

Vacation Village Day Camp

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Dear Vacation Village Homeowners/Day Camp Parents,

Enclosed are registration materials, fee schedules, enrollment contract, consent and tee shirt forms, letters of introduction and medical/physician forms for the 2016 summer session. Please notice that we did not raise full summer rates for this year and only made small increases to half summer rates after the early bird cutoff date. Please be sure to share these materials and information with all members of your household and friends vacationing in the area who might be interested in registering for camp. These materials are available on the day camp page of the V V website at <http://www.vacationvillagehoa.com/daycamp.html>

In our effort to improve our method of providing weekday food for our counselors in the dorm, we have eliminated the requirement of each parent needing to purchase food from an assigned list and are replacing that with a mandatory 'food for counselors' fee of \$40 per family, whether in VV or non-VV. Additionally, each camp family within VV is expected to invite counselors for Shabbat meals.

Camp will begin on **Thursday, June 30th and end on Wednesday August 24th, 2016**. Please note the first session will be from June 30th through July 27th; the second session runs from July 28th through August 24th. Monthly rates are based on consecutive weeks only.

VV Renters must verify with our office that all necessary rental forms are filled out and must provide us with a lease signed by March 31st to qualify for the discounted prices. We need your continued cooperation in order to ensure that we have appropriate staffing and bunk configuration. We ask everyone to please submit registration material as soon as possible.

Registration must be accompanied by FULL payment. NO \$\$\$ NO CAMP. Please return all necessary forms to the VVHOA office. Please remember to print and submit medical, consent and tee shirt forms for each camper you are registering. No child will be allowed to enter camp without the proper forms – including the medical and physician form -- completed.

A letter will follow involving the lunch program as soon as it is finalized.

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Vacation Village Day Camp Program Offerings

Camp House Program

This is for children ages 3 – 5 by June 30, 2016. All Camp House children must be completely toilet trained. If a child is not trained, there will be an extra fee of \$100.00. Parents must provide a birth certificate confirming the age of their child.

Upper Camp Program

This program is for children of age 6 - 14.

As indicated in the welcome letter, we are revising the parental involvement in the program to help feed the counselors in our dormitories. In our effort to improve our method of providing weekday food for our counselors in the dorm, we have eliminated the requirement of each parent needing to purchase food from an assigned list on a pre-assigned date. We are **replacing that with a mandatory 'food for counselors' fee of \$40 per family**, whether VV or non-VV family. Additionally, each camp family within VV is expected to invite counselors for Shabbat meals. Of course, as always, the counselors welcome any additional food that parents send to the dorms.

If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear from you before the summer begins so that your suggestions and ideas may be considered prior to the start of camp.

If you have any questions about staffing, programming or any other issue, or if you know of anyone interested in working in Vacation Village Day Camp, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Best Wishes,

VVDC Committee

Feigy Cantor, Lilly Cantor, Erica Cohen, Rachel Hanuka, Debby Stepelman – Board liaiso

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January, 2016

Dear Vacation Village families,

My name is Daniel Hoffman and I am very excited to be starting this summer as the director of Vacation Village Day Camp. I am thrilled to be joining a great community and a great team to plan an amazing summer. We have a number of our wonderful counselors and specialists coming back, so we are well on our way to making 2016 the best summer yet.

I have been a camp person my whole life. I have had the privilege of spending 20 summers at Camp Yavneh, a sleepaway camp in New Hampshire – 9 years as a camper and 11 on staff including most recently as the Assistant Programming Director. I always say that the 3 summers that I wasn't at camp were the worst summers of my life, so camp is where I always want to be. I have also spent time in teaching at a day school in Nashville for 3 years. I am currently studying at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in Riverdale and will be getting semicha in just over a year.

This upcoming summer is going to be great. I've only just started planning, but I have some great ideas that I'm planning on bringing in. We're looking forward to Wacky Olympics, Tag-a-Palooza, Yom Yisrael, and much more. I know that trip days are very popular, and we'll be mixing in some new ones with some of the more familiar ones this summer. One of my favorite times at camp was always Maccabiah – Color War, and I'm looking forward to bringing all of that energy to Vacation Village. I would love to hear from all of you which programs from previous years your kids loved and which ones you would like to change, so that I can make this the best possible summer for your children.

As I mentioned before, many of our staff are returning, and that is a great sign since experienced staff make everything run smoothly. We still have some spots open for both counselors and specialists, so if you know someone whom you think would be a great addition to the VVDC staff, please let me know.

Ultimately, the two most important things this summer are for your kids to have fun and be safe, and I will be working hard through the winter and spring months and even harder in the summer to ensure both. I would love to hear from you about your hopes for the camp. I'm looking forward to meeting your children (OK, you too) in just a few short months!

Sincerely,

Daniel Blumenthal Hoffman
VVDC Director and Head Counselor
directorvvdc@gmail.com

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Dear Vacation Village Families,

It is with great excitement that I write to introduce myself. My name is Amy Bruschansky and I am thrilled to be the Camp House director! Some of you may remember me, as I was the Camp House director some time ago for six years.

I have been a preschool teacher for over 15 years. I started my teaching career at The Creative Playschool at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan. From there I went to Park East Day School, and after taking a few year off to stay home with my babies, I went back to teaching at ASHAR in Monsey. There I was in the preschool for three years and have just made the switch to teach art to the first through eighth graders. I have many years of experience at camp both as a camper and staff member. I have held positions ranging from Assistant Head Counselor, to camp mother for all of girls' campus. I live in Pomona, NY with my husband Sam, and three children Judah, Jordana, and Keira.

I am looking forward to bringing my creativity and structured programming to the Camp House this summer. I have many exciting things planned for the summer. Each week we will have a different theme. Our days will be filled with arts and craft projects, stories, songs, music and movement, edible creations and much more that connect to the weekly theme. Our days will also include davening, circle time, and a rest time after lunch, where the children can lay down, relax with a book and recharge for the rest of the day. Of course we will also enjoy all the other activities the camp has to offer such as swimming, Zumba, fun in the playground and much more.

If you have any questions before camp begins, please feel free to email me at jksmom@gmail.com, and I will be happy to answer them.

Looking forward to meeting you and your children for an amazing summer at Vacation Village Day Camp!

Amy Bruschansky

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Please note the following:

1. No exceptions to fee schedule will be made.
2. Homeowners must be current in their maintenance payments for children to attend camp.
3. Returned check fee of \$50.00 per check.
4. Refunds will only be provided before March 31st with a \$ 50.00 per child processing fee.
5. Camp payments will cover consecutive enrollments in VVDC. For example, a child enrolled for a total of four weeks attending first week in July and the last three weeks in August will be required to pay weekly rates, not monthly.
6. First Session of Camp – June 30th through July 27th
7. Second Session of Camp – July 28th through August 24th
8. Please make sure all medical/physician information is up-to-date and completed.
9. For NON- Vacation Village children there is an additional \$75 per child fee to cover the cost of Insurance and registration.
10. **Vacation Village homeowner's campers who register for early bird- full or half summer- will be entitled to free lunch for the summer.**

Checklist for Submission of fees

- Tuition as per schedule for each camper
- Lice check fee per family \$25
- Counselor food fee per family \$40
- Non-VV insurance/registration fee per camper

PLEASE MAIL ALL FORMS AND CHECKS TO:

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