



**SUMMER HANDBOOK 2025**

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2025 season of CKids Gan Israel Wisconsin! We are delighted you are joining us and are eager to meet your children!

CKids with Gan Israel Wisconsin is a premier Jewish overnight camp that provides the optimal environment for every camper to grow, thrive, and flourish for the rest of their lives. From the moment campers arrive, they are taken in by the infectious positive energy of the camp environment. Free from technology and external distractions and pressures, their days are filled with carefree exploration and discovery of both themselves and the world around them. There are endless opportunities to be found in the dozens of recreational activities that are offered throughout the summer for campers to develop new talents and strengthen their athletic abilities.

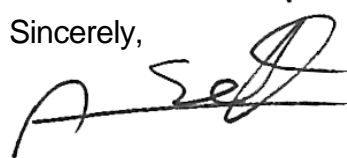
Throughout the session, campers foster positive social growth in a safe and nurturing environment while forging life-long Jewish friendships. At our core is the belief that every child is an entire world, and we strive to harness their infinite innate potential through unconditional love, support, and personal attention. A summer spent in CKids Gan Israel Wisconsin ignites the spark of Judaism that resides within every single camper. The campers become more in tune with their Jewish identity and allow authentic Jewish pride to become the cornerstone of their lives.

Please review this handbook as it contains vital camp information. Keep it handy for future reference for all camp questions. If you have received any notices regarding missing paperwork, please complete and return it to our camp office promptly in order for your child to attend camp.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to call and discuss them with us any time. Our office number is (414) 228-8372 and my personal cell phone is (414) 861-2626.

We are looking forward to an exciting summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Avremi Schapiro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Avremi Schapiro  
Director

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## CAMP LOCATION

Campers will relish in the beauty of the Lakotah Campgrounds in Wautoma, WI (N1875 21st Ave.). The grounds are open, extensive, and filled to the brim with blooming nature, hiking trails, and many additional recreational activities for our campers to enjoy all summer long!

Our on-site lake is perfect for boating and swimming. There are also multiple sports fields scattered throughout the site. Our indoor spaces include a mess hall and rooms for indoor activities such as plays, art, and cabins where campers sleep and spend their downtime.

## DATES AND TIMES

**Girls Session Runs From: June 23, 2025 – July 6, 2025**

### BUS TRAVEL:

**DEPARTURE:** All campers taking the bus to camp should arrive at The Shul in Bayside (8825 N. Lake Dr. Bayside, WI 53217) for check-in at 1:00pm.

**ARRIVAL:** All campers taking the bus home from camp will arrive at The Shul in Bayside (8825 N. Lake Dr. Bayside, WI 53217) at approximately 1:30pm.

### AIR TRAVEL:

Camp provides transportation to and from General Mitchell International Airport (MKE). If your child is a minor, you must contact our office 2 weeks prior to the travel date so we can ensure proper arrangements are made.

***Camper's flights should arrive before 12pm on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and depart after 3pm on July 6<sup>th</sup>.***

Please send your child with more than enough money to cover all travel expenses. Keep in mind that most airlines have a separate luggage fee. We suggest contacting the airline your child will be flying for the most current luggage regulations.

In the event your child misses his/her flight; we do not assume any responsibility of getting him or her on another flight or of arranging transportation from the airport to camp. Additionally, please make sure to label all luggage clearly.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Camp Administrative Office: (414) 228-8372
- CGI camp phone: (414) 861-4626
- E-mail: [office@ckidsganisraelwi.com](mailto:office@ckidsganisraelwi.com); [avremi@shulcenter.org](mailto:avremi@shulcenter.org)
- Web: <http://www.ckidsganisraelwi.com>

## FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

All forms and documents are available by logging into your account at [www.ckidsganisraelwi.com](http://www.ckidsganisraelwi.com), clicking on parent portal, and visiting the 'Forms & Documents' dashboard. You may also review any outstanding forms that may still require your attention. Please fill out all required forms in a timely fashion. No camper will be allowed into camp without having submitted the required forms prior to his/her arrival.

## **SAFETY**

Our commitment to safety, and the well-being of each and every camper, is something that we take very seriously.

Many hours and much effort is invested in the extensive screening of each of our staff members. They are all incredibly qualified, experienced, expertly trained and certified as necessary for their respective roles. All staff members are certified in CPR and First Aid.

The safety precautions necessary for all our activities will be followed scrupulously. Life jackets, helmets, harnesses, and any other necessary safety gear are mandatory for all activities that require them.

In case of a medical emergency, G-d forbid, parents (or guardians) and family doctors (listed on the registration papers) will be contacted immediately.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

### **MEDICAL FORMS**

In order to maximize your child's camp experience and provide proper care, please notify us of any special needs, challenges, or conditions (i.e. social, behavioral). This will allow us to address these needs properly and eliminate unnecessary difficulties. (Please note: this information will be kept confidential.)

The camp has a staff member dedicated to overseeing and administering medication and dealing with health-related concerns. If you would like to discuss your child's health situation prior to camp, please call Avremi at the camp office.

Any dismissal from camp due to undisclosed medical information will not be eligible for a refund.

All campers and staff members are required to have medical insurance. You must include a copy of the front and back of your insurance card.

If you do not have medical insurance, please contact our office directly to discuss this matter.

### **MEDICAL CARE**

There is no charge for any medical care provided by the camp Health Supervisor. This does not include outside doctor visits, blood test, x rays, lab work or any outside billable service to care for your child. In addition, we do not cover the cost of a second opinion or if you elect to bring your child home to see his/her regular doctor. All additional costs will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Our priority in medical care is to consider what is best for the child. In the event of a medical emergency, we will make every attempt to contact you. Once contacted you will be given the choice between using our local medical facilities or taking your child home and use your managed care doctor. If time is of the essence and you are unable to be reached, we will do what the camp Director and/or Health Supervisor feels is best to ensure your child gets the best possible care, regardless of cost or convenience.

### **MEDICATION POLICY – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

At Ckids Gan Israel Wisconsin, the health and safety of our campers is a top priority. To ensure safe and accurate medication distribution, we require that **all prescription and daily over-the-counter (OTC) medications (pill form only) be pre-packaged and labeled by a licensed pharmacy prior to arriving at camp.**

### How the Process Works:

- Your physician sends a 30-day supply prescription to the pharmacy of your choice.
- If the 30-day cycle begins before camp, your child may use the medication as prescribed.
- Then, simply send the remaining pre-packaged doses with your camper to camp.
- Any unused medication will be returned to your child on the last day of camp.

**⚠ Important:** Medications brought to camp **must exactly match** what is listed on your **camper's Health History Form**. Please double-check your form and notify us of any changes.

### Acceptable Pre-Packaging Options:

Medications may be packaged through one of the following services:

- [Port Family Pharmacy](#)
- [Amazon PillPack](#)
- [1 StopRx](#)
- Or any pharmacy that offers unit-dose packaging services

**⚠ Important:** If your child's medication is **not pre-packaged for the full duration of camp, it will not be administered.**

### Exceptions To Pre-Packaging:

The following medications do not need to be pre-packaged:

- Inhalers
- Ointments and creams (e.g., steroid, acne, eczema creams)
- Liquid medications

These items may remain with the camper in their bunkhouse (if appropriate) or will be stored in the Health Center as needed.

**⚠ Important:** Even though these medications do not require pre-packaging, they **must still have the original prescription label clearly attached** to the container. Medications without proper labeling **cannot be administered.**

### Emergency Medications – EpiPens:

Campers who require an EpiPen must bring two EpiPens to camp:

- One to be **kept on the camper at all times**
- One to be **stored in the Health Center**

### Special Medication Needs:

If your child takes medication that requires refrigeration or must be administered via injection by our medical staff, please contact us before camp to ensure proper arrangements are in place.

### Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications:

Our Health Care Center is stocked with commonly used OTC medications. However, if your camper takes **any OTC medication on a regular basis, it must be ordered through Port Family Pharmacy (more info below)** and follow the same packaging requirements.

*We strongly encourage you to reach out to your physician as soon as possible to send your child's prescriptions to one of the approved pharmacies, to ensure the medications are processed and delivered on time for camp.*

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### PORT FAMILY PHARMACY – OUR PREFERRED PARTNER

We have a close working relationship with **Port Family Pharmacy**, which allows for a **more personal, streamlined, and reliable experience** for our camp families. We **highly encourage** you to use their services to ensure smooth coordination and timely delivery of your camper's medications.

### Deadlines & Fees:

- **Packaging Service Fee:** \$35 per camper (does **not** include the cost of medications)
- **Prescription Deadline:** Prescriptions must be submitted **no later than June 1st**
- **Late Fee:** \$25 if prescriptions are received after the deadline

To register with Port Family Pharmacy:

👉 [www.portfamilyrx.com/ckids-gan-israel](http://www.portfamilyrx.com/ckids-gan-israel)

☎ Or call: 262-261-3900

Please make arrangements **as early as possible** to avoid delays and ensure your camper receives the best care.

## FAMILY HISTORY/HOMESICKNESS

While the summer experience is a positive and enjoyable one for most children, there are some campers who take longer than most to adjust to their new surroundings. When a problem arises with a homesick camper, we may spend hours speaking with them and counseling them, only to find out that the problem stems from a year-round situation and not the camp environment. This may surface during camp, which may present a sense of insecurity in these children.

Therefore, it is imperative that a member of the camp head staff be made aware of any unique situation (physical, psychological, medical, or social) that may have the effect on the child. In respect of your child's privacy, all information will be kept strictly confidential.

## COVID-19 POLICY

We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines and how they may influence the ability of CKid's Gan Israel to host the summer of your child's dreams in a safe and responsible manner.

We are committed to complete transparency as we move forward and will update if there are changes to our original plans.

## COMMUNICATION

Once camp begins, you will be able to send your child an email message through your [Campanion App](#) or the [parent portal](#). CamperGrams will be distributed a few times throughout the week. While they are not delivered daily, rest assured your messages will reach your camper in a timely and meaningful way. This is the only method of sending an email to your camper. Messages sent to any other email address will not be distributed.

Campers will be able to write handwritten letters back to their parents. These letters will be collected by staff and emailed back to the email address on file.

Mail received after camp ends will not be forwarded.

Campers may not receive nor place calls from the office phone. Campers may not use staff member's cell phones. If you need to contact your camper, please make an arrangement with our camp director.

Additionally, all cell phone numbers submitted during registration will be added into our text message database. Parents will receive updates, important messages, and reminders on their cell phone as needed.

Parents and campers can view photos and updates relating to camp activities through the [Campanion App](#). *The Campanion login is the same as your parent portal login.*

Don't miss photos of your camper!



Download Campanion today at [campanionapp.com](http://campanionapp.com)

## FOOD & ALLERGIES

There is a full-time cook at camp who will provide delicious, healthy, and fresh meals for your children in addition to scrumptious snacks and treats.

There are plenty of snacks and beverages provided throughout the day, and all of our food and snacks are exclusively Kosher.

For health, safety, Kosher, and cleanliness reasons, we ask that no food be brought from home or sent to camp. We've also found that food in the cabins tends to attract unwanted critters—something we definitely want to avoid! With that in mind, **any food brought to camp will be collected upon arrival and, if possible, returned for the trip home.**

Additionally, allergies listed on the camper's medical history forms will be noted and camp will provide alternative food options as needed.

## CAMP POLICIES

**Ckids Gan Israel Wisconsin adheres to a strict no cell phone and electronics policy. Any device with viewing and internet capability. Please do not send any of the items listed below to camp with your child. If brought to camp, they will be collected on arrival and returned to your child on the day of departure.**

### WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- **Any device with viewing and internet capability.** This includes, but is not limited to an mp3 player, iPod, iPad, DS, PSP, laptop, or cell phone. If found, they will be confiscated, and your child may be sent home from camp.
- **Cell Phones.** If you feel that your child should have a cell phone for traveling purposes, he/she must give it in to the camp office upon arrival at the campgrounds and it will be sent home with him/her upon his/her departure.
- **Dangerous or Illegal Items.** No knives, weapons, firearms, fireworks, lighters, matches, tobacco, vaporizers, illicit drugs, etc. of any kind should be brought to camp. Possession or use of such items and substances is cause for immediate removal from camp.

We strongly discourage parents from sending any pricey clothing items. Camp will not be responsible for any personal belongings that are lost or broken.

Campers may want to bring a small amount of spending money for field trips. We recommend putting spending money in a sealed envelope to be given to our staff at registration before the bus shuttle departs for camp. Spending money should not exceed \$30.

***We believe that the campers benefit immensely from an immersive camp experience without any distractions.***

## **VISITING CAMP AND LEAVING CAMPGROUNDS**

As of now, we are not having visiting day in camp, due to the duration of camp. No visitors will be allowed on the campsite at any time. This policy is common practice at all camps.

There is also a zero-tolerance policy at camp in regard to anyone that leaves campgrounds without prior permission. If an individual leaves campground without permission, he/she will be immediately and irrevocably dismissed from camp.

This policy was enacted for the safety of your daughter.

*HOWEVER, pictures of the day's activities will be updated daily! Please use your [Campanion App](#) for all pictures.*

## **ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATION & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

By sending my child(ren) to Ckids Gan Israel Wisconsin (CGI Wisconsin) I agree to allow Ckids Gan Israel Wisconsin to take my child off campgrounds to go on trips organized as part of the camp programming. This may include swimming and/or boating sites. In addition, my child may participate in any activity organized by CGI Wisconsin, including but not limited to, land sports, lake front activities, rope courses, indoor activities, bicycling, hiking, cookouts, and I assume the inherent risk of such activities and programs. I will not hold CGI Wisconsin responsible in the event of injury, property damage or loss as a result of such activities.

I understand that CGI Wisconsin is not responsible for loss or damage to my child's property incurred during the session or during the transportation to and from camp. All belongings left on campgrounds will become *hefker*, property of CGI Wisconsin after your child's departure from camp. I understand that CGI Wisconsin has the right to dismiss any camper, without refund, who threatens the safety of himself/herself or others; who willfully damages CGI Wisconsin property; who willfully disregards rules of CGI Wisconsin; who steals or intentionally damages the property of other people in CGI Wisconsin or who requires significant supervision beyond which CGI Wisconsin can provide. Should my child be dismissed, I understand that I must arrange transportation for my child to leave CGI Wisconsin at my own expense, as soon as reasonably possible, within no more than 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.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

There will be no refund made on any cancellations made after June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. If your child leaves camp due to homesickness or failure to provide the camp with proper information about your child, no refund will be issued.

## **CHECK LIST**

I've filled out the following forms and taken care of the following items:

- Camp Fees
- Travel Information
- Medical Forms (Medical History, Mental/Social Health, Immunization Records, Parent Authorization)
- Contact Port Family Pharmacy to register any medications for camp.
- Insurance Card (included in Parent Authorization)
- Prescription Card (included in Parent Authorization)
- Waiver Forms

# SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

## PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

### CLOTHING

- 11 Tops
- 11 Bottoms
- 2 Sweatshirts or Light Sweaters
- 11 Sets of Underwear
- 2 Sweatpants
- 2 Swimsuits
- 1 Warm Jacket
- 3 Pairs of Pajamas (Cooler and Warmer Pairs)
- 1 Warm Jacket
- 1 Bathrobe
- 11 Socks
- 1 Pair Sturdy Shoes
- 1 Pair Shower Shoes

### FOR SHABBAT

- 2 Dresses or Skirts
- 4 Blouses
- 1 Pair Dress Shoes
- 1 Sweater

### BEDDING AND LINEN

- 3 Bath Towels
- 2 Wash Cloths
- 1 Pillow
- 2 Set of Sheets & Pillowcase
- 1 Blanket
- 1 Sleeping Bag
- 1 Laundry Bag
- 1 Mesh Bag

### TOILETRIES

- Shampoo
- Body Wash or Bar of Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Comb/Brush
- Nail Clipper

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Large Backpack or Duffle Bag
- Sunscreen
- Insect/Tick Repellent
- Water Bottle with Strap
- Clip-On Fan
- Cap/Hat
- \*Optional
  - \*Extra Eyeglasses
  - \*Inexpensive Camera
  - \*Siddur
  - \*Washing Cup

### LAUNDRY

Laundry will be done once during your child's stay in camp. Please pack enough fresh clothing to last at least 10 days.

We assume that all items given in to be laundered can be washed and dried in a standard washing machine and dryer as one load. (Laundry will not be separated or sorted.)

In addition to a regular laundry bag, please send a labeled mesh bag for socks and undergarments.