

nursery camp manual 2020

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a note from the director

Welcome to Beth Tfiloh Camps! We are thrilled that you have decided to send your child to our camp this year. We have a lot of exciting things planned this year, but the success of our camp relies on our relationship with your family. This Nursery Camp Manual will answer many of your questions about the camp and how it will function this summer. Let us know if you have any further questions and we will be happy to answer them.

Our commitment to you and your children is extremely important. If your child's summer camp experience doesn't meet your camper's expectations or needs, let us know. Please feel comfortable calling to discuss your experience at camp, negative or positive. Your feedback allows us to continue to make BT Camps "a great place for kids to grow."

Thank you for choosing Beth Tfiloh Camps for the summer of 2020.

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 child in particular. To contact Nursery Camp, please call the Nursery Camp office at 410.413.2500 or call the Beth Tfiloh Camps main campsite in Reisterstown, at 410.517.3451. Note that counselors are unavailable to talk on the phone during the camp day.

contacting us by email

We welcome questions and comments by email. To reach the Nursery Camp Director, please write to gpincever@btfiloh.org. If you have a question about Beth Tfiloh Camps in Reisterstown, email mail@btcamps.org. Because we're so busy making sure campers are having a great summer, please allow 48 hours for email replies. **For urgent matters, call us.**

newsletter

A Nursery Camp newsletter will be sent home with your camper every Friday. In addition, visit the electronic website at btcamps.org to view camp photos.

important camp dates



Nursery Camp will hold an Open House at Old Court Road from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 21. Please note the date and time are subject to change. You will be able to tour the facility and meet your child's counselors and the Nursery Camp Director.

Camp will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day and on Thursday, July 30 for Tisha B'Av

camp location

Nursery Camp is held in the preschool area of Beth Tfiloh's Lower School.

summer visits to camp

We have an open door policy on visiting the camp. But, due to the age of the Nursery Camp camper we do request that parents minimize the amount of time that is spent at the school, as it can upset the other campers whose parent is not at the school.

directions to camp

1. Take I-695 to EXIT 22, Greenspring Avenue. Be in the rightmost left turn lane.
2. Make a LEFT onto Greenspring Avenue.
3. Make a RIGHT onto Old Court Road.
4. Make a RIGHT onto the Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School West Entrance
5. Drive up the road into the Lower School parking lot.

billing and accounts

All questions about fees and account balances should be directed to the Sherri Fox at 410.413.2208 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday or before noon on Friday. No child may attend camp until all fees have been paid in full. Tuition balances are due in full by April 15. After April 15, all tuition payments must be in the form of cash, cashier's check, money order, or credit card. No personal checks will be accepted.

lunch

All Nursery Campers will eat lunch at camp. Send a dairy lunch with your child clearly marked with your camper's name.

Beth Tfiloh School and Nursery Camp require that the lunch you send must be peanut-free. On Fridays a pizza lunch is served, but of course you can send lunch if your child would prefer. For concerns about potential allergens please contact the camp to obtain a vendor list of where we procure our products. There is no sharing of food at camp.

As part of the Friday Kabbalat Shabbat program, challah will be served to each camper.

what is a bunk?

At Beth Tfiloh Camps, a bunk indicates a group of children that have a common program, age, grade or leadership. Each bunk has one Head Counselor who is a teacher and one additional Counselor who is either a college student or a high school upperclassman.

bunk assignments

Campers are bunked according to the class, grade, or grouping the camper will enter for the 2020 school year. Your bunk requests help determine the makeup of each bunk. Your child will be placed with at least one of the two choices you requested on your registration form. About a week before the beginning of the camping season, expect to receive notification of your child's bunk assignment. This information will be printed on a luggage tag to be attached to your child's backpack.

typical camp clothing

Campers should come to camp wearing a bathing suit under their clothing. Towels and water shoes should be brought to camp each day along with a plastic bag. If your camper wears diapers please bring wipes and diapers in a labeled bag to be left at the camp. Campers must wear rubber-soled shoes every day so as to provide solid footing. We strongly suggest sneakers. Sandals and "heelines" are prohibited, and crocs can be worn for water play only.

Provide a full change of clothing for your child, to remain at camp for the entire summer unless soiled. Include a sweatshirt or sweater in case of a change in weather and a smock or shirt to be used as necessary during Arts and Crafts. Pack these items in a labeled zip-topped bag and bring it to the Open House on June 23. All clothing worn to camp or left in camp should be clearly labeled with the child's name.

morning drop-off

In the morning you may bring your camper to his/her classroom. Please do not park your car in the carpool lane. Campers should not arrive before 9 a.m. as the camp staff has to prepare for the camp day.

Remember as you approach the building that you are in a parking lot and cars will be coming and going.

afternoon pick-up

We ask all parents to park your cars and come to the school entrance to get your camper at the end of their camp day. All campers will be brought to the school entrance for dismissal. Please be prompt at pick-up.

To enhance the camper's feeling of security, make certain that each camper is familiar with each driver in his/her carpool before the camp season begins. **Campers will only be released to those adults listed on your registration form who are allowed to pick up your child.**

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 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.

our program

Our program will include a variety of activities such as physical play, Arts and Crafts, Singing, Nature, and Jewish culture. Camp is not at all like a nursery school. The program is interactive, outdoors, and activity oriented. Expect to see your child active and immersed in programming, not simply receiving “daycare.” We use indoor rooms primarily for programming during bad weather. We consider the room a “home base,” or a “bunk house” to use a camp term.

What sets Beth Tfiloh Camps’ Nursery Camp apart from the competition are the resources we share with the Day Camp in Reisterstown. Campers will receive the same high quality instruction during activities that the older campers receive. Every day instructional staff from Reisterstown will visit Nursery Camp. With many campers coming year after year to our Day Camp, we know parents will be happy with the quality and variety of programming these experienced instructors provide.

For those of you new to Beth Tfiloh Camps, we’d like you to know that all instructors are certified teachers in the activity they lead.

sample activity schedule

Each day a different activity area instructor will visit Nursery Camp. Below we’ve provided a sample of this schedule. In addition, every Friday campers have Kabbalat Shabbat. The particular days each instructor will visit will be determined close to the start of camp. You will receive a program schedule for your camper’s bunk prior to the start of camp.

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
dance	nature	singing	arts and crafts	sports

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