



מחנות טמרק  
**Tamarack Camps**

CAMP MAAS  
FAMILY  
GUIDE

Summer 2022

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Spring, 2022

Dear Families of Camp Maas,

We are honored that you have chosen Camp Maas as your summer home and we are so excited to be together this summer. We are so appreciative that you chose Tamarack Camps to send your child to.

We understand that preparing for camp is a lot! We want to try to help you in any way that we can. This Family Guide serves as a comprehensive resource before and during the summer months. Whether you begin 2022 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.

Two new(ish) initiatives we are having at camp this summer are the Campaign for Change and Applebaum Family Philanthropy's Compass Fund Lending Libraries. If your child was at camp last summer, they participated in the Campaign for change, where each camper made a tzedakah box to bring home and collect change to help send a camper to camp. This summer we will continue educating campers about tzedakah and each camper will bring home a new box to collect change to help send campers to camp.



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Thanks to the generous support of Applebaum Family Philanthropy's Compass Fund, Tamarack Camps is creating unique lending libraries that will be placed around camp this summer. Campers and staff can utilize these libraries to borrow a book to bring back to their cabin and enjoy! Please help us fill our lending libraries by donating a new or gently used book in good condition.

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 camp,  
Carly Weinstock  
Director, Camp Maas





# SUMMER PROGRAMS

IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Session</b>	<b>Grade Fall 2022</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Session 1 Mini	2-6	June 21 - July 1
Session 2 Mini	2-4	July 19 - July 29
Session 1	2-9	June 21 - July 15
Session 2	2-9	July 19 - August 12
Avodah Session 1	9 & Up	June 21 - July 15
Avodah Session 2	9 & Up	July 19 - August 12
Teen Mission to Israel/TLV	12	June 20 - August 12



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# ARRIVAL TO CAMP

Parents/guardians will drive campers to camp on opening day. Please see the below scheduled drop off times by village. Families with campers in multiple villages may drop all campers off at the earliest drop of time available for your family.

Our aim is to reduce density and physical interactions of individuals at any given time in the drop off area. Here is what we expect:

- Prior to arrival, you will be mailed a village sign to put in your front window when entering camp. This will help staff direct you where to go.
- Cars will enter camp at their scheduled time and entrance (please note which entrance your camper should be arriving at). Please continue driving until you are directed to stop.
- Start your goodbye inside the vehicles.
- Minimize the time you take saying goodbye to allow for continual flow of traffic.
- Parents will have a short opportunity to exit the car for a hug and kiss. Don't forget a picture!
- Your child will be greeted by a staff member, who will walk with them to gather with their village.
- Parents should stay near their cars and once your camper is with the staff member, please return to your car and exit camp as directed.
- Camp Maas Director, heads of sides, and social workers will be there greeting all campers.

Village	Time	Entrance
Shiffman Applebaum	9:00am	Main Entrance
Teen Leadership Village (TLV)	9:00am	Main Entrance Drop off in village
Fishman	9:30am	Main Entrance
Robinson Pioneer	9:30am	Main Entrance Drop off in village
DeRoy	10:00am	Main Entrance
Charach Sheruth, Levison, & Avodah	10:30am	Main Entrance
Grosberg Ruach	10:30am	Butzel Retreat Center
Kaufman Specialty	10:30am	Main Entrance Drop off in village
Berman Hermelin	11:00am	Main Entrance



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# PRE-DEPARTURE

In advance of camp's first day, campers and parents drop off luggage, and receive lice checks.

## 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 their 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 dropped off at camp, or picked up at the airport by our staff.

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 12th. For more details, please contact Rachel Pitt at [rpitt@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:rpitt@tamarackcamps.com) or 248.952.9111.

## 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, their luggage will be accepted. If your child(ren) is not checked on that day, they will be checked upon arrival at camp.



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# PRE-DEPARTURE

All of the dates/times for luggage drop-off and lice checks will be at Adat Shalom:  
29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

Please arrive with your camper anytime within your scheduled time. Additional details will follow.

## Session 1 & Session 1 Mini

Sunday, June 19

11:00am - 12:00pm last names beginning with A-M

12:00pm - 1:00pm last names beginning with N-Z

## Session 2 & Session 2 Mini

Sunday, July 17

5:00pm - 6:00pm last names beginning with A-M

6:00pm - 7:00pm last names beginning with N-Z



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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 camp.

Session	Village	Arrival Time
Session 1 & 2 Mini	Shiffman Fishman	10:30 am
	Applebaum DeRoy, Avodah, Charach Sheruth, & Levison	11 am
Session 1 & 2	Shiffman, Fishman, Applebaum, & DeRoy	10:30 am
	Charach Sheruth, Levison, Berman Hermelin, & Avodah	11 am
	Grosberg Ruach/ Robinson Pioneer, Kaufman Specialty, & TLV	11:30 am



# SUPER SEASON

## DATES

Super Season campers will return on the bus with Session 1 campers on July 15<sup>th</sup>, as all camp is cleared for inter-session (for full clean-up). The group departs for Session 2 on July 19<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with the schedule on page 6.

## LAUNDRY AND LUGGAGE

During session break, Super Season campers may leave their laundry at camp for our contracted laundry service (at no cost) or may bring it home to launder themselves. Luggage should then 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:

#### Session 1 Mini & Session 1

Conference Room E

Wednesday, July 20

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday, July 21

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### Session 2 Mini & Session 2

Conference Room E

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday, August 18

8:00 am – 5:00 pm



# EMOTIONAL NEEDS

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## INCLUSION

Tamarack Camps is committed to a culture of inclusion and welcomes everyone, regardless of their sex, sexual orientation or gender identity. Every member of the Tamarack Camps community has a right to be addressed by a name and pronoun that corresponds to their stated gender identity. Campers will be housed with the gender that most closely aligns with their gender identification. Discrimination, bullying and harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or family composition is prohibited.

## COMMUNICATE CANDIDLY

Talk candidly with the camp staff, specifically the Camper Care Team, which is led by Carly Weinstock, Camp Maas Director. These connections allow our team 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 diligently 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. A message will be taken by our supportive office staff and a member of the Camper Care Team, with great camp knowledge, will be available to answer questions, respond to calls, field questions, research answers (where necessary) and, after a reasonable time, provide updates to our families.

Our Camper Care Team rotates between the office and throughout camp, strategically allowing our counselors and supervisors to remain "in the field" with your campers.

## PARENTS

We take our job as an "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 33-34) with your child so they are 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 duffel bags with a zipper across the middle, no larger than jumbo. For the drive to camp, we recommend one backpack to bring last-minute additions.

## 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, and also during session break.

### **Mini Session Campers**

Laundry service is not included.

### **Out of Area Campers**

If a child is from out of the area, alternative arrangements may be coordinated by Rachel Pitt at [rpitt@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:rpitt@tamarackcamps.com).

## 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 17-18).



## 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 they have brought and where the items are located. Labels can be purchased through Mable's Labels. A portion of the proceeds from Mable's Labels will be donated to the Send a Kid to Tamarack campaign.

## 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. On Friday nights, all campers and staff members are expected to dress respectfully (wearing blue and white). Shabbat tees are optional, and are also available at Brody's and Perfect Trading Company. On Saturday, regular camp attire is sufficient.

## MONEY

Campers do not need spending money while at main 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 bring the envelope to our check-in tables. The envelope will be stored in camp's safe until your child's trip departs.



## ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In a very limited manner, electronic 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. Any additional devices must be approved by our staff in advance. Please contact Rachel Pitt, [rpitt@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:rpitt@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 per word will be imposed. Please share this with your child(ren), as it is important that they understand the serious nature of this violation.



# 10-DAY PACKING LIST

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## CLOTHING

- 4 long pants (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
- 2 hats
- 10 masks (reusable/washable - disposable masks will be available)

## THEME DAYS

- \* Circus Day (bright colors, tutus, clown nose etc.)
- \* Foxfire (plaid/flannel shirts, American flag colors, overalls etc.)

## BOOK FOR DONATION

Please consider bringing one camp-age appropriate book to donate to our new mini lending libraries.

## LINENS

- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 2 sets twin sheets
- 1 sleeping bag (optional)  
-If you purchase one, synthetic, not cotton is recommended.
- 1 blanket
- 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 sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- 1 insect repellent (with DEET preferred)
- 1 washable laundry bag

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 battery-operated fan
- 1 collapsible camp chair (optional)
- noise-canceling headphones (if needed)
- stationary/envelopes/stamps
- pens/pencils
- books & other downtime activities (i.e., cards, madlibs, brain teasers, etc.)
- 2 waterbottles (leakproof, 750ml+)
- 2 flashlights (with extra batteries)
- 1 drawstring bag (optional)
- 2 hand sanitizer bottles - 8 fl oz (optional - will also be provided)

- Pack a maximum of two zipper-top duffle bags (no larger than jumbo) and 1 backpack.
- Send replacement batteries for all battery-operated devices.
- Label everything—and include first and last name.

\* Packing food is prohibited; all food will be confiscated, due to camper allergies and other potential challenges.



# 24-DAY PACKING LIST

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## CLOTHING

- 4 long pants (lightweight pants, leggings)
- 1 sweatpants
- 5 shorts
- 10 t-shirts
- 1 village shirt (optional)
- 3 white or blue shirts for Shabbat (dresses/skirts are optional)
- 3 long-sleeve shirts/sweatshirts
- 1 fleece
- 1 flannel/button up
- 3 white t-shirts for tie-dye
- 3 swimsuits
- 4 pajamas (shorts and long pants)
- 14 pairs of socks (1 wool)
- 16 pairs of underwear
- 1 pair waterproof shoes (beach/shower)
- 1 pair gym shoes (supportive)
- 1 pair sandals (optional)
- 1 pair rainboots (optional)
- 1 raincoat and
- 1 rainpants (optional)
- 1 set disposable swampwalk clothes/ shoes (Senior Side only)
- 2 hats and 2 bandanas
- 10 masks (reusable/washable - disposable masks will be available)

## THEME DAYS

- \* Circus Day Brighton Side only (bright colors, tutus, clown nose etc.)
- \* Foxfire (plaid/flannel shirts, American flag colors, overalls etc.)
- \* Israel Day (blue and white apparel, flag of Israel)
- \* Maccabiah Games (red, yellow, green, blue apparel)

## LINENS

- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 2 sets twin sheets
- 1 sleeping bag (optional) - If you purchase one, get synthetic, not cotton
- 1 blanket
- 1 sleeping pad (optional)
- 6 large towels (bath/beach)
- 1 bathrobe/towel wrap

## TOILETRIES

- 1 toothbrush with cover
- 1 toothpaste + 1 travel size (for trips)
- 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)
- 2 sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- 1 insect repellent (with DEET preferred)
- 1 washable laundry bag

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- 1 collapsible camp chair (optional)
- noise-canceling headphones (if needed)
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- pens/pencils
- books & other downtime activities (i.e., cards, madlibs, brain teasers, etc.)
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**PROVIDING A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
FOR EVERY CAMPER REMAINS OUR HIGHEST  
PRIORITY.**

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP 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 Senior Leadership Team made up of camp professionals, school social workers, teachers, Jewish educators, and health care professionals:

Marni Alekman – Social Worker

Jacalyn Bell - Social Worker

Rick Barinbaum – Senior Social Worker

Craig Charnas – Head of Sr. Side

Laura Charnas – Head of Mid Side

Jen Feinberg – Director of Health

Becca Fishman – Associate Director

Ethan Frank - Head of Landsports

Sara Frost – Head of TLV (Teen Leadership Village)

Vicki Haerens - Head of Specialty Areas

Brooke Leiberman - Head of Specialty Areas

Matt Russell - Director of TARC and Travel Trips

Rabbi Ben Shalva – Director of Jewish Life

Helayne Shaw – Director of Family Camp, New Camper Liaison, and  
Head of Brighton Side

Hallie Steckler – Head of Brighton Side

Danielle Tagai – Director of Mental Health and Special Needs

Sara Weinfeld – Social Worker

Carly Weinstock - Director of Camp Maas

### CLINIC STAFF

Doctors, nurses, and clinic assistants are always on site and available for physical and emotional emergencies of campers and staff members.

Most of our doctors and nurses practice as pediatricians, family practitioners, emergency room physicians, registered nurses, or nurse practitioners in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Our clinic assistants are often selected because of their interest in pursuing medicine and a passion for camp.



# MEDICAL

## CAMPBRAIN MEDICAL

Tamarack Camps collects and manages all health information through CampBrain. To submit your camper's health information, you will receive an email invitation from us. Please use the same username and password as used when you registered for camp.

## 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, including up to date Covid-19 vaccinations for all those eligible. [Tamarack Camp's full policy can be viewed here.](#)

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We know it is critical to keep you updated on what we are learning and implementing as we continue to educate ourselves about COVID-19. We want you to understand and feel confident in the steps we are taking to minimize risk. We will communicate protocols closer to camp, to ensure we are making decisions based on current conditions.

## LICE

At lice check, if your child(ren)'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.



# 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 camper has an airborne food allergy, regrettably, Camp Maas is not the right place for them.

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. All staff members are trained on how to recognize allergic reactions and taught when and how to use Epi-Pens, as well as reviewing the allergy plan for your camper. 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 camper's meal.
3. Campers eating peanut butter will not touch each other or objects.

The Special Diet Form can be found here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/acmhs9cs>

## PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION

You will be contacted by a clinic staff member if:

1. Your camper needs to be placed on antibiotics.
2. Your camper has a positive COVID-19 test.
3. Your camper had a Covid test done at camp.
4. Your camper has a fever.
5. We need to take your camper out for medical reasons such as x-rays or ER visits.
6. Your camper receives an immobilizer such as a sling, brace, etc.
7. Your camper needs to spend the night in the clinic.



# MEDICATIONS

This year, we will continue to partner with AMAC Pharmacy which provides safe, prepackaged medications to camp.

Medication forms and prescriptions are due:

- \* May 15th for 1st session Maas and Teen Programs
- \* June 1st for 2nd session Maas.

All Tamarack Camps participants (Camp Maas, Teen Travel Trips, Outposts, Teen Mission, and TLV) are required to use AMAC Pharmacy Services to obtain all 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 and humidity, they melt and stick together. Please also avoid liquid medications as they spill/get messy.

Complete the form <https://hipaa.jotform.com/220936015282148> and click that AMAC will be providing all medications. If the medication is a prescription, you must have your doctor electronically prescribe, call, or fax the prescription to AMAC Pharmacy. If the medication is an over-the-counter medication, AMAC Pharmacy will automatically package that medication based on what is entered in the form. There is a \$10 fee for packaging in addition to a co-pay required by your insurance.

If your prescription is not able to be ordered through AMAC Pharmacy due to the rare instance of an insurance issue, please come to the Federation building (6735 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills) to drop off your medication.

- \* For CAMP MAAS 1st session, drop off is June 10th, and for
- \* For CAMP MAAS 2nd session drop-off is July 7th.



# MEDICATIONS

If drop-off is needed, you must still enter your medication information online in the Medical Record form, and in addition, you must complete the AMAC form by choosing “AMAC will be providing No medications” at <https://hipaa.jotform.com/220936015282148> so we can gather your information. There will be a \$15 packaging fee if medication CANNOT be ordered through AMAC.  
[Customer Service: [pharmacy@amacrxs.com](mailto:pharmacy@amacrxs.com) ]

For all TEEN PROGRAMS, permission must be given by Gail at [gchynoweth@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:gchynoweth@tamarackcamps.com) before choosing this option. She will then make further arrangements with you and outline your next steps.

The only exclusions to this are epi-pens and inhalers. Only those medications do not need to be ordered. Please make sure these medications are not expired and send 2, if possible, on luggage drop-off day.

Those choosing not to use the pre-packaged medication option for any medications that CAN be filled by AMAC will be assessed a \$200.00 processing fee.

Please remember for teen programs to get a prescription for the entire length of your teen’s trip.

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## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Senior Leadership Team, comprised of our camp professionals, teachers, school social workers, Jewish educators, and health professionals 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 18.

## 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.

### **Emily Hersch, Leadership Support Staff**

Emily is excited to return to working with Bubbie Zaydie camp and is essential to a smooth-running camp office.

### **Jeannette Levene, Registrar**

Jeannette coordinates the ongoing registration needs, which is critical to the coordination of a successful summer.

### **Rachel Pitt, Administrative Coordinator**

Rachel is new to Tamarack this year. She will be traveling between the camp office and city office.

### **Alex Rosenberg, Farmer**

Alex manages the Farber Farm. She is responsible for the oversight of all plant production and animal care.

### **Gabi Steenson, Director of Dining Services**

Gabi graduated from the Culinary Institute and has worked at various country clubs and senior living facilities. She is thrilled to be back at Tamarack.

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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 care giving.

## PROGRAM HEADS

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 waterfront activities) ♦ Teva (Nature) ♦ Theatre ♦ Tripping ♦ Water Sports (Waterskiing, Tubing, Kayaking, Canoeing, and Paddleboarding)

### VILLAGES

Shiffman: Haley Mozen  
Applebaum: Jake Fogel  
Fishman: Jo Fogarasi  
DeRoy: Guy Reuveni  
Charach Sheruth: Lily Gandhi  
Levison: Owen Linden  
Berman: Rachel Shulkin  
Hermelin: Ben Klein  
Pioneer: Shahar Davidovich  
Ruach/Voyager: Morgan Berg Kaufman  
Specialty: Zack Goldman  
Avodah Supervision and Inclusion  
Specialist: Lainie Sacks  
TLV: Sammi Trepeck/Raz Gino  
Atid: Caitlin Lawton

### SPECIALITY AREAS

Farm Educator: Stathis Pauls  
Housekeeping: Alexiaa Pantoja  
Landsports: Josh Sacks  
Omanut: Angel Hearsey  
Teaching Kitchen: Joan Melnick  
Tripping: Sean Martlew/Shahaf Lalo  
Waterfront: Katrina Courts/Georgia Rose  
Short  
Waterski: Dana Riddiford



# AND MORE STAFF...

## COUNSELORS

Your child(ren)'s counselors are high school graduates/college students, often with specific camp experience related to children. Our staff members report to camp two weeks 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 ratio is often less than 1:5.





# VILLAGES/SIDES

Each camper lives in a village, organized by grade. 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

Grosberg Ruach: co-ed entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Robinson Pioneer: co-ed entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Kaufman Specialty: co-ed entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
TLV: co-ed entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Avodah: co-ed special needs work placement/  
leadership program for 10<sup>th</sup> grade and older



## MEALS

The Mahler Dining Hall (chadar ochel), which overlooks Lake Radin, provides a comfortable atmosphere where campers eat with their bunks. Senior side villages will eat breakfast in their village lodge.



## 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).

Mid/Senior side will often have a choice in place of bunk activities

## SHABBAT

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

We observe Shabbat by sleeping in, enjoying 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—Huron River, 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 their 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-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. Instructions will be sent to you via email.



# 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 the sender (at sender’s expense). To avoid potential frustration, please share this policy with other family members and friends.

When packing for camp, 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.



# GOOD-TO-KNOWS

## BIRTHDAYS

If your child(ren)'s birthday is during camp, our custom is to celebrate throughout the day! Your child(ren)'s counselors will highlight their 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 these photos is to provide highlights 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.

## GRATUITY

While we certainly aspire to hire staff members that warrant your positive recognition, Tamarack Camps and the ACA 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.

In the event that a camper's actions and/or behaviors violates any component of this code, the Director Team and Camper Care Team will work, when appropriate, with the camper, counselors, and supervisors to create appropriate interventions. Some scenarios will require a child to be dismissed immediately, based on the severity of the situation. In other situations, children will be given a second chance. If the negative behavior continues, it may lead to dismissal from camp at the parent's expense.

When a child is dismissed from camp it can be devastating to them and to their peers, therefore we ask that the child is picked up as soon as possible, with flexibility for those residing out of our area. Campers who are dismissed for breaking our Code of Conduct cannot return during the summer.

In the event that there is a significant change in the child's emotional, behavioral or medical well-being, Tamarack Camps reserves the right to withdraw our acceptance of the camper at any time. The decision to dismiss a camper from camp is made by the Director Team with appropriate input from all Camper Care Team members.



# CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will have a positive attitude and actively participate at camp.
- I will cooperate during all activities and trips and respect all staff.
- I will be responsible for myself and abide by the group's schedule and all other aspects of the program.
- I will not endanger myself or place anyone else in a harmful situation.
- I will wear my mask when asked by staff.
- I will maintain a healthy lifestyle by taking care of myself physically and emotionally. This includes but is not limited to:
  - o Eating appropriately
  - o Staying hydrated
  - o Getting enough sleep
  - o Taking all required medications
  - o Following directions
  - o Not engaging in any type of self-harm, i.e. cutting
  - o Not engaging in any language threatening self-harm or suicidal ideation.
- I will not engage in scapegoating, physically aggressive behavior or bullying including but not limited to:
  - o Pushing
  - o Kicking
  - o Hitting
  - o Pranks/Hazing
- I will not engage in verbally aggressive behavior or bullying including but not limited to:
  - o Discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation
  - o Racial or ethnic slurs
  - o Any name calling
  - o Pranks/Hazing
- I will not be involved in any inappropriate sexual behavior. Campers are not allowed in any cabins or living areas other than their own.
- I will not bring a cell phone to camp or my program, nor will I use someone else's cell phone at any time. I will not bring electronic devices that have Internet capability.
- I will not possess or use any illegal or dangerous substances included but not limited to:
  - o Drugs and/or alcohol
  - o Cigarettes or tobacco
  - o E-cigarettes, vapes and/or juuls
- I will not pierce or tattoo any part of my body.
- I will respect the property of camp, the possessions of my peers and staff at camp and all places I visit within my program. Parents may be responsible for damages. This includes but is not limited to:
  - o Graffiti or vandalism of any kind
  - o Stealing
- I will not possess any weapons or anything that can be used as a weapon, including any type of knives.
- I will stay with my group at all times and not leave or attempt to leave the group without permission.



## CAMP OFFICE HOURS

**Starting June 21:**

**Sunday through Thursday - 8:30 am to 9:00 pm**

**Friday - 8:30 am to 6:00 pm**

**Saturday - Closed in observance of Shabbat**

**For any calls prior to June 21, please contact the City Office at 248-647-1100.**

**After hour 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

**The following items will be available at our camp store for no additional cost: batteries, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, sanitary products, sunscreen, and insect repellent.**

SEE YOU AT...



"HOME!"