

Camp Regesh

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the special feeling of summer at Camp Regesh. We are excitedly awaiting opening day and we are sure you are as well. Spring time has been chock full of activity on the Regesh campus as preparations for the new season move into high gear. The staff, too, has been busy preparing some awesome program initiatives for the summer fun to come. The Regesh family excitedly welcomes its new boys division program director, **Rabbi Yehuda Schuster**. An accomplished educator and veteran of the summer camp scene, we welcome his warmth, vision, enthusiasm and organization to the "**Special Feeling of Summer**" found only at Camp Regesh.

We are also pleased to inaugurate our new 2 night – 3 day overnight camp experience at Camp Mesorah for our upper division (grade 4 and up) campers. This new awesome adventure should be a real blast for all the participants and will enable many campers to get a taste of overnight camp for the very first time! Please note, the Mesorah experience is only open to campers entering grades 4 and above who are attending Camp Regesh for at least 2 weeks (inclusive of week 8). There is no additional charge for this trip which will be jointly staffed by Camp Regesh and Camp Mesorah personnel.

Outlined below is the information you need to assure a smooth start for your child(ren)'s summer camping pleasure. A special events calendar and menu is also enclosed for your convenience. Please review this information thoroughly. If you have any additional questions or need to reach the camp office now or throughout the summer please do not hesitate to call **845-357-9423**, 9:00 - 3:00 daily.

Medical Forms

Parents are kindly requested to return camper Medical Forms prior to June 15, 2010. **CAMPERS WITHOUT COMPLETED MEDICAL FORMS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO CAMP.** A copy of your child(ren)'s school medical form will satisfy this requirement. Please note, that in addition to the standard physical exam and immunizations, The New York State Department of Health requires documentation of **2** inoculations against measles be clearly stated on the form. Camp Regesh is fully licensed and insured. Information regarding requirements and standards for Day Camps in New York State may be obtained from the NY State Department of Environmental Health. A Camp Regesh Medical form is included for your convenience.

Camp Nurse

There is a full time nurse on premises. If there is specific medical information that should be recorded, please call 845-357-9423 during camp hours and ask for the nurse. The camp nurse will be available to administer medications on campus as directed in writing by your physician.

Orientation

All parents and campers are invited to an **Orientation Day on Sunday, June 27th**, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The orientation day will give you a chance to tour the facilities, see what's new, meet your child's counselor and introduce yourselves to the camp administration. We look forward to seeing you then. In case of rain the orientation program will be cancelled.

Hours and Schedule

Camp Regesh meets Monday - Thursday from 9-4 and Erev Shabbos from 9-2.

The summer camping season will begin on Monday, June 28th. **Shiva Asar B'Tamauz, Tuesday, June 29, 2010 will have a 2:00 p.m. dismissal. Monday, July 5th, camp will be closed in celebration of Independence Day. Camp will be closed on Tuesday, July 20th for Tisha B'Av.** Camp sessions will continue through Friday, August 20th. Camper weeks for those expected for a partial summer begin on the Monday of each week.

Arrival and Dismissal

Regesh is conveniently located on Cherry Lane (South side of Spookrock) just 1/2 mile South of Route 59. We have been requested by the police department to recommend the route below to Monsey parents who are carpooling to camp. (It is quicker, safer and will also save you a traffic light!!)

Proceed **Southbound** on **College Road** across Route 59 to **Christmas Hill Road** (College Road will then be called *New County Road*). Turn **Right** onto **Christmas Hill Road** until **Cherry Lane**. Turn **right** onto **Cherry Lane** and make a **right** turn into the camp.

Upon arrival, campers will be advised where to proceed. Parents are kindly requested to remain with their vehicles and follow the traffic circle. Please respect the directions of the staff during arrival and dismissal.

Give Your Child the Special Feeling of Summer!!

Transportation

Families who have arranged for bus transportation will be called after **June 15th** and advised of the route as well as pick up and arrival times. If you have not yet confirmed transportation for your child, please call the camp office @845-357-9423 to submit your transportation request.

Please note that requests for transportation submitted after the May deadline will not be able to be given priority routing.

Please remember that departure delays are normal during the first few days of camp as we acclimate campers to dismissal procedures and verify the roster of each bus. We ask for your patience. Each bus has a Bus Counselor who communicates with the camp office en-route. All buses are air-conditioned.

Davening

All Regesh for Girls campers will be davening immediately after they arrive to camp. Boys entering grades 1- 7 are expected to daven in camp. Boys entering grade 8 and up will start their regular schedule of activities upon arriving to camp. Campers are encouraged to bring their own pocket Siddur with them each day.

Snacks, Drinks and Lunch

Nutritious snacks and drinks are provided daily. No snacks are to be brought from home! Beverages are also provided to **all** campers with lunch each day. Campers wishing to purchase lunch may do so for the entire season by calling 845-357-9423. Those wishing to order lunch on a daily basis may do so at the rate of **\$7.00/day**. All campers are expected to follow the menu with regard to dairy or meat when bringing lunch from home. Refrigeration is available for all home packed lunches. In preparing home lunches, **please note that Regesh is a peanut free facility.**

Swimming

All campers are expected to participate in swimming instruction. In addition, they will be able to enjoy a general swim daily. All campers will be required to pass a deep water test to enjoy the water which is more than chest deep. A special deep water test is administered for those who wish to enjoy the deep areas of the beach and the Regesh water slide.

Girl's and upper grade boy's division campers should come properly prepared with swimming attire and change of clothes for 2 swims daily.

Preschoolers and boys in grades 1 have their own special swim time combining instruction and general swim and will need only 1 change of clothes.

Personal Effects

All personal belongings, i.e. clothing, gym bags, towels, baseball gloves, etc. must be clearly labeled with a first and last name. **We do not recommend nor do we take responsibility for any valuables brought to camp.** A lost and found is maintained by the camp; please check it regularly. Open shoes (front or back) are not recommended for the rigors of the daily camp activity schedule. **Baseball gloves** for boys in grades 3 and above should be labeled clearly with your son's name and your telephone number.

Camp Shirts and Bags

All campers will be receiving a **Regesh T-shirt** their first week of camp. New Camp Regesh Bags and Hats can be bought for \$10.00 each.

Change and Cancellation Policies

- No changes will be accepted after the Wednesday preceding the impacted week.
 - Each change (replacing one week with another) will incur a \$25 fee.
 - Reduction in weeks – refund will be at 50% payable in November.
 - Extension – first extension will be billed at discounted multi-week rate, second extension will be billed based on weeks being added.
 - Camp weeks are never transferable from one child to another child.
 - No allowances are given for absences.
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Travel Directions to *Camp Regesh*

From: New Jersey:

A. Garden State Parkway to New York State Thruway towards Albany proceed to exit 14B Airmont Road. At end of exit ramp turn left onto Airmont, Proceed to route 59 (traffic signal at first major Intersection) Turn Left onto Rt. 59 proceed to Cherry Lane (second traffic light) and turn right. Camp Regesh is 1/2 mile on left.

B. 17N to Sheridan Ave. (Saddle River), Proceed North on Sheridan Ave to Allendale Rd (1st traffic light) Make left turn followed by a quick right turn on to West Saddle River Road. Take West Saddle River Rd. (through the light at Lake St) approximately 3 miles to Cherry Lane. Make right turn on Cherry Lane and proceed 1.8 miles to camp Regesh is on right.

From NYC: George Washington Bridge upper level to Palisades Parkway. Follow Palisades to exit #9W New York State Thruway and Proceed as in New Jersey A

From Riverdale / Westchester: Tappan Zee Bridge into New York State Thruway. Follow New Jersey A.

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