



BETH TFILOH CAMPS

a great place for kids to grow.

calendar for week 1

open house, come see camp from 10:00 a.m. until noon <small>june</small>	SUN 25
opening day, summer:2017	MON 26
	TUE 27
	WED 28
	THU 29
show	FRI 30
	SAT 1

calendar for week 2

	SUN 2
	MON 3
camp is closed in observance of independence day	TUE 4
	WED 5
unit daled and hay combined late stay; ends at 7:30 p.m.	THU 6
wacky olympics	FRI 7
	SAT 8

welcome to the 75th summer

Welcome to an exciting summer at Beth Tfiloh Camps. This is the information you've been waiting for - your child's bunk and transportation information. During the summer we will continue to communicate via **btcamps.org**. Our website contains the latest and most detailed news about the camp calendar, camp events, special events, and pictures. Please check it at

least once a week for updates. We will also send home weekly newsletters with current information every Friday as campers exit the bus.

We hope to see you here at Beth Tfiloh Camps for the Open House on Sunday, June 25, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

unit and bunk names

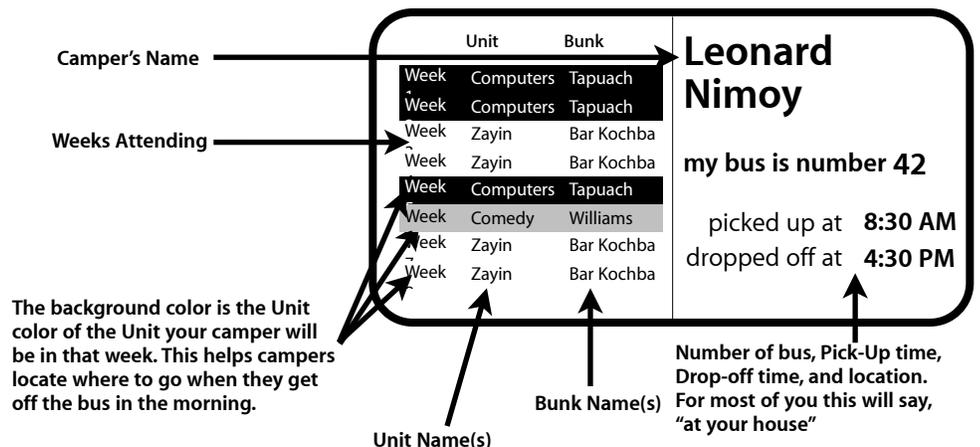
A bunk is a grouping of campers of similar age who are entering the same grade this coming school year. Our bunk names are the Hebrew words for colors, places in Israel, or Biblical and Jewish historical

figures. A Unit is a grouping of bunks of similar grade or program. Most of our Unit names are the names of letters of the Hebrew alphabet (Aleph, Bet, Gimmel, Daled, etc.).

bunking and bus information

Your child's bunk and bus information is on the color-coded luggage tag enclosed with this mailing. Please attach this tag to

your camper's backpack or swim-bag. Below is a diagram explaining what each part of the luggage tag identifies.





- late stays and overnights -

Throughout the summer campers in Units Daled, Hay, and Senior Camp each have a "late stay." A late stay gives campers an extended day of activities in a more personal environment.

Campers in our Survival Camp programs participate in "Overnights." An overnight is a camp-out experience where campers pitch tents and cook their own meals.

Keep a lookout for a separate notice sent home on the bus explaining your camper's late stay or overnight, typically three days in advance.

unit daled

Thursday, July 6
late stay ends at 7:30 p.m.

unit hay

Thursday, July 6
late stay ends at 7:30 p.m.

senior camp

Thursday, July 13
late stay ends at 7:30 p.m.

5th and 6th survival

Thursday, July 13
in-camp overnight

Thursday, August 3
in-camp overnight

7th and 8th survival

Thursday, July 13
in-camp overnight

Thursday, August 3
in-camp overnight

campers with allergies

There are a number of campers who have a severe allergy to peanuts. If these campers eat any peanuts or peanut butter, they will have trouble breathing within seconds. This can happen even if they eat a very small amount of peanuts or peanut butter by accident.

To avoid such an emergency, we are asking for your cooperation. You are still welcome to send peanut products to camp. We want you to be aware of our efforts to reduce risk and ensure a fair balance between campers with allergies and those who wish to consume peanut products.

We ask that when you do send products that may contain peanuts or other nuts in your child's lunch to mark the lunch bag with the letter "P" on the outside. This will alert counselors and make sure a camper with an allergy doesn't sit next to a lunch containing peanuts on those days.

Please discourage your child from sharing any food, knives, forks, spoons and food containers with other campers. We encourage all campers to get in the habit of washing their hands before and after eating. In addition, the camp nurse has reviewed emergency procedures with staff should they need to respond to such an emergency.

lake slide and new low ropes course

The Lake Slide will be used by Units Gimmel and above and Bet campers who have passed their deep water test administered by the pool staff. Deep water testing occurs as part of instructional swim. All campers

who use the slide will wear life vests at all times.

The new ropes course will be used by campers the ropes staff deems able to complete the course.

sunscreen

Local and State governments have created policy "regulating" the "distribution and application of suntan lotion." When signing the camper Registration Form you gave camp permission to assist in the application of suntan lotion. For our youngest campers, counselors will be trained to make certain suntan lotion is properly applied. For older campers, counselors will make certain

suntan lotion is applied throughout the day. If you don't want the counselor to ever assist your camper in applying suntan lotion, please send the camp written notice before the first day of camp. Otherwise, we will assume that camp has your permission to assist your camper in applying suntan lotion should the need arise.

medications and lice check

Give all medications your child will need at camp to the bus counselor. Don't put them into your child's backpack. A doctor's permission form for all prescription drugs is mandated by State law. This form is available at our website, btcamps.org, under "Registration Material".

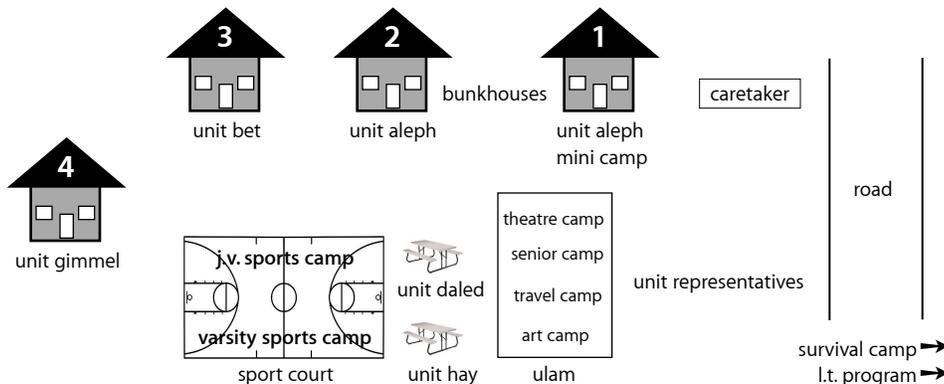
Doctors can fax permission to us at 410.517.3454. For all OTC (over the counter) medications, an accompanying note from a parent is adequate and should be given to the bus counselor along with the medication. We also encourage all parents to check their children for lice prior to their first day at B.T. Camps.

units, heads, colors, email, first-day locations

unit	unit head	grades	color	email address	location
Aleph, Mini Camp	Jessica Layman	pre-k, k	yellow	aleph@btcamps.org	bunkhouses 1 & 2
Bet	Rivka Bresler	1st	navy blue	bet@btcamps.org	bunkhouse 3
Gimmel	Cindy Terodemos	2nd	red	gimmel@btcamps.org	bunkhouse 4
Daled	Melyssa Perman	3 rd	orange	daled@btcamps.org	next to ulam
Hay	Melyssa Perman	4 th	light blue	hay@btcamps.org	next to ulam
Senior Camp	Doug Kotula	5 th through 8 th	gold	seniorcamp@btcamps.org	ulam
Art Camp	Tracey Robbins	3 rd through 8 th	purple	tracey@btcamps.org	ulam
Survival Camp	Chris Malone	5 th through 8 th	brown	survivalcamp@btcamps.org	campcraft
J.V. Sports Camp	Dex Miller	2 nd and 3 rd	purple	jvsports@btcamps.org	sport court
Varsity Sports Camp	Andy Bloom	4 th through 8 th	purple	varsitysports@btcamps.org	sport court
Theatre Camp	Doug Kotula	5 th through 8 th	brown	theatre@btcamps.org	ulam
Travel Camp	Rachel Hellman	5 th through 8 th	brown	travelcamp@btcamps.org	ulam
LT Program	Jill Suffel	9 th and 10 th	none	ltprogram@btcamps.org	cookout area

Each unit is assigned an email address and a color. When contacting a unit by email, please allow 48 hours for a reply. For urgent matters the best way to contact us will always be by phoning 410.517.3451. We do not accept bus changes, transportation related changes, program changes, or any other administrative changes by email. Emails sent of this nature are filtered and not received.

Your camper's luggage tag displays colors indicating program and Unit choices. On the first day of camp, each area on the Ulam Field is clearly identified with flags matching the colors on the luggage tag. There are also staff members located on this field each holding a sign representing a Unit's color. Campers needing directions on where to go on the first day of camp need only find the flag matching the top color on the luggage tag or a person holding a sign matching the top color of their luggage tag. Below is a diagram showing where each camper should go to meet their Unit. Each Monday morning for the first few weeks of camp, staff will be available to aid new campers in finding their Unit should the camper need assistance.



electronic media

Beth Tfiloh Camps provides an incredible photo gallery with thousands of photographs to show off the amazing time campers have at camp. We are careful not to identify any campers by first and last name in any photographs we post. We ask you not to

photograph campers if you visit camp. Please also do not take our photos and post them to social media sites, or tag photos to identify campers. This protects the privacy of everyone at camp. Only you will know who your camper is when viewing the gallery.

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David Schimmel
director

Ryan M. Cohen
assistant director

Melissa Puritz
assistant director

Monica Stein
registrar

main office

Rebecca Siegel bus changes
Bryna Bernstein bus changes

gate house

Jodi Cohen greeter
Jenn Hoffman greeter
Laurie Schimmel greeter

health suite

Rachel Levy r.n.
Liz Carr r.n.

unit heads

Jessica Layman aleph, mini camp
Rivka Bresler bet
Cindy Terodemos gimmel
Melyssa Perman daled and hay
Doug Kotula senior camp
Tracey Robbins art camp
Dex Miller j.v. sports
Chris Malone survival camp
Natalie Pilcher theatre camp
Rachel Hellman travel camp
Andy Bloom varsity sports
Jill Suffel l.t. program

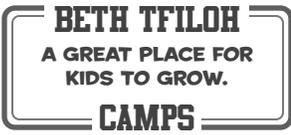
department heads

Stephanie Ziman arts and crafts
Justin Treuhaft boat lake
Ashley Himelfarb campcraft
Victoria Fields-Huggins cheer
Carol Sommer games
Vivian Callis lead bus driver
Emily Eisner lifeguards
Ashley Himelfarb nature
Kori Snair pool operations
Robyn Snair pool program
Helena Fernström ropes
Elaine Hercenberg singing
Jennifer Postal sports

grounds and operations

Gary Swan property manager
Larry Brash déjà vu all over again

parent reminders



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400 Delight Meadows Road
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- contacting us -

During the camping season we do not have voicemail. **We do not accept transportation related emails.** For urgent matters call 410.517.3451 during camp hours.

- camp t-shirts -

Your 2017 camper T-shirt will be sent home on the bus during the first week of your child's attendance. Additional shirts will be available at Open House.

- 75th Summer Spectacular -

In addition to Open House, Campers and their families are invited to join us at camp from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Sunday, August 6th to celebrate 75 spectacular summers. Our pools and lake will be open for swimming and boating, plus food, games, and more for campers and their families to enjoy. This is a "rain or shine" event and culminates with a stunning fireworks show.

This event is sponsored by MileOne and we thank them for their incredible support.

Register now for this milestone event at btcamps.org or visit btcamps.org for additional information.

- ▶ Although we serve a cold beverage at lunch, some children get their mom or dad to pack a drink. If you do this, please send only paper cartons - no cans or glass bottles.
- ▶ Send lunch in a paper bag. Write your child's name, unit and bunk on the bag.
- ▶ Your child should not bring any games, playing cards, toys, electronic gear, cell phones or money to camp.
- ▶ All new campers will be tested at the pool during the first week of camp and placed in swim groups. Testing of all campers will take place on a rolling basis throughout the summer. More information on our swim program is on the Red Cross website.
- ▶ Unlabeled clothing may never be seen again! When changing for swim, items may accidentally be picked up by another child and disappear into a backpack. Clothes with name labels are almost always returned.
- ▶ If your enrollment confirmation form indicated that the date of your child's most recent Tetanus (DPT) booster was missing, please call it in now to 410.517.3451.
- ▶ If your bill has not been paid in full, a notice with payment instructions is enclosed instead of your luggage tag. If for some other reason your luggage tag is missing from this mailing, call the camp office at 410.517.3451.
- ▶ Didn't receive a parent manual? Call camp, or visit our website.
- ▶ A list of email addresses for contacting Unit Heads is in this letter and is also on our website. Remember, we don't accept transportation related emails. To email the pool, use pool@btcamps.org as the address.
- ▶ Living in the Northeast of the United States means dealing with ticks. We encourage campers and staff to check for ticks daily and ask that you be diligent in making sure younger campers don't have attached ticks.
- ▶ Aerosol application of sunscreen is convenient, however, inhaling propellant is not healthy. Teach your campers not to inhale aerosol suntan lotion. We recommend traditional lotion over aerosol.

bus text messages

Our buses usually run on time, however, we can't control traffic and road conditions. In the event a bus is running late, we will push a text message from our database to the phone numbers we have on record for the camper's parents. Enrollment for this feature is automatic. Any phone number you have given us will be pushed a text message. Numbers that aren't capable of receiving text messages simply won't receive one. The message you receive has an option for "unsubscribing." Should you choose this option, you will not be notified when a bus is running late as camp will no longer be making bus delay calls.

transportation

The enclosed luggage tag has information about both your morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off times. **Our estimates are based on the maximum capacity of a bus. However, not every camper attends for 8 weeks so times may vary from week to week.** Afternoon traffic is less regular, so it's more difficult to predict the exact afternoon drop-off time. Please be on the lookout for the afternoon bus ten minutes ahead of the printed time, but don't be concerned if the bus is ten or more minutes late. On the first day or two of camp, your bus could arrive quite late. Unless we've given you information to the contrary, your pick-up and drop-off location and times are at your home. Exceptions include Howard County and Mini Camp campers who come to centralized bus stops.

Most campers have the same AM and PM bus number. If you registered for Extended Day, you received a different style luggage tag that indicates this choice.

If your street or court is blocked by lawn care equipment, other vehicles, or a closed gate, our buses may be prevented from reaching your house. Please speak with your neighbors, neighborhood association, and contractors about providing gate access, or having equipment park close enough to the curb that a bus can pass. If a bus can't access a road, you will have to bring your camper to the bus.

As more campers choose to attend Beth Tfiloh Camps, the size of our bus fleet continues to grow. This summer we have a large number of buses servicing many areas in Northwest Baltimore. Many neighborhoods have such a large population of campers there are multiple buses in an area. It is very likely you will see more than one camp bus driving by main roads in your neighborhoods. To help reduce confusion, buses will have number magnets on both sides instead of just on the door side of the bus.