

Schechter in the Sun

Parent Handbook

2023

Schechter in the Sun will take place at Gross Schechter Day School. Campers will enjoy a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Our sprawling outdoor sports fields, playground, and full-size gym are the perfect venues to take the first step into the Schechter in the Sun Day Camp.

We believe that each child deserves a nurturing environment and a wide variety of exciting activities to enhance creativity and make new friends. We imbed Jewish values and traditions into our schedule, and believe that campers experience achievement when they try different activities, learn what they like, and discover what they are good at.

The program will include daily schedules that create an interactive and well-paced experience for campers. Several different components will be incorporated which will help create balance so that there is a good mix between low- and high-energy activities, small and large-group assemblies, and quiet and not-so-quiet time.

The schedule will keep campers interested, enthused, and energized while providing plenty of opportunity for them to develop skills, relationships, and confidence. Our campers will experience and explore new activities and create new friendships lasting summer after summer.

**Welcome from
Iris Granot,
Camp Director**



Important Information

2023 Camp Schedule

Week 1: June 20 - 23

Week 2: June 26 - 30

Week 3: July 3 - 7

(No camp on July 4)

Week 4: July 10 - 14

Week 5: July 17 - 21

Week 6: July 24 - 28

Week 7: July 31 - August 4

Hours

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

or

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

 **NEW FOR 2023!** 

AM Care, 8:00-8:30 am

2023 Fees 5 days (1:00 pm dismissal) **\$280 per week**
5 days (3:30 pm dismissal) **\$395 per week**

AM Care add on **\$60 per week**

Payments accepted via cash, check, credit card or Parent Portal (for GSDS families).

Communication

Photos from camp are shared using Remini, which can be accessed using the app or logging on to <https://remini.me/site/> and creating an account. Parents will receive an email asking to join the camp group. If you haven't already, please download the Remini App from the app store or create an account on the Remini website.

Weekly newsletters are e-mailed every Friday afternoon. These include a brief overview of what your child learned that week as well as important reminders and information. Photos are also sent to you in the newsletters.

If you need to let us know of any important information (i.e. absence, camper will be late) please email us at schechterinthesun@grossschechter.org or call the camp office at 216-763-1400 ext. 490. Summer Office hours are 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

For all other inquiries and questions, email Iris Granot, Schechter in the Sun, Camp Director, at igranot@grossschechter.org

Sample Daily Itinerary

9:00 am	Drop off
9:15 am	Morning Ruach <i>Dancing, Singing and lots of Energy!</i>
9:30 am	Group Activities
10:00 am	Morning Snack
10:15 am	Specialist Time <i>Hebrew, Music, Art, Nature, Gym</i>
10:45 am	Outdoor Activities <i>Playground, Water Activities, Games</i>
11:30 am	Lunch
12:00 pm	Storytime and Group Activities
12:45 pm	First Dismissal Starts
1:00 pm	Specialist Time Nap Time (4 and under)
1:30 pm	Outdoor / Indoor Activities
2:00 pm	Quiet Time
2:45 pm	Afternoon Snack
3:00 pm	Free Choice
3:20 pm	Dismissal Starts

One of the best ways to keep day camp fun and interesting, even for returning campers, is to use a theme for each week's activities. For example: Israel day, Purim in July, Animals Day, Crazy Hair Day, PJ Day, Show and Tell, 4th of July, etc.

Highlights for Summer 2023:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking & Baking Time
- Daily Hebrew time for all ages
- Hebrew through Movement
- Indoor Sports: Rock Climbing Wall, Yoga and Gymnastics
- Music & Dance
- Nature & Animal Corner with the famous Mr. Oudi
- Water Activities: Splash pads, sprinklers and slides
- Fire Department Visit
- Bikes & Scooters
- Science & Technology
- Story time
- BBQ Cookout lunches
- Weekly Shabbat celebration
- Israel Experience

Best of all, each day at camp is filled with lots of fun and the best memories to carry on!

Drop off / Pick Up

Morning drop off begins at 8:50 am. If you arrive earlier than that, please pull forward into the drop off circle and wait until the staff comes to retrieve your camper.

Drop Off or Pick Up During Camp requires campers to be signed in or out at the main office. If a child is dropped off after 10:00am, we ask that they have already eaten breakfast or morning snack, as they will not be eating again until 11:30am (lunch).

Afternoon pick up begins at 3:20 pm. Please make the card with your child's name visible from the front windshield of your vehicle. Be sure to pull all the way forward in the circle and your campers will be brought to your car.

What to send with your Camper

Children should arrive with a healthy morning snack and lunch. If staying until 3:30 pm, an afternoon snack will be provided by camp. All pre-packaged food must be nut-free, kosher and dairy or paerve. Food should be sent in an insulated lunchbox as we do not have access to the refrigerator for camp. Please do not send food in glass containers.

All campers should bring a water bottle that may be kept in your child's cubby so they may have around the clock access to water. It is helpful to have a backpack to school to transport food items and water bottles to and from school. Additionally, we will send important information, daily sheets, and artwork home.

All campers should have two changes of clothing to remain in their cubby at camp. If your child still wears diapers or is prone to accidents, please send a stock of diapers, wipes and necessary creams or ointments.

We ask that all items sent to camp are labeled, including clothing, food containers and towels. Schechter in the Sun is not responsible for any lost items, but we will keep a collection of lost and found items to look through.

Please bring your child to camp **already wearing their swimsuit and water shoes**. You may pack extra dry-clothes and dry shoes. Apply sunscreen at home before camp drop off. Counselors will apply sunscreen again before water play and as needed.

If your child has a medication or EpiPen that needs to be with them during the summer, please contact Donell Newman at dnewman@grossschechter.org at least two weeks before the first day of camp.

Please Send Everyday

- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Water Shoes
- Sunscreen
- Lunch from Home
- Healthy AM Snack
- Healthy PM Snack
- Water Bottle
- Change of Clothes/Shoes

Please Send Weekly/As Needed

- Crib Sheet & Blanket/Lovie
for those campers who nap, cots provided by school.
- Diapers & Wipes (*if needed*)
- Change of Clothing

Please Do NOT Send

- Electronics
- Toys from Home