

parent manual 2019

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Welcome to Beth Tfiloh Camps

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a note from the director

Shalom BT Camps parent!

Go ahead, pat yourself on the back. You made a great decision and did a true mitzvah by choosing a BT summer for your camper(s)! With the click of a button you decided to allow your camper the chance to grow, to see themselves as being capable of acting independently, making new friends and building these relationships. And, of course, having a fun and exciting time - from your camper's perspective, what could possibly be better?

Truth is, this is what BT Camps have been doing for years...

For our 2019 summer, we have hired a mature and caring staff, many of them teachers and professionals with valuable experiences working with children. Our staff is composed of many former campers and returning staff with a commitment to camp and a goal of making summers as good as, or better than their previous years at BT camps. And, of course, there are new faces at camp this summer, eager to make a positive impression on our campers and you - our camp parents. In short, what an incredible staff - just for you and your camper!

Of course, this summer - like the 76 summers before, offer a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Jewish heritage, instill pride and encouraging participation through Shabbat and other special programs that acknowledge our shared heritage.

And let's not forget a well rounded program filled with fun (and some learning), lots of growing and certainly, the friendships that will last a lifetime.

Of course, if you have any questions, before or during the summer, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are here to make you confident in your decision to make us a part of your summer.

So, there it is, your prized possession, your youngster, is now our prized possession - our camper! Together we can make this a summer that is filled with memories of smiles, fun, friendships and belonging to a community that cares.

We really do believe Beth Tfiloh Camps is "a great place for kids to grow!"

Thanks so much for your confidence in our summer:2019!



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contacting us by phone

We are happy to have you contact us at any time by phone or email to discuss the camp program in general or your camper in particular. If you telephone us for a non-transportation reason (during the camping season), the best time to call is between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Of course, please understand that you will frequently have to leave a message and wait for a return call at a later time. The camp phone number is 410.517.3451. **No one at the Beth Tfiloh Congregation or Beth Tfiloh School offices is able to answer questions relating to Beth Tfiloh Camps.** In addition to speaking with your camper's counselor and Unit Head, you may also discuss any concerns with our Camp Director. Please do not send a note with your child for any reason, as chances are it will not be seen in a timely manner.

contacting us by email and our "no notes" policy

We do not accept any transportation questions, bus changes, program changes, or week changes by email. In keeping with our "No Notes" policy, please assume we will never see such requests if sent by email. Change requests sent to any of our email addresses will not be forwarded or processed. **We're happy to honor such requests by phone.**

Questions and comments may be emailed. Each Unit Head and the Aquatics Head will have an address. Beginning on the first day of camp, these addresses will be on our website under "Driving Directions and Contact Information". You may send general questions and comments to the main camp address. We're so busy making sure campers are having a fun summer, so please allow 48 hours for email replies. **For urgent matters, please call us at 410.517.3451.**

about our photo gallery

We know how much families look forward to seeing pictures of their camper's daily activities at BT Camps - and why not, it's just great to see great kids have a great time. Our Goal is to take photos of as many campers as possible each day.

We average about 400 photos every day. That's a lot of photos! Some days will be more, some days will be less. Photos are uploaded to our website on a daily basis. We ask that you understand that this process "taking the photos and uploading them" can be a long a tedious process. If there are what seems to be a few less photos one day, don't despair, there will likely be more than enough in the days that follow! We also want to remind you that on your application for camp, you agreed to give BT Camps your permission to use your campers photo(s) in press releases, ads, video, news media, and electronic media.

important camp dates



open house
10 am to noon



opening day



closed
independence day



closing day

You will be able to meet and talk to your camper's counselor and/or Unit Head at our Open House. Camp will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

summer visits to camp

In addition to attending the Open House on June 23, camper families may wish to visit camp during the summer to watch their camper(s) having fun. If you decide to visit, we ask you to stop in at the Gatehouse to sign in, pick up a visitor's badge, show your photo ID and leave us your car keys. You'll need to wear a visitor's badge, as our staff is trained to intercept all unidentified strangers. Please keep your visit brief.

Call the camp office for your camper's schedule to make sure that you don't arrive just as your camper's group begins changing clothes after swimming and goes heading off to eat lunch. Please leave your pet at home, and remember that our camp is smoke-free and vape-free. If you decide to take your camper with you when your visit ends, be sure to visit the Gatehouse to sign out.

We encourage you to consider the benefit of your visit to camp. Keep in mind, your visit may distract your camper's full participation and engagement in an activity by changing their focus from friends to family. If you have concerns about your child's experience at camp, feel free to contact your camper's Unit Head at 410.517.3451.

directions to camp

1. Take Reisterstown Road, MD-140, or NW Expressway, I-795 Exit 7B, to Franklin Boulevard West.
2. Approach the second traffic signal in the right lane and bear off onto Church Road.
3. In approximately 500 feet, turn left onto Sunnyking Drive.
4. Turn left onto Sunnydale Way, Sunlight Road, and Bonnie Meadow Circle.
5. Finally, turn right onto Delight Meadows Road, which takes you to Beth Tfiloh Camps.

billing and accounts

All questions about fees and account balances should be directed to the camp Registrar at 410.517.3451 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday or before noon on Friday. **No camper may attend camp until all fees have been paid in full.** Tuition balances are due in full by May 1st. After May 1st, all tuition payments must be in the form of cash, cashier's check, money order, or credit card. No personal checks will be accepted.

what is a bunk?

At Beth Tfiloh Camps, a bunk indicates a group of campers that have a common program, age, grade or leadership.

what is a unit?

A Unit is a group of bunks that share a common bunk area and supervision. A Unit Head is designated to coordinate the group's activities. Each Unit is assigned to its own bunk house or facility which serves as its "headquarters," shelter in poor weather, and clothes changing area.

bunk assignments

About a week before the beginning of the camping season, expect to receive notification of your camper's bunk and unit assignment. This information, along with your bus transportation information, will be printed on a luggage tag that is color-coded by unit. Please attach this luggage tag to your camper's backpack or swim bag.

We spend a great deal of time in developing each set of bunk assignments. We make every effort to take everyone's requests, neighborhood, and school into account. Almost all campers are bunked strictly within their school grade.

Your child will be placed with at least one of the two choices you requested on your registration form. When you receive your bunk assignment, please don't phone the camp office to ask if your camper was bunked with a specific friend. Just call that friend! By waiting until the last possible moment to finalize the bunking process, we can do the best possible job making minor last-minute adjustments to meet your requests.

our units and programs

Nursery	ages 2, 3, and 4, flexible day program					
Day	Aleph¹	Bet	Gimmel	Daled	Hay	Senior
	N, pre-K, K, part day available	grade 1	grade 2	grade 3	grade 4	grades 5 - 8
Specialty	Sports	Art	Theatre	Survival	Travel	L.T.
	grades 2 - 8	grades 3 - 8	grades 3 - 8	grades 5 - 8	grades 5 - 8	grades 9, 10

typical camp clothing

- a. Tennis shoes with socks, shorts, and a T-shirt. No sandals, crocs, or heellies.
- b. A hat is a must to protect campers from the sun.
- c. In poor weather, a light jacket or sweatshirt.
- d. Boys should wear a bathing suit to camp and pack a pair of shorts. Girls should wear a bathing suit to camp under their clothing. All campers except Nursery and Mini Camp campers should bring a second bathing suit, two towels, and underwear in a backpack. Since Part Day Campers do not have a second swim, they do not need to pack a second suit or second towel. Nursery Campers don't swim, but have water play time.
- e. On some occasions, we may have nature programs that may require special clothing or shoes. We will try to notify you well in advance about such days. Camp is not responsible for clothing or shoes used in these instances.
- f. Since our campers are always "on the go," it's advisable that they have 2 pairs of tennis shoes to alternate from day to day. Several extra swim suits are also a good idea.
- g. Aqua shoes are useful for walking to and from the pool and to wear while swimming.
- h. Campers should not leave any clothing overnight.
- i. A complimentary camp T-shirt will be given to your camper during the first week he or she attends camp. We encourage campers to wear this T-shirt on Fridays in the spirit of making Shabbat a special day. Extra shirts are available for sale during Open House.
- j. On rainy days, we recommend you pack an extra set of clothing, including shoes.

lost clothing

The camper's first and last names should appear on all articles of clothing and personal belongings including shoes, socks, underwear and swim bag. Use labels or a stamper, rather than pen.

Our staff and after hours cleaning crew bring all out-of-place items to the camp office. We make daily returns by bagging the item and returning it to you via the bus counselor.

but i really like that shirt...

Many campers have items of clothing which they favor more than others. While a camper may want to wear these items to camp, keep in mind that clothing can get dirty or stained in a camp environment. We recommend sending campers to camp only in clothing that will not be sorely missed, or with items that are not irreplaceable.

what not to bring

Toys, cell phones, games, radios, cards, water guns or similar equipment should not be brought to camp under any circumstances. Staff members have been instructed to collect these items from campers if they are seen and in use during the camp day. Items collected will be returned to campers as they depart the bus in the afternoon. Experience tells us that when valuables are brought to camp there is a strong chance they could be damaged or lost with little hope of recovery. Camp is not responsible if items are lost or damaged. **Also, umbrellas are not allowed at camp.**

late stays and specialty-camp-trips

Campers in Units Daled, Hay, and Senior Campers are scheduled for extra programming called Late Stays that takes place after the end of the regular camp day. Campers on a Late Stay remain at camp after normal dismissal and enjoy a cookout dinner, extra swimming time, and special activities. At the conclusion of Late Stay, parents come to camp to pick their camper up. Information pertaining to each Late Stay will be sent home both the week prior to and week of the Late Stay, and will also appear in our print and electronic Newsletters.

Specialty Campers also enjoy out-of-camp trips. On such trips, campers must wear a Beth Tfiloh Camps T-Shirt. The Late Stay and trip schedule is found on the calendar on page 19.

program progression

There are many great aspects to our camp program. Some program items are only appropriate for certain age groups. For example, it would be inappropriate for a 4 year old to light a camp fire, and it would be inappropriate for an 8th grader to use a playground. As such, activity areas such as playground, Campcraft, copper enameling, the water slide, and Ropes Initiatives are either not available to all age groups, or offer age appropriate modified activities.

Beth Tfiloh Camps' challenge course is one of the finest in the area. The course is designed to build personal confidence and allow participants to work as a team to accomplish goals. As such, we wish to dispel the myth that the challenge course is a "playground". The high elements in the course are designed for campers in Unit Daled and older, the low course may be used for Unit Gimmel as part of special activities. **The Zip-lines can only be used by campers in Unit Hay or older demonstrating skills necessary to appropriately use the elements.**

specialty camps

Details about Art, Sports, Survival, Theatre, and Travel Camps, including calendar, schedule, necessary equipment, and other pertinent information will be sent out in early May to campers who register for these programs.

our swimming program

The swim program at Beth Tfiloh Camps follows the current national guidelines established by the American Red Cross, or ARC, for its "Learn to Swim" programs. Beginning swimmers work with instructors in small groups to develop comfort in the water. As swimmers progress they are placed in skill-teaching stations or level groups so they can move along at their individual pace and experience as much success as possible. A camper who is not ready to pass to the next level realizes that s/he is still making progress.

Please consider. Even with our best efforts to make instruction swim fun, we recognize that it just isn't the "most fun part of the camp day". With this in mind, we ask you to understand we are teaching a life-skill that is essential to a camper's growth and development. So, if your camper pleads to be exempt from instructional swim, we ask you remind yourself how essential strong swimming skill are in developing confidence and safe habits. Please, don't give into the pleas, "and the accompanying promises of doing it another time". Help us help your camper grow and develop these essential skills. Just say "no" and "give it your best effort to make us even prouder for trying". Thank you for your consideration of this vital aspect of camp!

swimming placement

Each camper's instructional group is determined by the ARC designated prerequisite skills demonstrated by the camper during the swimming screening that takes place during the first few days of attendance. Each camper is then given his initial placement. Consequently, a camper will often be in a different swim instruction group from his friends or bunkmates. Parents should recognize in advance that because of a lack of winter practice, a camper often may be required to repeat a group of skills that have been previously mastered. Another factor in group placement is that some campers are reluctant to demonstrate their skills upon demand in a test situation. Our instructors must place campers based solely on skill performances they personally observe.

swimming progress

Each swim level is comprised of subgroups, each with a number of separate required skills. Before a camper can advance to the next level of instruction, each of these group skills must be mastered. This means that even an Olympic breast stroke medalist would be placed in a Level II group if he had never learned to float on his back. We move swimmers into more advanced groups as their performance improves. Periodically, campers in Unit Aleph and Unit Bet will receive progress certificates that recognize the growth they have made in our swimming programs. At the end of the enrollment period, all campers will receive a complete swim skill progress report from our aquatics staff, along with certificates of achievement or Red Cross certification cards. Campers work hard for achievement awards, so please reinforce any progress as much as possible.

swim facilities

We have five pool areas. Campers swim and receive instruction in water of a depth that is appropriate to their age and instructional skill level. The availability of multiple swim areas allows the younger campers in particular to be comfortable and safe in the water, and our older campers to enjoy special aquatics fun like races, water basketball, and use of our water slide.

Our pools are cleaned daily, and the chemical balance is checked and adjusted hourly. In addition, the Health Department closely monitors and approves our water quality, aquatics equipment, and aquatics procedures. We are recognized by the Red Cross as an Authorized Provider of Aquatic and Health Services.

water slides

A triple-level, twin-tube water slide is enjoyed by swimmers of all ages. It empties into our Lap Pool in 5 foot deep water and is supervised by trained guards and pool staff. In order to use the water slides, campers must first pass a deep water test.

splash pad

A unique addition to our aquatics complex is our Splash Pad which provides hours of refreshing fun for our younger campers. Dozens of gentle water streams spout from the floor in addition to many large fountain and tube style water play elements.

weather considerations

When the weather is marginal, we allow campers to choose to sit on the edge of the pool rather than fully enter the water. The Red Cross has a series of instructional activities to promote water safety awareness. We will use these lessons as part of each camper's swim program. Since many of these lessons are appropriate for rainy day use, even "bad weather" days will be a meaningful part of our instructional swim program.

instruction and safety

Some campers who love playing in the water still prefer to avoid instruction. Other campers are actually afraid of the water. Our staff knows the difference between encouragement and coercion. Assure your camper he or she won't be forced into the water or to do anything for which he or she is not ready.

Make sure that your camper understands that even if he doesn't swim, he must still go to the pool for swim instruction in a bathing suit, even if only to observe. This allows the camper to have a change of heart. If we become aware of a difficulty at the pool, we'll call you. If you become aware of a problem before we do, please contact us.

At Beth Tfiloh Camps all swim instruction is taught and/or supervised by experienced Red Cross-trained Water Safety Instructors (WSI) during daily instructional periods. Our WSI staff is supplemented by other trained swim instructors. Those campers in "free swim" are watched by a separate staff of lifeguards. Counselors often help, but only as teaching aides or as designated supplemental "watchers". County regulations require just one certified lifeguard per 50 swimmers. We greatly exceed that minimal requirement, however, by employing more than a dozen guards in addition to training and assigning a large number of counselors as designated "watchers."

the boat lake

Our lakefront features paddle boats, kayaks and canoes. We teach basic boating safety and the techniques of being a safe passenger. We also teach as many skills as possible that are age-appropriate, including paddling with special equipment that matches our campers' size and strength. Our boating staff includes one or more certified canoeing instructors, and our lake is always guarded by lifeguards who are specially trained to conduct open water (non-pool) rescues. In addition, everyone at the lake wears a life jacket even if they are accomplished swimmers. Use of the Sachs Family Lake Slide, our popular 60-foot-tall-90-foot-long slide that ends into the lake, is at the discretion of the Lake Head.

bathing suit required

There are no alternate activities offered to campers during scheduled swim times. All campers are required to dress for and go to the pool.

Should there be a reason your camper will not be swimming, it is important to still pack a bathing suit and towel. There are other activities that involve water around camp such as the Boat Lake, or Splash Pad. On very hot days there are also sprinklers around camp. Packing a bathing suit is a good measure toward making sure your camper can participate in these activities.

bus ride

Our campers feel the bus ride is actually part of the fun of a camp day! It will be beneficial if you can help your camper feel that riding the camp bus is an adventure. The day begins when your camper enters the bus. Each morning the camper is greeted by the driver, bus counselors, and camp friends. When the route allows, songs are sung, games are played, experiences are shared, and the camper becomes a part of camp even before arriving at the camp itself. Campers sometimes even have a bus song or a bus cheer that they perform for the others in camp. Please allow your camper to have this experience by projecting positive thoughts about the bus ride to and from camp.

historical record

We have been providing transportation for campers since 1952. Our transportation record is an outstanding one. Our available data, dating back to 1972, indicates we have made more than 78,466 separate bus trips without any personal injury to a passenger. For you trivia buffs, that's over 2.61 million person-trips and over 23 million passenger miles without serious incident.

supervision on the bus

Beth Tfiloh Camps provides one or more bus counselors on each bus. These counselors have been trained to lead the bus on its route, as well as in the techniques of making the ride safe and pleasant for the campers. They take attendance, help campers on and off the bus, lead songs and activities, and provide supervision and assistance to assure your camper's safety. The driver's responsibility is to drive the bus, ensure passenger safety, and work with the bus counselors. Our buses are radio-equipped, meaning that communication between camp and the bus can occur during an emergency. Sorry, but lost items are not an emergency.

Parent-to-camp communication, if necessary, should be with the camp office by phone, not the bus counselor or bus driver.

bus inspection

Our buses are owned and operated by Woodlawn Motor Coach. Our current fleet is made up of the very newest buses that meet the most recent government safety standards. Beth Tfiloh places an average of far fewer than 40 campers on each bus. This yields two benefits: seating becomes more comfortable and the average length of ride becomes shorter. All buses are maintained and inspected regularly during the year. All buses meet the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) standards.

seat-belts and flashing amber or red lights

Seat belts are not specified by the State of Maryland for use on conventional school buses. The latest safety studies show that school age campers transported in the newest school buses with high seat backs and compartmental design are safer without seat belts than they are when wearing lap belts. Beth Tfiloh Camps uses only these newer type buses. Our drivers are asked to use flasher lights (referred to as “pilot lights” in the industry) when stopping.

driver preparation

All of our drivers are professionals employed directly by Woodlawn Motor Coach. Most of these drivers are employed by this bus company during the school year, and many also drive for the public schools. Drivers are subjected to both a Criminal Records Background Check and regular monitoring of their motor vehicle safety records. The bus drivers are also subject to independently conducted random testing for use of alcohol and drugs.

Our drivers are given similar training to that which we give our bus counselors and receive the same printed materials. We treat drivers as if they are part of our staff, because they are. Many of our drivers have been driving for over a decade and are some of the best around.

establishing the route

We attempt to please each family on the route with an “ideal time.” Some families would like as short a ride as possible, while others want a longer ride to better accommodate the employment schedule of the family. Your home location has a direct bearing on the length of time your camper is on the bus. Each route is planned in order to achieve the shortest possible driving time for all. As many routes as possible are run in the same direction in the afternoon as the morning, thereby equalizing total drive time for all campers on that bus. A few afternoon routes, however, must be run in reverse order. Of course, you always have the option of meeting the bus at an earlier or later point should you wish to reduce or lengthen your camper’s ride. This is handled on a case-by-case basis so please contact the camp at 410.517.3451 for more information.

Most full-day Baltimore County campers will receive bus pick-up and drop-off at their door. Any camper who will not receive door-to-door transportation will receive either a written notification or a phone call from our Transportation Department to make other arrangements. Howard County campers are picked up and dropped off at centralized stops, not at the home.

pick-up and drop-off times

About ten days before camp begins you will receive a tag with bus and bunk information that your camper should attach to his/her backpack or duffel. The bus information printed on the tag is simply our target in the middle of a 20 minute window. Campers are generally picked up between 8:00 and 8:55 a.m. and, with the exception of Part Day Camp campers, dropped off between 4:20 and 5:15 p.m. Part Day Camp campers will receive separate afternoon drop-off information. Although we practice our routes until they run like clockwork, you must understand that the printed times are an estimate and not a promise. There are factors beyond our control such as traffic tie-ups and bad weather conditions that may cause us to run off schedule.

Our experience tells us that our afternoon routes are much more subject to surprise delays than are our morning runs and as such the estimates are much less exact than morning estimates. Times should become rather consistent from day to day as soon as a routine is established. Even in the event that the bus is "later than scheduled," there's no need to be concerned. If we become aware of a transportation delay in excess of twenty minutes, or other bus irregularity, we will try to contact you. This information will also be posted on our website at btccamps.org.

Please make every effort to have your camper ready on time each morning ten minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. And at the close of the day, your being there waiting at the bus stop is even more essential. It is very important for parents not to slow the bus by trying to conduct conversations with the bus driver or bus counselors. If every camper delays the bus by just one minute, transportation time will be more than doubled. Do your extra hugs and kisses before the bus arrives. Please recognize that buses may run slightly behind schedule for the first few days.

bus changes

If you wish your camper to go home on a bus other than his/her regular one, please call the Camp office at 410.517.3451 on the day of the change, but no later than 2:30 p.m. or noon for Part Day Camp campers. We are able to accommodate nearly all requests made on time via the telephone. **Please do not send email that may not be seen in a timely manner, notes that may be misplaced, or ask the bus counselors, who do not have the authority to change bus assignments.**

address changes

If you will be moving to a different address than the one on record either before the first day of camp or during the summer, please make sure we have that information. If we received address change information after May 1st, even if the camper is previously registered, we may be unable to provide an optimal bus stop.

security form

As part of the camp registration form, you gave us instructions on what options to exercise in the unlikely event that you are unable to personally pick up or meet your camper as expected at the end of the day. A copy of your instructions is carried by the bus counselors. A camper will not be left unattended without your direction and approval.

custody

The camp follows only the directions of the custodial parent(s) and/or legal guardians with respect to issues of parental custody and visitation. In cases of joint custody, the camp requests that all logistical matters be worked out by the parents prior to the summer. **Even if a camper resides at two addresses, there is only one door-to-door stop per camper registration.** Staff members are trained not to release a camper unless given specific instructions to do so by the camp office.

driving to camp

We know that some parents must drive their campers to camp because of unavoidable appointments. If this is ever necessary, you must officially "sign the camper in" at the Gatehouse with the gatekeeper. **Please do not just drop off the camper and drive away; we won't know they're in camp!**

early departures

- a. Parents must phone 410.517.3451 before 2:30 p.m.
- b. **Please do not send an email or a note about this or any other time-sensitive concern. If you do, assume we will never see it and call in addition.**

We will ask for your camper's name, unit, bunk, bus number, and the time you wish to pick up your camper. Please plan to pick up your camper no later than 3:45 p.m. to avoid being blocked in or blocking our buses. We will provide you with the nearest time between activity periods that we can have your child at the Gatehouse. If you arrive without calling ahead, it usually takes us at least a half hour to retrieve a camper from the middle of an activity.

If your camper must ever be picked up early by anyone who is not a member of your household, advance arrangements are required unless the individual is already listed on the Camper Registration Form. To add someone to your approved list, call the camp office in advance. When you pick up your camper, come to the Gatehouse where you will be required to present identification and sign for the release of the camper.

transportation safety rules

It is the parent's responsibility to discuss with the camper the importance of always following our bus safety rules.

1. Stay on the curb or sidewalk until the bus arrives.
2. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before you approach it. Do not walk to the bus until someone comes and escorts you.
3. When crossing a street wait until a bus counselor checks the traffic for you and takes you across the street.
4. If you've missed the bus or if you have forgotten and left something on the bus, never chase after it. We always return labeled found items.
5. Never reach into the street to pick up something you have dropped.
6. Once seated, remain seated unless instructed to do otherwise.
7. Always remain in your seat until the bus has come to a full stop.
8. Talk quietly with your neighbors; use an indoor voice.
9. Keep all parts of your body inside the window at all times, always.
10. Keep all objects inside the bus at all times.
11. Always sit with your back against the seat.
12. Do not sit on your knees or turn around at any time.
13. Gum chewing, eating and drinking are prohibited.
14. Unless a bus counselor says otherwise, go home on your regular bus.
15. Follow all directions from the driver and the bus counselors.

extended day

We offer an adult-supervised Extended Day program to help those of you who have to make special arrangements for your campers after camp. Extended Day option is located at our campsite in Reisterstown, and runs from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. When you pick up your Extended Day camper, you will be required to present identification and sign for the release of the camper. There is a \$1 per minute, per camper late fee after 5:45 p.m. This program is subject to enrollment.

staffing and facilities

Our Health Suite is staffed by registered nurses. We also maintain a consulting relationship with a major pediatric practice in the area. Our staffing also includes one or more First Responders. Additionally, a large number of our general staff are trained in First Aid and CPR. Our Health Suite is centrally located between the pool and lake and is air-conditioned.

health procedures

We give close attention in our Health Suite to all actual or potential injuries as well as sudden illness. However, please do not send a sick camper to camp. If our on-site Director of Health and Safety feels an injury or illness should be handled by a parent and/or a physician, we follow this order of procedures:

1. Call to parent(s) at home and/or at work.
2. Call to emergency numbers you listed on the camp application.
3. Call to the physician you listed on the camp application.
4. Call to whoever is covering for your physician.
5. Call a physician of our choice only if we cannot reach any of the above.

sun and skin protection

We recognize the importance of protecting our campers from the elements as much as possible. We encourage all campers to wear a hat. Campers play in the shade whenever practical, and most of our activity areas are under cover. We suggest that you apply sunscreen to your camper before he/she leaves home and that you enclose the sunscreen in his/her swim bag so it can be reapplied during the day, either by the camper or his counselor. The American Camp Association requires we inform you to use a SPF greater than 15 and we agree. We recommend SPF30.

Sometimes, even after lotion is applied, some campers still get "pink" from the sun. We strongly encourage each camper to wear a wide-brimmed hat at all times. Also, some campers may choose to wear a shirt in the pool and/or while boating on the lake.

Prior to participation in Outdoor Adventure, Nature, and Survival Skills activities in the woods, campers are sprayed with insect repellent such as Off.

inclement weather

Since all activity areas have either an indoor or covered space, campers follow a near regular schedule if it's just drizzling. If rain is torrential, the instructors come to the campers who are sheltered in either bunkhouses or covered program facilities. If rain persists for hours, campers will be sheltered in the Bathhouse, Ulam, or Theatre and G or PG movies may be shown.

bathroom hygiene

It is mandatory that all campers attending Beth Tfiloh Camps in Reisterstown must be properly potty trained to attend camp. Our staff are not trained or expected to “clean up” campers; the camper must be able to attend to their own toilet needs and personal hygiene.

medications

A doctor’s form for all prescription drugs your camper will need to take while at camp, including EpiPens, is mandated by State law.

This form is available on our website under “Registration Material”. All medications and accompanying forms should not be put in the camper’s backpack but instead should be given to the bus counselor.

epipen

Beth Tfiloh Camps has EpiPens in key areas on premises and at least one certified RN ready for immediate response. The RN has a golf cart permanently assigned to the Health Suite to expedite response time. Should you wish to furnish a personal EpiPen you are free to do so, however, please understand that camp is not responsible for replacing the pen should it become damaged or not make it back home at the end of the summer. Understanding the previous disclaimer, a personal EpiPen may be stored in the Health Suite or carried by the camper’s counselor. Please notify the camp in writing as to your preference.

kashrut, allergies, and sharing food

All food items served or distributed by the camp are always strictly kosher. With consideration to those who keep kosher or to those who have food allergies, we prohibit sharing of food items at all times. **Please note we are not a peanut or allergen free camp.**

lunch from home

Lunch should be sent in a disposable bag with your camper's name and bunk written on the bag. Lunches are kept refrigerated at camp. Although we provide a kosher pareve (neither dairy nor meat) beverage, you may include a favorite beverage in your camper's lunch as long as it is not in a glass bottle or a can with a metal pull-off top. Please be sure your camper can independently open any food packaging. To ensure as little food as possible is wasted, avoid overpacking. Camp is not able to provide a means for returning food home.

You may pack a dairy or a meat lunch, but to be sensitive to the kosher dietary laws of the camp, please do not mix both or send foods obviously not kosher.

hot lunch

A kosher lunch is prepared and delivered by Eden Café five days a week. Lunch includes a kosher entrée, chips, fruit, and beverage. Registration is by the day. Orders must be placed by Wednesday of the week prior to the week when you want lunch. We offer no alternate menu items and though no nut products are used in the menu, we cannot guarantee the hot lunch is nut free. On Friday, an additional pizza slice is available for \$2 and must be purchased at the time you place your lunch order.

snack

Our kosher afternoon snack is almost always a cold, frozen confection. It is served during the late afternoon, just when a cold snack feels terrific! On every Wednesday and Friday we serve a dairy snack. If you observe the laws of kashrut, please pack only dairy for lunch on these days.

late stay dinner

At each late stay a kosher cookout dinner is served, including but not limited to, a kosher hamburger and roll, salad with dressing, chips, and a beverage. If your camper does not eat food of this style, or has other dietary needs, you may send dinner for the camper in a separate brown bag marked with the camper's unit and bunk, and the word "DINNER" to distinguish it from the camper's lunch. Camp is unable to heat items brought from home. **We offer no alternative menu items.** However, campers who pack a brown bag dinner are still welcome to enjoy chips, a kosher beverage or any other menu item they are comfortable eating.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
23 week one open house, 10 am to noon varsity: baseball jv: basketball	24 opening day, summer:2019	25	26	27 unit daled and hay combined late stay, ends at 7:30 p.m.	28 show
30 week two varsity: baseball jv: soccer	1 july	2 wear the oldest "retro" bt camps shirt you or your family has to camp	3 senior camp late stay, ends at 7:30 p.m.	4 camp is closed in observance of independence day	5 water day
7 week three varsity: basketball jv: football	8	9	10 super hero day	11 5,6,7,8 survival camp overnight	12 show
14 week four varsity: basketball or lacrosse jv: baseball	15	16	17	18	19 carnival
21 week five varsity: football jv: basketball	22 random picture of beaker on the calendar 	23	24 rockstar day theatre camp show night 1	25 theatre camp show night 2	26 wacky olympics
28 week six varsity: football jv: soccer	29 color war!?!	30 color war!?!	31 color war!?!	1 august color war!?! 5,6,7,8 survival overnight	2 color war!?! variety show!?! israel day!?!
4 week seven varsity: soccer, or golf, or tennis jv: football	5 color war!?!	6 color war!?!	7 color war!?!	8 color war!?!	9 color war!?! variety show!?! wacky olympics!?!
11 week eight varsity: soccer, or golf, or tennis jv: baseball	12	13	14 sports jersey day	15	16 closing day closing day festivus maximus

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