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# CAMP MAAS FAMILY GUIDE

Summer 2018

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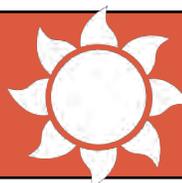
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Dear Families of Camp Maas,

We are honored that you have chosen Camp Maas as your summer home—and we are thrilled that you are participating in our 116<sup>th</sup> consecutive summer. We are so appreciative of our wonderful community, and those that connect our special circle.

We recognize that preparing for camp can be a daunting task. In our attempt to answer questions that may arise, this Family Guide serves as a comprehensive resource before and during the summer months. Whether you begin 2018 as a new family, or return as a “seasoned pro,” the following packet provides useful information about important dates, special programs, and critical policies. Please review all this material to successfully prepare for the exciting adventures ahead.

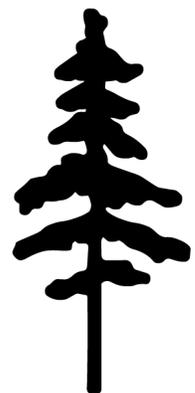
As always, our number one priority remains the health, safety, and well being of our entire camp community. With that in mind, we have included a section in this guide specifically to address important medical information.

Together, with nurturing staff, energizing programs, and transformational experiences, we look forward to a healthy, safe, and positive summer at "The Greatest Place on Earth!"

We can't wait to see you at the buses,

*Lee Trepeck*

Lee Trepeck  
Camp Maas, Director





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# SUMMER PROGRAMS

	<b>Grade Fall 2018</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Mini A</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>6-26 thru 7-6</b>
<b>Mini B</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>7-10 thru 7-20</b>
<b>Mini C</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>7-24 thru 8-3</b>
<b>Mini D</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>8-6 thru 8-16</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>2-9</b>	<b>6-26 thru 7-20</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>2-9</b>	<b>7-24 thru 8-16</b>
<b>* Super Season</b>	<b>2-9</b>	<b>6-26 thru 8-16</b>
<b>Teen Mission/TSS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6-25 thru 8-16</b>
<b>Avodah Session 1</b>	<b>Grade 10+</b>	<b>6-26 thru 7-20</b>
<b>Avodah Session 2</b>	<b>Grade 10+</b>	<b>7-24 thru 8-16</b>
<b>* Avodah Super Season</b>	<b>Grade 10+</b>	<b>6-26 thru 8-16</b>

**Super Season campers will return on the bus with Session 1 campers on July 20th, as all camp is cleared for inter-session (for full-clean up). The group departs for Session 2 on July 24th.**



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# DEPARTURE SCHEDULE

Our buses depart to camp from Adat Shalom:  
29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills

SESSION	VILLAGES	DEPARTURE DATE	ARRIVAL/ BOARDING TIME
<b>Mini A Session 1 Super Season</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy	Tuesday, June 26	8:00 am/ 8:30 am
	Charach Sheruth Levison Berman Hermelin	Tuesday, June 26	9:00 am/ 9:30 am
	Grosberg Ruach Robinson Pioneer Kaufman Specialty Avodah	Tuesday, June 26	10:00 am/ 10:30 am
<b>Mini B</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy Charach Sheruth Levison	Tuesday, July 10	8:00 am/ 8:30 am
<b>Mini C Session 2 Super Season</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy	Tuesday, July 24	8:00 am/ 8:30 am
	Charach Sheruth Levison Berman Hermelin	Tuesday, July 24	9:00 am/ 9:30 am
	Grosberg Ruach Robinson Pioneer Kaufman Specialty Avodah	Tuesday, July 24	10:00 am/ 10:30 am
<b>Mini D</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy	Monday, August 6	8:00 am/ 8:30 am



# PRE-DEPARTURE

In advance of camp's first day, campers and parents drop off luggage and receive lice checks. Also, if your child started new medication 30 days prior to the start of camp, you can provide clinic staff with his/her medication at this time. The scheduled time slot for your family is listed on page 8.

## LUGGAGE DROP-OFF

Dropping off luggage early ensures a less-stressful morning on the day of departure, allows time for our staff members to place your child's luggage in his or her cabin, and gives clinic staff time to receive any pre-approved medication (see page 21 for more on pre-approved medications).

## OUT OF AREA DROP-OFF

If you live outside of the Detroit area, special transportation arrangements may be organized. Campers may bring their luggage directly to camp, whether your camper will be at the buses, dropped off at camp, or picked up at the airport.

If you prefer, duffels can also be shipped to camp (via UPS, FedEx, etc.). When shipping luggage, please ensure it arrives at camp after June 13<sup>th</sup>. For more details, please contact Kitty Phillips at [kphillips@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:kphillips@tamarackcamps.com) or 248.647.1100.

## LICE CHECK

All campers' heads must be checked for lice before arriving at camp. We provide free checks during the luggage drop-off. Once your child(ren) is checked and cleared, his/her luggage will be accepted. If your child(ren) is not checked on that day, he/she will be checked on the day of departure before boarding the bus. See additional information on page 19.



# PRE-DEPARTURE

All of the dates/times for luggage drop-off and lice checks  
will be at Adat Shalom:  
29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills

## **Mini A, Session 1, Super Season**

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am - 10:30 am, last names beginning with A-G**

**9:00 am - 9:45 am, last names beginning H-R**

**9:45 - 10:30 am, last names beginning S-Z**

## **Mini B**

**Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, all campers**

## **Mini C, Session 2, Super Season**

**Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (Lice Check ONLY)**

**5:00 pm - 5:30 pm, last names beginning A-G**

**5:30 pm - 6:15 pm, last names beginning H-R**

**6:15 pm - 7:00 pm, last names beginning S-Z**

**Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Luggage Drop Off ONLY)**

**7:00 am - 10:00 am**

(If you attend Lice Check on Friday, you can drop off your luggage. If not, you will do Lice Check and Luggage Drop-Off at your bus departure on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child has lice, unfortunately, we are unable to send him/her on the bus to camp.)

## **Mini D**

**Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, all campers**



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# RETURNING HOME

On the last day of camp, campers return by bus to Adat Shalom. Please be advised that, unless prior arrangements have been coordinated, campers may not be picked up at

SESSION(S)	VILLAGES	DATE/ BUS ARRIVAL TIME
<b>Mini A</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy	July 6 10:30 am
<b>Mini B Session 1 Super Season</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy	July 20 10:30 am
	Charach Sheruth Levison Berman Hermelin	July 20 11:00 am
	Grosberg Ruach Robinson Pioneer Kaufman Specialty Avodah	July 20 11:30 am
<b>Mini C</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy	August 3 10:30 am
<b>Mini D Session 2 Super Season</b>	Shiffman Applebaum Fishman DeRoy	August 16 10:30 am
	Charach Sheruth Levison Berman Hermelin	August 16 11:00 am
	Grosberg Ruach Robinson Pioneer Kaufman Specialty Avodah TSS	August 16 11:30 am



# SUPER SEASON

## DATES

Super Season campers will return on the bus with Session 1 campers on July 20<sup>th</sup>, as all camp is cleared for inter-session (for full-clean up). The group departs for Session 2 on July 24<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with the schedule on page 6.

## LAUNDRY AND LUGGAGE

During session break, Super Season campers will bring all laundry and luggage home. Luggage will be dropped off at the appropriate date/time for Session 2.

# LOST & FOUND

## AT CAMP

During camp, our staff members make every effort to identify and return any labeled lost and found items to your child(ren). Also, prior to returning home, items are displayed at degel (flag pole), which provides your child(ren) an opportunity to find items that may have been lost throughout the session.

## LOST & FOUND IN THE CITY

Once camp ends, lost and found items are delivered to our city office (Max M. Fisher Federation Building, 6735 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills), and will be available on the following dates:

**Mini A, Mini B, Session 1**

Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Mini C, Mini D, Session 2**

Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 am – 7:00 pm



# EMOTIONAL NEEDS

**"Summer camp is more than a vacation for children," says Dr. Bruce Muchnick, a licensed psychologist who works extensively with resident camps.**

**"As a parent, there are a few things to consider which increase the opportunity for a rewarding camp experience for your child."**

## COMMUNICATE CANDIDLY

Talk candidly with the camp staff, specifically the Camper Care Team, which is led by Franki Bagdade, Director of Camper Care and Roberta Blumberg, Director of Health and Safety. These connections allow them an opportunity to apply expertise in helping your child(ren) adapt to the routines of camp life. Through sound communication, so many challenges can be resolved.

## PACK COMFORT ITEMS

Talk to your campers about items that might help ease the transition (such as pictures, a calendar, battery-operated night lights, downtime activities, etc.), which are all intended to provide familiarity as signs of home.

## DISCUSS CONCERNS BEFORE CAMP

As the first day of camp approaches, some children experience anxiety—leaving home, new surroundings, and uncertain schedules—just to name a few. Please encourage your child to discuss these emotions, rather than responding to your perception of his or her feelings. Empower your child to handle the separation confidently. Please refrain from this comment: "If you don't like it, I'll come and get you." This communicates unrealistic expectations for your camper.



## HELP YOUR CHILD COPE AT CAMP

Most child(ren) need a few days to adjust to life at camp. During this time, homesickness—even for returning campers—is quite natural. Most campers cope with these concerns and, with the ongoing guidance and sensitivity of our staff members, build support systems. We communicate positively and work dilligently to help campers feel comfortable.

## PARENT QUESTIONS DURING CAMP

If, after reading a letter, you feel concerned about your child(ren), or, alternatively, if you haven't heard from your child(ren) in a while, please feel free to contact us directly. We offer the benefit of a Parent Liaison Program (further detailed on page 22).

Two designated staff members, with great camp knowledge, are available to answer questions, respond to calls, field questions, research answers (where necessary) and, after a reasonable time, provide updates to our families. Our liaisons rotate between the office and throughout camp, strategically allowing our counselors, supervisors and senior staff to remain "in the field" with your campers.

## PARENTS

We take our job as a "in loco parentis" (in place of a parent) seriously. Therefore, along with preparing your child emotionally for the challenges of camp, please prepare your child(ren) for the realities of being away from home.

Please review our code of conduct (pages 32-33) with your child so he/she is totally aware of our expectations.



# PACKING TIPS

## LUGGAGE

Each camper is permitted to bring a total of three bags: two duffels and one carry-on backpack. Please use the luggage tags, which will be mailed, prior to camp, to label your child's bags.

We recommend duffle bags with a zipper across the middle, no larger than jumbo. For the ride to camp, we recommend one backpack to be used as a carry-on.

## LAUNDRY

### **Session 1 and Session 2 Campers**

Laundry service is provided once per session.

### **Super Season Campers**

Super Season Campers will have laundry service once per session. However, laundry is not provided during session break, and campers are expected to bring laundry home. If a child is from out of the area, alternative arrangements may be coordinated by Kitty Phillips at [kphillips@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:kphillips@tamarackcamps.com).

### **Mini Session Campers**

Laundry service is not included.

## CLOTHING

- Send older clothing (whenever possible).
- Simple and practical clothing is most suitable for camp.
- Avoid packing expensive clothing; it is unnecessary.
- Expect that some articles may not return.

## OTHER STUFF

- Please pack a laundry bag and shower caddy.
- Camp bunk beds are twin size. Mattress covers are optional.
- See suggested packing lists (pages 16-17).



## LABEL EVERYTHING!

To minimize loss, we strongly recommend that you label all of your child's clothing and personal property with first and last name. We suggest a permanent marker or purchasing labels. In addition to clothing, please label all sports equipment, cameras, eyeglasses, sleeping bags, etc. Please ensure that your child knows what he/she has brought and where the items are located. (Enclosing a list of all items brought to camp will help your child when packing to come home.) Labels can be purchased through Mable's Labels.

## VILLAGE TEES

We strongly recommend that you purchase a village T-shirt for your child. Throughout the summer, these T-shirts are used for special events and village pictures. Village tees can be purchased at Brody's or Perfect Trading Company.

## SHABBAT ATTIRE

Shabbat is a special time at camp and we help establish the tone by the clothing we wear. While Shabbat tees are optional (and also available at Brody's and Perfect Trading Company), on Friday night, all campers and staff members are expected to dress respectfully (wearing blue and white). On Saturday, regular camp attire is sufficient.

## MONEY

Campers do not need spending money at camp. However, campers in Grosberg Ruach, Robinson Pioneer, Kaufman Specialty, and Avodah may want money for their trip(s) "pop-stops." We suggest a range of \$10 - \$40 in cash. Please place your camper's money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, village, and exact dollar amount. At bus departure, please hand the envelope to our designated representative. The envelope will be stored in camp's safe until your child's trip departs.



## IPODS OR OTHER MUSIC DEVICES

In a very limited manner, iPods (or other similar music devices) are allowed, but not encouraged. Please be aware that they are only permitted in the bunk, during menucha (rest time), or bedtime (typically when a camper has difficulty sleeping at night), and are never allowed during any group activity. Devices must not be able to connect to the Internet, which is strictly prohibited. All devices must be approved by our staff in advance. Please contact Kitty Phillips, [kphillips@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:kphillips@tamarackcamps.com), to initiate the approval process.

## CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not permitted at camp, under any circumstances, and represent a distraction to camp's community. If a camper is found with a phone, it is confiscated and considered sufficient grounds for dismissal. In that event, a refund is unavailable.

## DANGEROUS ITEMS

Guns, knives, and any other potentially dangerous items are not permitted at camp. If you are unclear about any items, please ask for guidance from our Camp Maas Team. If a camper is found with a dangerous item, it is confiscated and considered sufficient grounds for dismissal. In that event, a refund is unavailable.

## GRAFFITI

We want to ensure that our villages and camp facilities continue to look their absolute best. Graffiti is not a part of our camp culture. If there is any violation, a financial penalty of \$25 per word will be imposed. Please share this with your child(ren), as it is important that he or she understands the serious nature of this violation.



# 10-DAY PACKING LIST

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## CLOTHING

- 4 long pants (including lightweight pants, leggings)
- 1 sweatpants
- 5 shorts
- 8 t-shirts
- 1 village shirt (optional)
- 1 white or blue shirt for Shabbat (dresses/skirts are optional)
- 3 long-sleeve shirts/sweatshirts
- 2 white t-shirts for tie-dye
- 3 swimsuits
- 3 pajamas (shorts and long pants)
- 10 pairs of socks
- 12 pairs of underwear
- 1 pair waterproof shoes (beach/shower)
- 1 pair gym shoes (supportive)
- 1 pair sandals (optional)
- 1 pair rainboots (optional)
- 1 raincoat

## ACCESSORIES

- 2 hats
- 2 waterbottles (leakproof, 750ml+)
- 1 sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- 1 insect repellent (with DEET preferred)
- 2 flashlights (with extra batteries)
- 1 drawstring bag (optional)

## SLEEPING GEAR

- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 2 sets twin sheets
- 1 sleeping bag (optional)  
-If you purchase one, synthetic, not cotton is recommended.
- 1 blanket

## BATH

- 6 large towels (bath/beach)
- 1 bathrobe/towel wrap

## TOILETRIES

- 1 toothbrush with cover
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 deodorant
- 1 hair brush
- 1 toiletry bag
- 1 shampoo/conditioner
- 1 liquid body soap (consider 3-in-1)
- 1 shower caddy (to hold above items)
- 1 washable laundry bag

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 battery-operated fan
- 1 collapsible camp chair (optional)
- stationary/envelopes/stamps
- pens/pencils
- books & other downtime activities (i.e., cards, madlibs, brain teasers, etc.)

## PLEASE REMEMBER...

- \* Label everything—and include first and last name.
- \* Pack a maximum of two zipper-top duffle bags (no larger than jumbo) and 1 carry on back pack.
- \* Send replacement batteries for all battery-operated devices.
- \* Packing food is prohibited; all food will be confiscated, due to camper allergies and other potential challenges.



# 24-DAY PACKING LIST

## S U M M E R P R E P A R A T I O N

### CLOTHING

- 4 long pants (including lightweight pants, leggings)
- 1 sweatpants
- 5 shorts
- 10 t-shirts
- 1 village shirt (optional)
- 3 white or blue shirt for Shabbat (dresses/skirts are optional)
- 3 long-sleeve shirts/sweatshirts - 1 fleece, 1 flannel/button up
- 3 white t-shirts for tie-dye
- 1 set long underwear (top and bottom)
- 3 swimsuits
- 14 pairs of socks (1 wool)
- 16 pairs of underwear
- 4 pajamas (shorts and long pants)
- 1 pair waterproof shoes (beach/shower)
- 1 pair of gym shoes (not supportive)
- 1 pair of hiking boots (Sr. Side only)
- 1 pair of sandals (optional)
- 1 pair of rainboots (optional)
- 1 raincoat
- 1 rainpants (optional)
- 1 set of disposable swampwalk clothes/shoes for Senior Side villages only

### ACCESSORIES

- 2 hats
- 2 waterbottles (leakproof, 750ml+)
- 2 sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- 1 insect repellent (with DEET preferred)

### SLEEPING GEAR

- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 2 sets twin sheets
- 1 sleeping bag (synthetic, not cotton)
- 1 blanket
- 1 sleeping pad (optional)

### BATH

- 6 large towels (bath/beach)
- 1 bathrobe/towel wrap

### TOILETRIES

- 1 toothbrush with cover
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 deodorant
- 1 hair brush
- 1 toiletry bag
- 1 shampoo/conditioner
- 1 liquid body soap (consider 3-in-1)
- 1 shower caddy (to hold items above)
- 1 washable laundry bag

### MISCELLANEOUS

- 2 bandanas
- 2 flashlights (with extra batteries)
- 1 battery-operated fan
- 1 collapsible camp chair (optional)
- stationary/envelopes/stamps
- pens/pencils
- books and other downtime activities
- 1 drawstring bag (optional)

- \* Label everything—and include first and last name.
- \* Pack a maximum of two zipper-top duffle bags (no larger than jumbo) and 1 carry on back pack.
- \* Send replacement batteries for all battery-operated devices.
- \* Packing food is prohibited; all food will be confiscated, due to camper allergies and other potential challenges.



**PROVIDING A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERY CAMPER REMAINS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY.**

### **CAMPER CARE TEAM**

**We are well equipped to handle the physical and emotional well being of campers and staff members, under the professional, caring, and talented guidance of our Camper Care Team:**

**Franki Bagdade, Director, Camper Care**

**Roberta Blumberg, Director, Health and Safety**

**Craig Charnas, Head of Mid and Senior Side**

**Laura Charnas, Parent Liason, Mid and Senior Side**

**Stacey Lusky, Social Worker**

**Lauren Rouff, Social Worker**

**Helayne Shaw, Parent Liason, Brighton Side**

**Hallie Steckler, Head of Brighton and Mid Side**

**This team of social workers, teachers, and health care professionals are also part of the summer Senior Leadership Team.**

### **CLINIC DOCTORS**

**A doctor is always onsite and available for physical and emotional emergencies of campers and staff members. Most of our doctors practice as pediatricians, family practitioners, or emergency room physicians in the Detroit Metropolitan area.**

### **CLINIC NURSES AND ASSISTANTS**

**Registered nurses and clinic assistants manage the clinic. Many of our nurses also work in the Detroit Metropolitan area.**

**Our clinic assistants are often selected because of their interest in pursuing medicine as a career choice and a passion for camp.**



# MEDICAL

## CAMPDOC

Tamarack Camps collects and manages all health information through CampDoc, a secure web-based health management system. To submit your camper's health information, you will receive an email invitation from CampDoc. If you are a new family, instructions for creating your username and password will be included. If you are a returning family, use your same email address and password from the previous year.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

The Tamarack Camps immunization policy requires everyone to be fully immunized according to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, State of Michigan, and American Academy of Pediatrics. Tamarack Camps full policy can be viewed [here](#).

## LICE

Life at camp means campers are in close quarters. At lice check, if your child's exam reveals live lice and/or nits (eggs), he/she will be sent home along with their belongings and guidelines for treatment. Parents will be responsible for administering the treatment. Or, if preferred, the Lice Sisters are available to treat your child(ren)—for a fee. The camper's head must be nit-free in order to return to camp.

For our out of the area families who have permission to bring their child(ren) directly to camp, please have a professional check your camper(s) within 48 hours of arrival and provide a written certification (to be given to the clinic staff) that he/she is lice free.



# MEDICAL

## FOOD ALLERGIES

Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for every camper. Increasing numbers of children have food allergies and we will gladly work with families to provide alternatives. If, however, your child has an airborne food allergy, regrettably, Camp Maas is not the right place for him/her.

Tamarack Camps programs are not nut free; we are nut sensitive. We do not cook with any nut products, including oils, or offer snacks containing nuts. However, we do provide premade peanut butter sandwiches, available at every meal, from one specific location.

Counselors are notified of children with allergies, and taught when and how to use Epi-Pens. The counselor or camper will carry an Epi-Pen. In addition, Epi-Pens are strategically placed throughout camp, including the dining hall, specialty areas, and villages.

We cannot guarantee:

1. Everyone will follow the above guidelines.
2. There will not be "food fights" at your child's meal.
3. Campers eating peanut butter will not touch each other or objects.
4. Campers will not purchase items containing nuts during snack stops on trips.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION

You, or your emergency contact, will be contacted by a clinic staff member if:

1. Your child stays overnight in the clinic.
2. Your child needs to start on antibiotics or steroids.
3. Your child needs to leave camp for medical attention (i.e. x-rays, stitches, etc.).



# MEDICATIONS

For summer 2018, our medication policy has changed, so please read the following information carefully:

We are proud to announce our partnership with AMAC Pharmacy Services. AMAC will provide each camper's medication in safe, easy to use, pre-packaged bags, labeled with your child's name, medication(s), and time of day for administration.

All campers are required to use AMAC to obtain medications that will be administered during a summer program. This includes over-the-counter medications that are taken routinely or as needed, excluding medications such as Tylenol and Ibuprofen. Tamarack Camps will not accept or administer gummy medications/vitamins; in the heat, they melt and stick together. There is a \$10 per camper service fee, charged by AMAC, to pre-package the medications, in addition to any co-payments required by your health insurance.

Some specialized medications may not be available through AMAC. In this case, and only in this case, you may obtain blister cards, and follow directions to complete the packaging process.

Those choosing not to use the pre-packaged medication process will be assessed a \$100.00 fee, unless you have received prior approval from Roberta Blumberg.

Upon request, exceptions will be made for items like epi-pens, inhalers, and any medication started 30 days prior to their session start date. Please clear all medication exceptions by Roberta Blumberg.

For questions related to pre-packaged medications, please email AMAC [contact@amacrxs.com](mailto:contact@amacrxs.com). Emails will be responded to within 24 hours. For emergencies, call 888-722- 5579.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and commitment to the health, safety, and well being of our entire camp community.

# SUMMER STAFF

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Senior Leadership team, comprised of our directors, teachers, social workers, and the entire Camper Care Team, oversee day-to-day operations at camp. Most have spent decades at Tamarack and are all committed to take the best care of your child(ren). For the full list of this team, see page 35.

## PARENT LIAISONS

Liaisons are meant to ensure parents and campers are well taken care of during your camper's stay. The liaisons research answers to parents' questions, keeping information confidential, and respond in a timely, forthright manner.

Beginning on June 26<sup>th</sup>, please contact them directly at 248-627-2821.

### **Brighton and Mid Side Parent Liaison**

**Helayne Shaw: [shaw@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:shaw@tamarackcamps.com)**

### **Mid and Senior Side Parent Liaison**

**Laura Charnas: [lmcharnas@yahoo.com](mailto:lmcharnas@yahoo.com)**



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# SUMMER STAFF



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## VILLAGE SUPERVISORS

Every village has a supervisor who coordinates all of the village activities and provides direction and guidance to the counselors. The supervisors are older, more experienced staff members who, over the years, have proven themselves as camp leaders. Supervisors arrive at camp two weeks early for highly-focused training, facilitated by a variety of professionals. Our training, combined with each supervisor's camping expertise, creates a perfect balance of youthful excitement and skilled caregiving.

## SPECIALIST SUPERVISORS

Our specialists provide expertise in the following areas:

- ♦ Arts and Crafts (Omanut) ♦ Ceramics ♦ Drama ♦ Farming ♦ Gardening ♦ Horseback Riding ♦ Jewish Life ♦ Jewish Programming ♦ Land Sports ♦ Multi Media ♦ Music ♦ Photography ♦ Ropes (Climbing Wall, Tango Tower, High Ropes, Zip Line) ♦ Swimming (including pool and lakefront activities) ♦ Teva (Nature) ♦ Theater ♦ Tripping ♦ Water Sports (Waterskiing, Tubing, Kayaking, Canoeing, and more!) ♦

## VILLAGES

Shiffman: Meredith Berlin  
Applebaum: Amit Melchoir  
Fishman: Mairead Corrigan  
DeRoy: Calum Darroch  
Charach Sheruth: Lexie Kay  
Levison: Jack Mullen  
Berman: Avital Drabkin  
Hermelin: Noah Sherbin  
Robinson Pioneer: Shane Sperling  
Grosberg Ruach: Alex Zvikler  
Kaufman Specialty: Will Scevity  
TSS: Jaclyn Rosen (Head),  
Noah Krasman and Avital Shaulov  
Avodah: Ariel Stollman

## SPECIALITY AREAS

Farm: Alex Rosenberg  
Horseback Riding: Rosie Wallace  
Jewish Life and Programming:  
Rabbi Ben Shalva and Adi Stone  
Land Sports: James Ayers  
Arts & Crafts/Ceramics: Brooke Leiberman  
Multimedia: Brooke Leiberman  
Rodecker Beach: Kenny Jones  
Ropes/Teva: Matt Russell  
Sobell Beach: Victoria Haerens  
Theater: Alicia Blake  
Tripping: Roie Gonen  
Waterski: Hamish Campbell



# AND MORE STAFF...

## COUNSELORS

Your child's counselors are high school graduates/college students, often with specific camp experience related to children. Our staff members report to camp one week early for intensive training, facilitated by our senior staff members, supervisors, and other professionals – and, in certain sessions, parents from our community. The ratio of village staff members to campers is approximately 1:5; however, when taking into account that specialists also live in the villages, the staff to camper ration is often much less than 1:5.

## OTHER CAMP LEADERS

### **Scott Bahr, Property Manager**

Scott oversees every acre of our Ortonville property, meticulously ensuring that our “playground” is always well maintained and in excellent order.

### **Regina Halasinski, Head of Dining Services**

Regina is eager to begin her 11<sup>th</sup> summer at camp, where she is involved in all aspects of our dining experience, including menu preparation, cooking, and serving. She is always available to discuss dietary concerns.

### **Kitty Phillips, Camp Mass Administrative Support**

Kitty supports the Camp Maas team. She is excited to be at camp this summer.

### **Jeannette Levene, Office Manager/Registrar**

Jeannette coordinates the administrative support in the office, which is critical to ensuring our success during the summer.

### **Alex Rosenberg, Farmer**

Alex manages the Farber Farm. She is responsible for the oversight of all plant production and animal care. If you're interested in learning more, email Alex at [arosenberg@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:arosenberg@tamarackcamps.com).



## VILLAGES/SIDES

Each camper lives in a village, organized by grade or special program. In addition to counselors serving each group, a supervisor (or two) oversees each area. Campers live in cabins with approximately 8-12 kids. Each village is equipped with bathrooms and showers in the cabins or in centrally-located lodges.

### Brighton Side

Shiffman: girls entering 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades  
Applebaum: boys entering 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades  
Fishman: girls entering 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
DeRoy: boys entering 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades

### Mid-Side

Charach Sheruth: girls entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Levison: boys entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Berman: girls entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Hermelin: boys entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade

### Senior Side

Robinson Pioneer: co-ed entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Grosberg Ruach: co-ed entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Kaufman Specialty: co-ed entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
TSS: co-ed entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## MEALS

The Mahler Dining Hall (cheder ochel), which overlooks Lake Radin, provides a comfortable atmosphere where campers eat with their bunks, in the same location for every meal (except during Shabbat on Saturday afternoon or for other special programs.)

Friday night Shabbat dinner consists of a traditional meal—and includes blessings and songs. Saturday morning, campers enjoy a sleep-in with breakfast in the village. Saturday lunch is open seating in the cheder ochel, which allows campers the special opportunity to connect with siblings, relatives, and friends who live in other villages around camp. For Saturday dinner, campers return to eat with their bunk.





## DAILY SCHEDULE\*

Boker Tov! (Good Morning!)  
 Degel (Flag Pole)  
 Breakfast  
 Clean-Up  
 Bunk Activity 1  
 Bunk Activity 2  
 Lunch  
 Menucha (Rest Time)  
 Prime Time\*\* / General Swim  
 Prime Time\*\*/ General Swim  
 Shower Time  
 Degel (Flag Pole)  
 Dinner  
 Evening Activity/ Schmooze (Free Time)  
 Lilah Tov! (Good Night!)



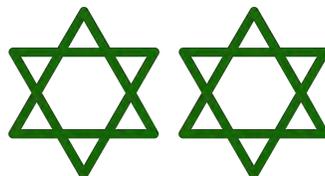
\*The above schedule may vary depending upon special programs and trips.

\*\*Prime Time: campers choose an activity they will participate in for 2-3 consecutive days (please note: in order to maximize all activities, mini campers do not participate in the Prime Time program).

## SHABBAT

Friday's schedule differs, as we allow additional time for Shabbat preparations.

We observe Shabbat by sleeping in, eating breakfast in the village, participating in engaging informal services, more relaxed programming, and a meaningful Havdalah ceremony.





# OUT-OF-CAMP TRIPS

All campers, with the exception of Mini, Applebaum and Shiffman, participate in one or more out-of camp trips (which range from 2-5 days in length). These trips are staffed by village counselors and supervised by our tripping team, whom, prior to the summer, receive extensive training.

Village	Destination
Fishman DeRoy	Hiking and Canoeing—Mio, Michigan
Charach Sheruth Levison	Hiking and Canoeing—Mio, Michigan
Berman Hermelin	Hiking and Canoeing—Mesick, Michigan
Robinson Pioneer	Trip 1: Hiking and Canoeing—Allegheny, PA Trip 2: Ziplining—Hocking Hills, Ohio
Grosberg Ruach	Hiking—North Manitou Island, Michigan
Kaufman Specialty	Hiking—Upper Peninsula, Michigan
Avodah	Hiking and Canoeing—Holly, Michigan

## TRIPPING POLICY

If a child is unable to participate on the trip for medical reasons, we do not allow campers to remain at camp and shift into a different village. This causes a disruption to bunk dynamics, may be emotionally disruptive to the camper, and can compromise optimal supervision (balancing appropriate ratios, etc.).

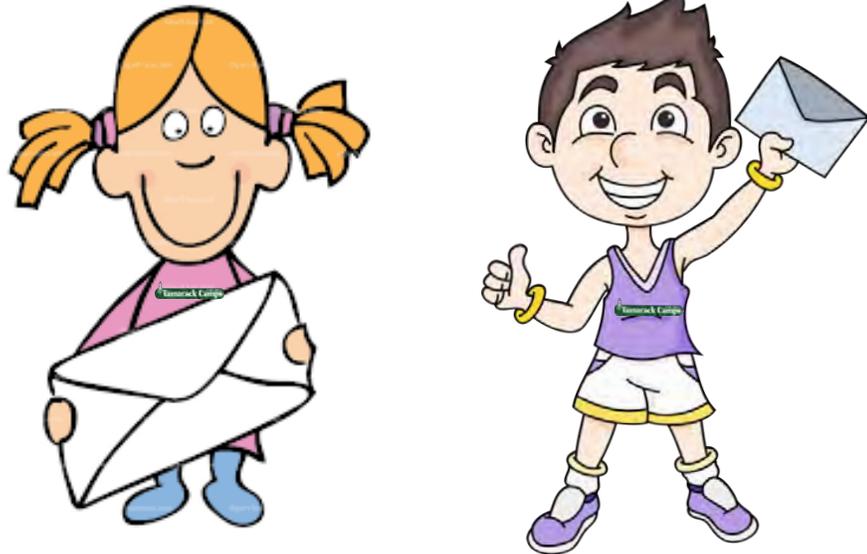
If a child is unwilling to participate on his/her trip, camp reserves the right to send the child home without returning, and a refund on the cost of camp is unavailable.



# COMMUNICATION FROM CAMPERS

## WRITING HOME

We encourage campers to write often. Upon arrival, each camper is required to write a postcard, which is provided by camp. To help prevent any delay in receiving your child's mail, please send pens/pencils, and pre-addressed, stamped envelopes or postcards with your child to camp (even for older campers).



## PHONE CALLS

Campers are not permitted to use the telephone. During previous years, we have found that phone calls do not benefit children during their summer at camp. On the contrary, when campers speak to their families, camper homesickness and other issues tend to escalate. As previously noted, campers are not permitted to bring cell phones to camp, and remains grounds for dismissal.

## E-MAILING & FAXING

Campers are not permitted to e-mail or fax.



# COMMUNICATION TO CAMPERS

## SENDING PACKAGES

We have a strict no-package policy. We accept letters and cards only. Over the past years, despite rules limiting size and contents, we have seen an overwhelming increase in the amount of prohibited items like food (including nuts and non-kosher items and various electronics). Unfortunately, this creates challenges—especially in terms of health (protecting campers with food allergies).

If a package is sent, it will not be delivered to your camper, and, instead, will be returned to sender (at sender's expense). To avoid potential frustration, please share this policy with other family members and friends.

When packing, please consider including extra allowable items, such as books, magazines, comics, stationery, and fun games. Of course, should you forget to send your child with a critical item necessary for the camp experience (specific shoes, for example), exceptions will be granted, but must be coordinated directly with the camp office.

## FAX

You may send a one-way fax to your child(ren) any time at 248-627-4576. Faxes are distributed daily, after lunch (except Shabbat), and are delivered with the mail—there is no additional fee for this service. Please use the posted "[Fax Stationery](#)" document.

## E-MAIL

You may e-mail your camper(s), which will be delivered with the daily mail. Shortly before the start of summer, you will be able to access our camper email system via our website.



# COMMUNICATION FROM CAMP

## MY CAMP LINK: TAMARACK CAMPS NEW APP FOR IPHONE/ANDROID

For the first-time in camp history, we are using an app to help improve more specific parent-camp communications.

The app is called "My Camp Link." This will be the main way we communicate with you over the summer. In this application, you will see important dates, times, messages, videos, and newsletters.

If, however, you are not in favor of using an app, please note that you can opt to receive emails of any communications that would be posted on the app. Simply email us at to let us know you do not wish to download the application.

To download the app, go to the My Camp Link in your app store. Open the app and click the register tab. After you create a username and password, enter the camp code 56992. You will need to verify your e-mail address and enter a verification code that will be sent to you. Complete your information. The final step is to select the messaging groups that you want to receive. For example, if your daughter is in Mini A Fishman, select BOTH groups Mini A and Fishman. If your son is Hermelin Session 2, select Session 2 and Hermelin Session 2.

From the app, you can receive daily camp updates, messages about your camper's specific village, important dates, camp contact information and link to our photo stream via SmugMug.

## EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATIONS

In addition to the app, we are continuing to subscribe to Textcaster, our emergency text message notification system. To opt-in, for emergency purposes only, please click [here](#) to subscribe. Choose the village or program your camper(s) will attend to ensure you receive messages regarding your child(ren).



# GOOD-TO-KNOWS

## BIRTHDAYS

If your child's birthday is during camp, our custom is to celebrate throughout the day! Your child's counselors will highlight the birthday with special bunk or village programming. Visits and/or calls to/from home are not permitted. However, mail is always welcome (letters and/or cards only).

## PHOTOS

Throughout the course of the summer, we post pictures on smugmug. The purpose of this initiative is to provide a flavor of our various activities and photographs are randomly selected. It is possible that your child may not appear in a picture, which is not representative of any intentional "slight" or indicative of a negative experience.

## SUMMER TOURS

For interested families that may want to enroll their child(ren) in the future, we offer tours during the summer. Please let any friends know that this opportunity is available! Request for tour forms can be found on our website, once camp is in session, or contact Kitty Phillips at [kphillips@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:kphillips@tamarackcamps.com).

## GRATUITY

While we certainly aspire to hire staff members that warrant your positive recognition, Tamarack Camps and the ACA (American Camp Association) prefer a contribution to the camp in honor of a staff member. If you wish to make a contribution to Tamarack Camps, the staff member(s) will be notified and recognized appropriately.



# CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

Prior to camp's commencement, every camper and parent must sign our "Camper Code of Conduct," which provides a detailed explanation of acceptable behavior.

Tamarack Camps is committed to providing each camper with a safe, fun, and healthy environment. To ensure the best possible experience, this Camper Code of Conduct outlines appropriate camper behavior. Its intention is to make families aware of camp's primary expectations. This Code is mandatory for all campers and their parents.

In the unlikely event that a camper's actions and/or behavior violates any component of this Code, the camper may be subject to discipline, which may lead to dismissal from camp, at the parent's expense. Additionally, if a camper is injured, unable or unwilling to complete any aspects of the experience, or the camper's presence causes concern for the health, safety, or welfare of the camper or others, he or she may be dismissed from the program, at the parent's expense. The decision to dismiss a camper from camp is made by the Camp Director or his/her designee, with appropriate input from involved parties.



# CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will be a positive influence at camp.
2. I will not endanger myself or place anyone else in a harmful situation.
3. I will cooperate during our activities and trips, and I will be responsible for myself and abide by the group's schedule and all other aspects of the program.
4. I will maintain a healthy lifestyle by taking care of myself physically and emotionally. A healthy lifestyle includes eating appropriately, getting enough rest, remaining hydrated, and taking all required medications- just to name a few.
5. I will never bully, scapegoat, haze, intimidate, participate in harmful pranks, harass or threaten, either physically or emotionally any camper or staff member. Bullying is not tolerated.
6. I will not be involved in any inappropriate sexual behavior. I understand that camp has a zero tolerance policy for such behavior.
7. I will not bring a cell phone to camp, nor will I use someone else's cell phone at any time
8. I will not bring tablets, phones, or other digital devices that have Internet capability to camp.
9. At Camp Maas, I will use permissible electronic devices only during appropriate times (permissible electronic devices include iPods, MP3 players, and the like).
10. I will not possess or use any illegal or dangerous substances, some of which include drugs, alcoholic beverages and/or cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vapes. I understand that camp has a zero tolerance policy for such behavior.
11. I will not vandalize any property, which includes graffiti.
12. I will not possess any weapons, which includes knives.
13. I will not steal or attempt to steal.
14. I will not pierce or tattoo any parts of my body.
15. I will stay with my group at all times and not leave or attempt to leave the group without permission.



## CAMP OFFICE HOURS

June 4<sup>th</sup> - June 24<sup>th</sup>:

Monday through Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Beginning June 25<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday through Thursday

8:30 am to 9:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday

Closed in observance of Shabbat

After hours, calls for urgent matters or medical purposes are always accepted. In those cases, please call our summer office, 248-627-2821, where our prompts will direct you accordingly.

### City Office

248-647-1100

6735 Telegraph Road, Suite 380

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

### Summer Office

248-627-2821

4361 Perryville Road

Ortonville, MI 48462

## TAMARACK STORE AND CANTEEN

The camp store is available, at no additional charge, for certain items that your child may need or may have forgotten while at camp. Items include: batteries, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, sanitary products, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

[The Tamarack Camps' Canteen](#) is our online store, where you can purchase anything and everything Tamarack Camps! We offer clothing for campers, alumni, BZ Family Camp, and more. All proceeds benefit our Send a Kid to Tamarack annual campaign.



# TEAM LEADERS

Below you will find the names, titles, and email addresses for the Senior Leadership Team and support staff. Please note: the best way to reach us during the summer is always by phone—248-627-2821 or during the non-summer months, at our city office, 248-647-1100.

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Laura Charnas	Parent Liaison, Mid and Senior Side (Berman and Hermelin)	tamaracklaura@gmail.com
Steve Engel	CEO, Tamarack Camps	engel@tamarackcamps.com
Jeannette Levene	Registrar/ Office Manager	jlevene@tamarackcamps.com
Stacey Lusky	Social Worker	staceylusky@gmail.com
Tomer Moked	Director, Programming	tmoked@gmail.com
Sean Morgan	Associate Director	smorgan@tamarackcamps.com
Lauren Rouff	Social Worker	laurenrouff@gmail.com
Rabbi Ben Shalva	Director, Jewish Life	shalva@tamarackcamps.com
Helayne Shaw	Parent Liaison, Brighton and Mid Side (Charach Sheruth and Levison)	shaw@tamarackcamps.com
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Carly Weinstock	Assistant Director	weinstock@tamarackcamps.com