

Dear Camp Families,

Welcome to Camp Shalom! We're so glad you're interested in joining us for a summer of fun, friendship and community. We know that choosing a summer experience for your child is a big decision, especially while we continue to grapple with uncertainty and ever-changing COVID regulations. We've planned camp this year building on what we learned from our 2020 camp families after a safe and successful summer. The friendships made and the lessons learned leave us excited and confident that summer 2021 will be a hit!

The safety of our campers, their families and our staff is our top priority. We pledge to adhere strictly to the guidelines provided by the State, County, CDC, and American Camp Association. If we have to change our plans due to state or county COVID-19 restrictions, we will keep you informed. Additionally, we are offering a generous refund policy for 2021. See our [COVID-19 info page](#) for details.

Here's what we're planning & why:

- Camp Katan (18mo-Rising Kindergarteners)
 - From toddlers to rising kindergarteners, Camp Katan welcomes our youngest campers to a fun and nurturing summer experience! Children enjoy developmentally appropriate, engaging activities including art, tactile exploration, music, outdoor water play, and more, all led by our team of highly qualified and experienced preschool teachers!
 - Camp Katan is part of the APJCC Preschool, which is a licensed preschool program under California State Childcare Licensing. The plans you see on our website are compliant with current State Childcare Licensing COVID restrictions. If those restrictions change, we will evaluate the impact of those changes on our program, and potentially make changes to Camp Katan's COVID-related rules.
 - By offering just one session that lasts all summer, we are able to comply with state preschool licensing regulations that would otherwise require children to take 2 weeks off between sessions. We are happy to be able to offer our youngest campers a sense of stability and ownership of their environment during otherwise uncertain times.
- Camp Shalom for campers entering 1st-8th grades
 - This summer will be fun and action-packed! We'll play games, do fun projects, spend lots of time outdoors, get creative with arts and crafts, share acts of kindness with our community, and enjoy silly fun with friends and counselors. Every week will have its own unique theme and special Jewish value.
 - The plans you'll find on this website represent our "Plan A" based on the idea that, as vaccines become more widely available, restrictions on youth programs will ease. We're excited to expand on our success from 2020 and reintroduce some of Camp Shalom's favorite activities like Habima Hess Circus Camp, Musical Theater Camp, field trips, and more!

- What happens if regulations don't change?
 - The health and safety of our community is the most important part of our planning process. We will continue to monitor COVID-related standards and guidelines set forth by all governing bodies. We are ready to adapt our camp plans as needed and are committed to communicating any changes with you with transparency and honesty. We will also maintain a flexible refund policy so you can register for camp with confidence.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

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