

Camp Gan Shalom

provides a superior camping experience in a nurturing, positive Jewish environment. Our staff encourages kids to do their best in a warm and loving way without the stress and pressures of other competitive settings.

The counselors actively help campers reach their potential in a comfortable, social setting, allowing each child's individual strengths to emerge.



A summer at Gan Shalom not only strengthens a child's self-esteem as he or she learns

to swim or acts in a

theatrical skit, but also builds a child's Jewish identity with activities that are fun and that reinforce Jewish ethics, values and culture. The campers and counselors create a community where kids find joy among their peers being a kid and being Jewish.



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Place:

Camp is held on the campus of Harvey Mudd College in Claremont. Set among the towering Eucalyptus trees, the campers use all of the centrally located facilities:



- the large, air conditioned Platt Center for indoor games,
- a huge, on-site swimming pool,
- manicured fields for outdoor activities,
- and a recently constructed athletics center.



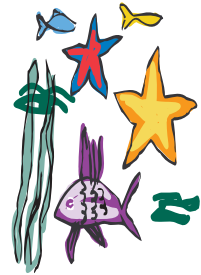
Program:

Camp is divided into two-week sessions. Each session revolves around a Jewish theme that culminates on Friday at a special Kabbalat Shabbat, where campers present their projects and enjoy the Jewish community they've built.



The formal day begins with an "opening circle" where everyone gathers for Jewish and camp songs and games. From there, each child has three half-hour activity periods within his or her own age group. The morning ends with "chuggim" where campers pick an area of interest to focus on for the week. Projects in chuggim all relate to that one area, cooking for example, and the age groups are combined. Lunch is relaxed, where children have time to play and interact informally prior to the two hours of swim time. Finally, camp ends with group time and closing circle.

The hallmark of Gan Shalom is our innovative programming. Programs such as drama, music, arts-and-crafts, athletics, games, nature projects and special guests are all part of daily camp life and all directed at helping your child develop his or her unique talents.



Field Trips:

Wednesday of every week is travel day, and the entire camp goes on a field trip to some exciting place in the Los Angeles area. These excursions change each summer; but some trips that were made in previous summers have included the Long Beach Aquarium, the California Science Museum, the beach, and Scandia. There is no charge for any of the field trips.



Staff:

Camp Gan Shalom staff is carefully selected based on their experience working with children, their specialized talents, and their passion for camp. Our dedicated counselors and specialists help your child have a safe and memorable day camp experience.

All staff are required to be certified in first aid, emergency and CPR training prior to the beginning of camp. They also get additional intensive workshops on group management and creative program development, before beginning their summer.



Camp Sessions:

Campers may attend any part of a session(s).

- Session 1** - July 1 to July 12
- Session 2** - July 15 to July 26
- Session 3** - July 29 to August 9
- Session 4** - August 12 to August 23

Camp Hours:

Camp Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Extended Care:

Extended care is available beginning at 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for \$100 per session. Parents may drop children off at 7:30 a.m. and pick them up by 6:00 p.m. Campers attending extended care will participate in games and art activities led by counselors and will be provided with a snack.

Transportation:

For those campers on the western side of the San Gabriel Valley, a certified bus will be provided to and from the Harvey Mudd campsite at no extra charge. The bus will pick up campers at Pasadena Jewish Temple, leaving at 8:45 a.m. and returning at 4:45 p.m. with one stop in Arcadia at Congregation Shaarei Torah.



The Gan Shalom Philosophy:

Our goal is to provide your child with a fun, educational and safe summer. We create a warm, Jewish community to foster a strong Jewish identity. We develop confidence, pride, cooperation, and respect for self and others. We believe that a positive camp experience provides for a child's social, physical, and intellectual development through a variety of programs and activities.



Older Campers:

Camp Gan Shalom offers special programming for children ages 9 through 13. Though Gan Shalom generally functions as one group, the older campers will be separate in certain ways. They will not participate with the younger kids in the mixed group "chuggim" (chosen activity), to do more complex activities. The older campers also go on very special field trips, one per session, designed just for them! These trips are more challenging physically and intellectually, and include difficult hikes, indoor rock climbing, and shell collecting with an expert, to name a few.



Most importantly, our staff focuses on leadership and group training with older campers. Every day we provide opportunities for the older children to develop the skills needed to become leaders.

Whether it is being in front of all the campers singing or teaching another campers a skill, each child gets a chance to be a leader in some way. Campers also learn the dynamics of functioning in a group, a critical life skill. Counselors stress the importance of sharing, self-refereeing, and working together to achieve a common goal. We hope that result is that these kids will not only develop essential skills, but will love their special version of camp.



For more information and a Camp Gan Shalom Registration Packet, contact the Federation at:

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Fees and Registration Information:

The camp fee of \$280 per two week session covers the cost of all programs and activities, snacks and a camp T-shirt. Families enrolling siblings in camp will receive a 10% discount for the second child. There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee for each child. Any camper that leaves mid-session and has paid in full, will be refunded for the remainder in one-week units. If money is due, Federation will charge in full-week increments. Medical, camper history and other release forms will be provided by the camp and must be filled out and returned prior to the start of the camp session.



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