



Dear Parents,

Welcome to **CAMP ATARA 2020!**

We look forward to providing your child(ren) with a royal summer full of excitement and adventure!

Please read carefully the following information as some camp rules have changed.

Please note that our primary form of communication with parents is via email.

Please make sure we have the correct email on file and that you have access to that email address throughout the day.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful summer together at ATARA 2020!

Mrs. Aliza Yurman

Camp Director



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

» There will be NO dismissal changes allowed June 30th – July 3rd.

» In general, all dismissal changes must be called in before 2:30pm Monday-Thursday and by 1:00pm on Friday. **NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE AFTER THAT TIME.** All dismissal changes should be emailed to ataratransportation@gmail.com.

» **Never TELL** your child you will be picking her up from camp. If we do not receive written authorization FROM A PARENT, we will insist that she board the bus home. If a play date was arranged, we must hear from both sides.

» ALL changes MUST be emailed and not directed to the bus counselor, even if your child is boarding the same bus but getting off at a different stop.

» For the safety of your child and the organization of dismissal in camp, you may never pick her up from camp without notifying the office first. Please don't just show up and put us in uncomfortable situations.

» WHEN PICKING UP YOUR DAUGHTER FROM CAMP YOU MUST ALWAYS SIGN HER OUT.

» If you are picking your daughter up at dismissal (assuming you emailed on time), she must be signed out.

» All campers that do not ride the bus in the morning or arrive late MUST SIGN IN AT THE FRONT DESK. This ensures that we know your daughter has arrived to camp safely.

Please understand that these rules are in place for the safety of your child and the hundreds of other children in camp. We ask that you respect our system and follow these instructions so we can provide a positive and safe camp experience for everyone.

Your cooperation in these matters is much appreciated.

2020 CAMP CALENDAR

FIRST TRIP

Tuesday, June 30th – Monday, July 27th

SECOND TRIP

Tuesday, July 28th – Monday, August 24th

DAYS OFF

Thursday < July 9th – Fast day

Thursday, July 30th – Fast day

CAMP HOURS



MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00 pm

FRIDAY: 9:00AM – 1:30 pm



Dear Parents of **ATARA Adventurers**, Grades 6-7,

At the start of each **adventurous** day, the girls will arrive, daven, and have a quick morning snack. Then, we will all be off on a fun-filled day of travel to any number of places, including indoor and outdoor amusement centers, kayaking, sports centers, museums, parks, and much more!

Every **Wednesday and Friday**, we spend the day on camp grounds swimming and partaking in some of the popular camp activities.

For all further camp and camper information, rules, and requirements, please read carefully through the entire Camper Handbook.

Looking forward to a safe, exciting, and successful summer with you and your daughter(s),

RULES TO CAMP BY...

SHIRTS:



- ♣ Girls going into nursery through going into 1st grade, shirts must have sleeves.
- ♣ Girls going into 2nd grade and up, **sleeves must cover their elbows**. If your daughter will wear a short sleeve shirt, she will be given a camp shirt to wear, and you will be charged \$10.
- ♣ All girls will receive one camp shirt to be worn on trip days. If your daughter will not wear the camp shirt on a trip day, she will be given a camp shirt to wear, and you will be charged \$10.

SKIRTS:

- ♣ Girls going into 3rd grade and up, all skirts/dresses must **cover the knees**.

SOCKS:



- ♣ For safety purposes, all girls are required to wear socks daily.
- ♣ Girls going into 3rd grade and up, **legs must be covered at all times**.

SHOES:



- ♣ Sneakers are the ideal choice of footwear for any child in a day camp.
- ♣ Sandals may be cute, but they do not support or protect the foot like a sneaker.
- ♣ CROCS, FLIP-FLOPS, or any other footwear that does not conform to the entire foot will be permitted only to and from the pool area, and not to any other regular, active camp activities.



BATHING CAPS:



♣ A color-coded bathing cap must be worn in all pools, at all times. No exception. Each camper will be told what color she needs when she is first tested. You will need to provide her with the proper color bathing cap. As a camper advances, she will be asked to purchase a new bathing cap in the appropriate color. The office has bathing caps for sale for your convenience. The cost is \$5. If a camper comes to camp without her bathing cap, we will gladly give her a new one which parents are asked to pay for by the next day

SUN-SCREEN:



♣ Please make sure that your daughter leaves the house every morning with a healthy layer of skin protectant already applied. Counselors will encourage campers to reapply at swim time (Pre-School Moros will help their campers), but it is essential to start the day properly protected.

SPECIALTY CLOTHING:

♣ Please send in a pair of leggings, to remain in camp for the use during some specialties. If possible, it should be left in camp so your daughter does not get upset on a day she forgets it at home.

TRIP DAYS:

♣ On your daughter's trip day, please make sure to send her to camp with: SUNSCREEN (generously applied), EXTRA WATER, a CAP, and of course, her CAMP SHIRT! There may be



times when they will come back and swim so we ask that you read the weekly trip reminders so you know when to send a bathing suit and towel on a trip day. If your daughter does not like a bagel sandwich please send along a lunch she will eat. No money or electronics are allowed on any trips.

IMPORTANT: Campers are not allowed to bring any money to purchase food or souvenirs on trips. To this end, campers should never bring any money to camp. We will provide for all their needs.

GADGETS 'N STUFF:

- ♣ Out of concern for our campers' belongings and the general efficient function of every bunk, the camp has adopted a policy of NO CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC GADGETS WITH PICTURE, VIDEO, AND WIFI CAPABILITY in the bunk. These include ALL PHONES, PSP'S, IPODS, GAMEBOYS ETC. No exceptions.
- ♣ If we find a camper with a cell phone or electronic device in hand, we will be forced to confiscate it and return it at the end of the day. If the same camper continues to bring such items to camp, the items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the summer.

FOOD:

- ♣ ATARA offers a delicious and nutritious hot lunch every day! If your child has special dietary needs, please feel free to send her lunch or snacks from home (just be sure to abide by our allergy restrictions!). Please refer to the lunch menu daily and make sure your daughter is aware as to what is being served. Otherwise please send lunch from home.
- ♣ We cannot provide bread or noodles during lunch for the children that do not like the camp lunch. We are required by the Board of Health to serve just what is listed on the menu. Whether it's for allergy reasons or taste reasons, we do not have any substitutions. Unless you enjoy receiving a call from your daughter during lunch, please make sure to review the menu with her nightly.



- ♣ ATARA provides a “bag snack” daily to all campers.
- ♣ ATARA provides ices to the girls at dismissal.
- ♣ We have water fountains throughout the building as well as pitchers in every bunk room. We also suggest sending a water bottle to camp every day.

ALLERGY ALERT!!!

CAMP ATARA IS NUT-SENSITIVE!

**WE HAVE CAMPERS WHO ARE SEVERELY ALLERGIC TO
ALL NUT AND PEANUT PRODUCTS AND BYPRODUCTS.**

**THESE CHILDREN CAN EVEN BE AFFECTED THROUGH
THE AIR!**

**PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO COME TO
CAMP OR ON THE BUS WITH ANY SNACKS THAT MAY
CONTAIN NUTS OR NUT OILS AND BYPRODUCTS.**

THANK YOU!



SAFETY

CAMP ATARA participates in Project Safe Camp. Every staff member is required to participate in a counselor training program which addresses the safety needs of our campers.

Additionally, here are some guidelines to discuss with your children about keeping them safe in camp and at home.

- Do not separate from the group.
- Your body is yours – unwanted or uncomfortable touch is NEVER ok no matter who you are with. Camp shtick is only ok if it doesn't bother, hurt, or embarrass someone. Teach your child that no one, not even a counselor or close relative, has the right to touch her in a way that makes her feel uncomfortable.
- There are lots of changing times in and out of bathing suits every day – rules of tznius apply in camp!
 - Don't forget to check first with a staff member before changing a plan (for example, going back to a bunkroom at an unscheduled time or going to the bathroom on a trip).
 - Let your daughter know that she can tell you or a trusted adult anything and you will always be supportive.
 - Teach your child that it is ok to say "No, get away" and to tell a trusted adult about the incident.
 - Let your daughter know she should tell the camp directors if she is not comfortable with how she is being treated.



- Be alert for changes in your child’s behavior that could be a sign of greater distress.
- Don’t blame. Listen and provide safety.

Let your daughter know that she can always tell you anything without fear of blame.

Communication is critical.

The local schools have incorporated the SAFETY KID program into their curriculum and it is always beneficial to review the ABCD’s of safety. See below:



ASK FOR HELP

BRING A FRIEND

CHECK FIRST

DO TELL

STAFF APPRECIATION

While the summer is just beginning, we know many parents like to plan ahead. The camp’s success can only be attributed to our hard-working and dedicated staff members. Every member of our team works hard to ensure that your daughter has a memorable and fun summer. They truly deserve our thanks for making Camp Atara the warm and inviting atmosphere that it is and so we encourage you to show your appreciation to them. Here is a suggested tipping schedule. A staff list will be provided at the end of each session.

	Full Summer	Half Summer
Morah	\$50	\$25
Counselor	\$40	\$20
JC	\$30	\$15
CIT	\$20	\$10
Bus Counselor	\$20	\$10



LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SUMMER!

Please email back to us that you have read through and understood all the information enclosed.

Campers name(s): _____

Parents signature: _____