
- Each piece of luggage should be affixed with a camp provided color coordinated luggage tag which you will be receiving in the mail. Please label it clearly with your name and phone number.
- Due to airline luggage costs, we will accept luggage shipments prior to camp. Please do not have your luggage arrive more than 7 days prior to camp start date. **Please make sure the package is labeled with a name and grade.**

BELONGINGS

- We suggest campers carefully consider what belongings and items they bring to camp.
- Campers can have the option of leaving certain items such as wallets and other valuables in a protected safe for the duration of camp. These items will be collected upon arrival and returned upon departure.
- Matziv Midwest does not take responsibility for and is not liable for any money or items not placed in the camp safe.
- Matziv Midwest is not responsible or liable for any personal property lost, stolen, or damaged at the hands of another camper or staff member while at camp. Action will be taken by the camp staff with the responsible party to help facilitate an easy and quick resolution.
- Any item found in a bunkhouse that is not in line with the camp's technology policy or the camp culture will be removed by the camp head staff. Pending further investigation, the item might be mailed home, disposed of, or returned only upon departure from camp.
- Any sharp or potentially dangerous items should not be brought onto the campgrounds. Any item necessary while at camp should be disclosed to the camp head staff upon arrival so a plan can be decided upon.

LOST & FOUND

- Please label all personal belongings (clothes, glasses, cameras...).
- Lost and Found items will be kept in the camp office and campers will be able to come to the office for a lost item. All items will be displayed in the dining room on the last night of camp.
- Please refrain from bringing clothes or belongings you would be upset to risk damaging or losing.
- Any unclaimed items left in camp after August 27th will be donated or discarded.



LAUNDRY

- Matziv Midwest will facilitate laundry twice a summer. Please send enough clothes for at least 10 days that are all clearly labeled. Please keep in mind that the 9 Days begin on the second day of camp, and clean laundry will not be returned until approximately two days after Tisha B'av.
- Laundry will be collected by bunk and done by a local laundry service.

CAMP PACKING LIST

**Please be sure all items correspond with safety, and belongings guidelines.*

***The list below is only suggestive, use your own discretion when packing.*

****Please label all items brought to camp.*

Clothing List

2 sweatshirts
4 nightwear
2 bathing suits
12 shirts
7 pants
3 Shabbos Shirts
Shabbos pants/suit
12 pairs of socks
12 pairs of underwear
1 pair Shabbos shoes
1 pair sneaker
1 pair pool/shower slippers
Extra Yarmulka
2 pairs tzitzis
4 bath/pool towels
2 hand towels
Raincoat & rain boots

Miscellaneous

Tefillin (*bar miztva boys*)
Hat & jacket (*bar miztva boys*)
Siddur
2 complete sets linen
(including pillow & blanket)
1 laundry bag
1 mesh bag
Soap
Shampoo
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Nail clipper
Deodorant
Sunscreen
Bug repellent
Flashlight/batteries
Hangers



CAMP LIFE & POLICIES

CANTEEN

Canteen is an exciting part of camp. Each camper has an account that parents can fund to enable campers to buy items in the canteen. Canteen money can be used to purchase cases of water and used for trips. The suggested amount is \$60. Information will be sent with a link to fund the canteen.

GUIDELINES FOR SNACKS

No cases of water will be accepted during camp transportation, as they can be purchased in camp.

Due to those with allergies, and in order to maintain a neat and orderly bunkhouse, we kindly ask that you limit the number of snacks you bring with you to camp. The canteen will have a variety of options. As Matziv is your home for the month, snacks will be provided daily.

BUNK PLACEMENT

Bunk assignments are made by camp head staff after much careful deliberation. If you have not submitted a bunk request on your camp application, please be in touch with the camp office so we can best take all information into account and assure a positive summer experience.

BIRTHDAYS

Summer birthdays are always fun! If family/friends would like to make any special arrangements, please contact the camp office 7+ days before the date that you would like to arrange something.

VISITATION

To keep with the safety and camp experience of all attendees, no visitors will be allowed on grounds. Exceptions and arrangements may be made through the camp office 7+ days prior.

TRIPS & OFF-GROUNDS

TRIP PERMISSION AUTHORIZATION/INJURY POLICY: By sending my child to Matziv Midwest, I hereby authorize Matziv Midwest [referred from here-on as "MM"] to take my child off MM grounds to go on trips organized as part of the camping program. This may include swimming and/or boating sites. In addition, my child may participate in any activity organized by MM, including but not limited to land sports, lake front activities, rope course, paintball, indoor activities, bicycling, hiking, cook-outs, etc. and we assume the inherent risk of such activities and programs. We will not hold MM responsible in the event of injury, property damage or loss as a result of such activities.

I understand that MM is not responsible for loss or damage to my child's property

incurred during the session or during the transportation to and from the campgrounds.

I understand that MM has the right to dismiss any camper, without refund, who threatens the safety of themselves or others; who willfully damages MM property; who willfully disregards rules of MM; who steals or intentionally damages the property of other people in MM; or who requires significant supervision beyond that which MM can provide. Should my child be dismissed, I understand that I must arrange transportation for my child to leave MM, at my own expense, within 24 hours, and that I am responsible for any additional expenses required to ship luggage home.

This authorization is implicit with your signature on the camp application, and for medical issues on the medical form.

CAMP POLICIES

- No camper is to ever be alone on or off campgrounds. One is to be where expected, according to the daily schedule, at all times. This is especially true for lake and pool areas.
- No camper is ever allowed to leave camp grounds without direct permission from the Director or Head Counselor. Penalty for leaving camp grounds without permission is dealt with in a serious manner, and may even lead to being expelled from the camp.
- No Smoking or vaping will be allowed. Infractions are grounds for dismissal.
- Matziv attendees are expected to show themselves and others the utmost respect. This includes listening to staff directives, refraining from bullying, belittling, inappropriate or unsafe behavior, and maintaining one's personal dignity.

MM TECHNOLOGY POLICY

We are all aware of the dangers of technology and Matziv Midwest will be adhering to the strictest guidelines to ensure we have a successful and safe summer.

- All campers are to give their phones to the head staff upon arrival to camp. Phones will then be kept in the camp safe and returned upon departure.
- Any and all devices with internet access, including gaming devices, should be given to the head staff upon arrival to camp, to be kept in a safe and returned upon departure from camp.
- Any screenless mp3 players, cameras, gaming devices, etc. without internet capabilities may be brought into bunkhouses after review and expressed permission from the camp head staff upon arrival.
- Non-Jewish music, videos and movies of any sort are not allowed in camp.

STAFF TIPS

We have a mature, dedicated, and fun loving group of Rebbeim, counselors, and junior counselors. Their priority is to genuinely care for each camper and serve as positive role models. They take their responsibilities seriously, while reaping the joy of

generating excitement and positivity each day. A tip is a wonderful way to show *hakoras hatov* to the staff members who care for your camper on a daily basis.

Please mail tips directly to camp by the end of the 2nd week of camp or contact the camp office if you would to charge the tips to your account.

Suggested Tipping:

Counselor: \$40 JC/Co-Counselor: \$30
Learning Rebbe: \$40 Waiter: \$20



CAMP CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

- Cancellation prior to December 1st will incur a \$150 application fee.
- Cancellation from December 1st through March 1st will result in a \$250 cancellation fee.
- Cancellation from March 1st through June 1st will result in a \$500 cancellation fee.
- No refunds for cancellations after June 1st or for campers leaving early during camp.

COMMUNICATION

CONTACT BEFORE CAMP

- All camp contact and forms will be sent electronically via email or will be available on Camp Minder. Your Camp Minder account was created when you applied to camp. All subsequent forms and information can be found on your profile page.
- All submitted forms and information are entirely confidential, and medical information/forms are handled in line with PHI requirements.
- Please don't hesitate to contact the camp office for any comments, questions, or concerns regarding payment, forms, or care of your son at office@mmwcamps.com or 847-440-4940

CONTACT DURING CAMP

Packages:

To keep in line with the camp atmosphere, we ask that packages are kept to a respectable number and contents are not too pricey or ostentatious. Campers may be limited after receiving more than 3 packages.

Email:

Emails to campers will be printed out daily and delivered with the regular mail. Please limit emails to 2-3 times a week.

Calls:

The camp office will be open from 9:30am – 4:30pm, Sunday – Thursday, and 9:30am –

2:00pm on Fridays. The camp office can be reached for any comments, questions, or concerns, or to get in touch with any head staff members. No campers can be reached through the camp office.

Campers will have access to the camp phones at least once a week to call home.

PRIVATE TUTORING

If you are interested in private tutoring for your son over the summer please call our Learning Director, Rabbi Shmuel Aboud at 347-267-2324.

HEALTH

HEALTHCARE BEFORE CAMP

- Please be sure to submit your Medical Forms and Insurance Cards along with other forms. All forms can be accessed through your Camp Minder portal. All medical and health forms are kept confidential, and information will be kept in line with PHI (protected health information) standards.
- As many doctors require an appointment before filling out medical forms, we ask that you plan in advance and avoid risking late submission.
- Everyone will be checked for lice upon arrival to camp.
- Please be sure your son is sent to camp with all necessary medications and with enough to last the duration of camp.
- Matziv Midwest is not responsible or liable for any pre-existing medical or emotional condition not disclosed on the camp medical form. Any camper found to have a pre-existing condition that was not disclosed will be subject to dismissal from the program.

- Our chef provides allergy alternatives at every meal. In addition, if your child has allergies and would like to bring specific food items please email us at office@mmwcamps.com so we can try our best to accommodate your child.

- For any attendee with an allergy, EpiPen, asthma, diabetes, or the like – please be sure to discuss and submit your action plan prior to camp.
- For any health concerns, please feel free to reach out to us and discuss before camp at office@mmwcamps.com.

HEALTHCARE DURING CAMP

- Matziv Midwest is excited to be hosting a phenomenal and experienced medical professional on our grounds throughout the summer. She will be available for all/any medical needs or emergencies that may arise.
- *B'eZRas Hashem* there will be no need, but if for any reason there is a medical or



health emergency that occurs during camp, the parents/guardians will be contacted immediately, and an action plan will be decided upon between them and the Matziv Midwest head staff. In the event of an emergency, *chas v'shalom*, the Matziv head staff will act swiftly and responsibly until you can be reached.

- All medications, including both over the counter and prescription, are to be disclosed and handed in to the camp infirmary upon arrival at camp. The infirmary will be available to administer medications during meal times, infirmary hours, before bed-time, and *chas v'shalom* in case of emergency.
- No medications will be allowed in any camper or staff bunkhouse. All medications will be collected by the nurse upon arrival at camp. Any attendee that does not disclose and hand in medication (over the counter and/or prescription) risks the safety of all other attendees and will be dismissed from the program.
- To avoid risk of injury, attendees are required to wear closed-toe shoes during all activities.
- Any camper disrupting the safe and healthy atmosphere of camp or posing a threat to any camp attendee or themselves will be dismissed from the program.

CONTACT

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Looking forward to an incredible summer together!



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LIVE YOUR SUMMERS!