

CamperQuest 2010

incentive grants for Jewish camping

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An actor... a baseball player... a rock climber...
a soccer star... an artist...
a scholar... a friend... a sailor...
a singer... a hiker...
a proud Jew...

Imagine your child at camp.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington has a limited number of incentive grants for local youth to participate in 2, 3, and 4 week sessions at select Jewish camps.

- Children participating in an overnight Jewish educational camp for the first time
- Grants of \$1,000 for 3 and 4-week campers
- Grants of \$250 for 2-week campers
- Must currently be in grades 2-7 and live in the Greater Washington D.C. area

For questions or to receive the online application hyperlink, call (301) 348-7330 or email camperquest@ShalomDC.org

Online applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Limited funding is available, so submit your application as early as possible.

Sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, the United Jewish Endowment Fund, and the Foundation for Jewish Camp.

CamperQuest is designed to engage children in Jewish life. Grants will be awarded to public or secular private school students. The Jewish Federation supports students in Jewish day schools with allocations directed to their school to offset tuition.

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Camp can be all of these things for your son or daughter and so much more. For thousands of youth each summer, overnight camp offers new experiences, new friendships, a way to build self-confidence, and opportunities to grow.

For these reasons, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, the United Jewish Endowment Fund, and the Foundation for Jewish Camp* want to help you give your son or daughter a lifetime of memories by providing him/her with a powerful Jewish summer experience at overnight camp.

Youth living in the Greater Washington DC area and who participate for the first-time at an approved Jewish educational overnight summer camp (list follows) will be eligible to receive an incentive grant toward their tuition. Funds will be forwarded directly to the camp and then the camp will reimburse you.

- Grants of \$1,000 are available to children participating in 3 and 4-week camp sessions.
- Grants of \$250 are available to children participating in 2-week camp sessions.
- Applications should be submitted online and will be accepted on a rolling basis.
- Limited funding is available, so submit your application as soon as possible.

FAMILIES SHOULD APPLY TO CAMPS SEPARATELY AS THEY FILL UP QUICKLY. DO NOT WAIT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT YOUR GRANT BEFORE YOU APPLY TO CAMP.

Applications are not based on financial need. No previous Jewish involvement is necessary. Participants need not be members of a synagogue or JCC. At least one parent must be Jewish.

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Please contact Rachel Anolik with questions at 301/348-7330 or at camperquest@shalomdc.org.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

*The Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC) is the only public organization dedicated solely to nonprofit Jewish overnight camps. FJC employs a variety of strategies toward a single goal: to increase the number of children in Jewish summer camps. FJC works with more than 150 camps, 70,000 campers, and 10,000 counselors across North America to further its mission.

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GUIDELINES

- ✧ Incentive grants must be used only for an experience at an eligible Jewish educational overnight camp (one of the camps listed below).
- ✧ Campers must never have attended any of these camps before or any other Jewish Movement camp.
- ✧ Is designed to engage children in Jewish life. Grants will be awarded to public or secular private school students. (The Jewish Federation supports students in Jewish day schools with allocations directed to their school to offset tuition.)
- ✧ Incentive grants must be used for at least a 2, 3, or 4 week session. Grant amounts differ, based on length of the camp session.
- ✧ Applicants should currently be in grades 2-7.
- ✧ Families must be residents of counties served by The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.
- ✧ At least one parent of the camp participant must be Jewish.
- ✧ Families must agree to participate in the program. (This involves the completion of surveys and other communication with the Jewish Federation.)

ELIGIBLE CAMPS CLOSE TO THE WASHINGTON D.C. AREA

(For additional information about these camps, please see the enclosed "Guide to Washington Jewish Identity Camps")

- ✧ Capital Camps – Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
- ✧ B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp – Starlight, Pennsylvania
- ✧ Camp Harlam (URJ) – Kunkletown, Pennsylvania
- ✧ Camp JRF (JRF) – South Sterling, Pennsylvania
- ✧ Camp Judaea (Hadassah/Young Judaea) – Hendersonville, North Carolina
- ✧ Camp Moshava (B'nei Akiva) – Honesdale, Pennsylvania
- ✧ Camp Moshava (Habonim) – Street, Maryland
- ✧ Camp Ramah in New England (Ramah/JTS) – Palmer, Massachusetts

To find out more on Jewish camping, please go to: www.jewishcamp.org.

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GUIDE TO WASHINGTON JEWISH IDENTITY CAMPS

Factual information supplied by the camps. Please contact camps for updated information.

The Jewish Federation cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the information.

Please see www.jewishcamp.org for additional information about Jewish camping.

ACA stands for American Camping Association.

(PLEASE CONTACT THE CAMP WINTER OFFICES FOR APPLICATIONS & INFORMATION.)

Capital Camps

Director: Mr. Jon Shapiro

E-mail: jon@capitalcamps.org

Winter Office:

11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 407

Rockville, MD 20852

Tel: (301) 468-2267

Toll free: (866) 430-2267

Fax: (301) 468-1719

Dietary Laws: Glatt Kosher under supervision

Tours Available: Yes; By appointment

Non-denominational

(Partner Agency of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington)

Web Site: www.capitalcamps.org

Summer Address:

12750 Buchanan Trail East

Waynesboro, PA 17268

Tel: (717) 794-2177

Fax: (717) 794-5789

ACA Member: Yes

Session Options:

2, 3, 4 and 7 weeks

5 day Family Camp

5 day Intro to camp program

The Jewish Community Overnight Camp of the DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia areas. Providing quality Jewish camping in a warm nurturing environment for over 20 years. Located one hour from D.C. Operating programs for campers grades 3 through 10: Benjamin Village (grades 3-5), Reich Village (grades 6-7), Kaufmann Village (grade 8-9), & Macks Village (grade 10). Options include: 2 week "Introductory" program for grades 3-5; Special Needs program. Facilities are exceptional (having been completely reconstructed) and include cabins with bathrooms, aquatics complex (heated with two 40' water flumes, beach entry and more), Arts & Theatre Building, ropes challenge course (with 2 challenge towers and zip lines), tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, two large indoor pavilions, softball field, farm, gaga pit, frisbee golf, 2 lakes, and much more. Activities include sports, swimming, fishing, boating, archery, radio, video, mime, drama, fencing, arts & crafts, Jewish environmental education, outdoor adventure programs, trips, and more. Judaic theme and programming balanced with outstanding recreational activities. Staff is chosen for their love and their enthusiasm as well as their appropriateness as Jewish role models. Jewish Community Center Association affiliated. Glatt Kosher Food Service under the supervision of the Washington Rabbinic Council. American Camp Association Accredited.

B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp

Director: Lewis Sohinki

E-mail: lewis@perlmancamp.org

Winter Office:

4 Professional Drive, Suite 122

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Tel: (301) 977-0050

Fax: (301) 977-0051

Dietary Laws: Kosher

Tours Available: Yes; Spring, Summer, Fall

Sundays & Weekdays

For over 50 years, children have been coming to Perlman Camp for the ultimate camp experience! Located on 400 spectacular acres in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Northeastern PA, we offer, 2, 3, 4 and 7 week programs for boys and girls entering grades 3-11. Our wide variety of activities, spectacular setting and experience of community living are only surpassed by the life-long friendships that are established here each year. Athletics, aquatics, visual and performing arts, outdoor adventure and media combine within a warm family atmosphere to create a summer of friendship, activity, learning and fun. Kosher; Professionally Staffed Health Center; ACA Accredited.

Non-denominational

Web Site: www.perlmancamp.org

Summer Address:

661 Rose Hill Road

Lake Como, PA 18437

Tel: (570) 798-2744

Fax: (570) 798-2988

ACA Member: Yes

Session Options: 2, 3, 4 and 7 weeks

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URJ Harlam Camp Institute

Director: Rabbi Frank DeWoskin

E-mail: campharlam@urj.org

Winter Office:

1511 Walnut Street, Suite 401

Philadelphia, PA 19102

Tel: (215) 563-8184

Fax: (215) 563-1549

Dietary Laws: Kosher Style

Tours Available: Yes; Weekends

URJ (Reform)

Web Site: <http://harlam.urjcamp.org/>

Summer Address:

R.R. # 1, Box 1945

Kunkletown, PA 18058

Tel: (570) 629-1390

Fax: (570) 629-4815

ACA Member: Yes

Session Options: 2, 4 and 8 weeks

For more than 50 years, URJ Camp Harlam, nestled in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains, has provided meaningful Reform Jewish camp experiences to generations of Jewish children and their families. Its highly skilled staff is dedicated to ensuring all facets of campers' well being – spiritual, physical, social and psychological – and to maintaining a strong tradition of excellence and success. With an amazing facility, Camp Harlam has Visual and Performing Arts, Adventure, Athletics, Swimming, Special Programming, Jewish life and so much more.

Habonim Dror Camp Moshava

Director: Jennafer Curran

E-mail: Naffer@CampMosh.org

Registrar: Tammy Schmidt

E-mail: Tammy@CampMosh.org

Info@CampMosh.org

Winter Office:

1001 South Belgrade Road

Silver Spring, MD 20902

(800) 454-2205

(301) 593-7533

Habonim Dror (Zionist)

Web Site: www.CampMosh.org

Summer Address:

615 Cherry Hill Road

Street, MD 21154

Tel: (410) 893-7079

Dietary Laws: Kashrut observed.

Act as own mashgiach.

Tours Available: Yes; Early June, prior to opening

ACA Member: Yes

Session Options: 2, 4, and 8 weeks

Habonim Dror Camp Moshava is a nonprofit camp for boys and girls ages 9 to 15 (entering 4th grade). Camp Moshava is sponsored by the Habonim Dror youth movement and is affiliated with Na'amat USA and the Labor Zionist Alliance. Our philosophy is inspired by the ideals of the kibbutz in Israel. We stress sharing, inclusiveness, creativity, and responsibility to the community. Each child is respected for his/her uniqueness. Campers come away from their Moshava experience with heightened self-esteem and a new Moshava family of friends. An atmosphere of love for the Hebrew language is created through our informal education program. Hebrew is part of the daily camp routine. In this way, Hebrew becomes an important and natural part of each camper's life.

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B'nei Akiva Camp Moshava

Director: Mr. Alan Silverman
E-mail: office@moshava.org

Winter Office:

520 Eighth Avenue
15th Floor
New York, NY 10018
Tel: (212) 465-9021
Fax: (212) 216-9578

Dietary Laws: Glatt Kosher

Tours Available: Yes; Summer, by appointment

B'nei Akiva (Orthodox)

Web Site: www.moshava.org

Summer Address:

245 Navajo Road
Honesdale, PA 18431
Tel: (570) 253-4271
Fax: (570) 253-9576

ACA Member: Yes

Session Options: 4 or 8 weeks

Camp Moshava is an Orthodox, Zionist, coeducational camp. Located in the Poconos, Moshava serves 800 3rd-9th grade campers, mainly from the East Coast. Many of our college-age staff have studied for a year in Israel. We also recruit staff from Israel from a wide variety of backgrounds. Camp Moshava is in the business of education. We utilize a variety of formal and informal techniques to teach Torah, Jewish thought, Jewish values, and Jewish history. We specialize in experiential activities, unique to Jewish camping, that teaches about and develops a love for Israel. Camp Moshava provides the full gamut of sports, with a special focus on the outdoors and an appreciation of nature.

Camp Judaea

Director: Ms. Sandra Bass
E-mail: sandra@campjudaea.org
Information: info@campjudaea.org

Winter Office:

2700 Northeast Expressway, Suite C-500
Atlanta, GA 30345
Tel: (800) 788-1567
Fax: (404) 325-2743

Dietary Laws: Kosher

Tours Available: Yes; Year-round

Hadassah (Zionist)

Web Site: www.campjudaea.org

Summer Address:

48 Camp Judaea Lane
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tel: (828) 685-8841
Fax: (828) 685-8840

ACA Member: Yes

Session Options: 2, 4, 8 weeks

Camp Judaea, for campers ages 8 to 14, is located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Each unit offers a fund program focusing on Judaism, Zionism, and appreciation of nature, highlighted by Shabbat. Campers engage in many activities, including horseback riding, arts and crafts, swimming, ropes course, music, soccer, drama, tennis, canoeing, dancing, field trips, and color war. We strive to create a family atmosphere in which all experience growth as individuals and as part of a larger group. Camp Judaea was founded in 1961.

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Camp JRF

Director: Rabbi Isaac Saposnik
E-mail: isaposnik@jrf.org
Information: info@campjrf.org

Winter Office:

101 Greenwood Avenue
Suite 430
Jenkintown, PA 19046
Tel: (877) CAMP-JRF (877-226-7573)
Fax: (215) 885-5603
Dietary Laws: Kosher by ingredients
Tours Available: Yes; By appointment

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (Reconstructionist)

Web Site: www.campjrf.org

Summer Address:

1 Pine Grove Road
South Sterling, PA 18460
Tel: (570) 676-9291
Fax: (570) 676-9172

ACA Member: Yes

Session Options: 2, 3, 4 or 7 weeks

Located in the majestic Pocono Mountains, Camp JRF is the place to be for a summer of friends, sports, arts, nature, and positive Jewish learning. We are the only Jewish Reconstructionist overnight camp. Our caring staff supervises a progressive program that includes athletics, waterfront activities, arts-and-crafts, performing arts, a challenge course, outdoor travel and camping trips, and much more! Campers discover what it means to be Jewish in modern society through engaging and experiential programs. We have campers entering 3rd through 12th grades; entering 11th graders participate in an Israel travel program; entering 12th graders finish the camp experience with a leader-in-training program that involves significant social action components.

Camp Ramah in New England

Director: Rabbi Ed Gelb
E-mail: edg@campramahne.org

Winter Office:

2 Commerce Way
Norwood, MA 02062
Tel: (781) 702-5290
Fax: (781) 702-5239
Dietary Laws: Kosher, under supervision
Tours Available: Yes; summer, particularly Sundays

Ramah/JTS (Conservative)

Web Site: www.campramahne.org

Summer Address:

39 Bennett Street
Palmer, MA 01069
Tel: (413) 283-9771
Fax: (413) 283-6661
ACA Member: Yes
Session Options: 2, 4, or 8 weeks

Camp Ramah in New England is a non-profit educational camp located in Palmer, Massachusetts, which operates under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary. As the camping arm of the Conservative movement, Ramah has been providing innovative summer camping programs to Jewish youth for over 50 years. At Ramah, young people have fun while developing skills, strong friendships that last a lifetime, and a Jewish identity that enables them to become active, contributing members of their family and community. Ramah includes campers ages 7-16 or current school grades 2nd - 10th.

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CHOOSING A JEWISH CAMP

It's probably the most valuable experience... Often kids who don't have another Jewish experience are attracted to Judaism in college because of their camp experiences.

Dr. Eduardo Rauch, co-director, Melton Center

It is no accident that one out of three leaders in the American Jewish community attach their commitment to Judaism to Jewish overnight camp. The memories that come from late nights talking in bunks, Shabbat services outdoors, and spending time in nature, away from the bustle of regular life, last a lifetime.

And camp offers so much more than just these experiences. Summer camps provide a safe place for children to try new experiences, strengthen their self esteem and confidence, and meet new people and make new friends. These are not just byproducts of a fun summer; they are the goals of a quality camping experience.

Jewish camps do this and more; they allow children to explore Jewish culture, religion and history in an engaging, experiential way that is relevant to the children's lives. Although Jewish overnight camps range widely in the amount of Jewish activity that occurs, in all of the camps Judaism is fun, exciting, and a positive part of the learning process.

Choosing a camp can seem challenging. There are important questions to ask of the camp and your family that will help determine what kind of camp is appropriate for your child and family.

These questions include:

1. How many campers are at camp during a session? How large are the units and the bunks? What is the camper/counselor ratio? In what size camp might your child thrive?
2. What skills would you like your child to learn at camp? Sports, arts, nature? What skills will a camper leave camp with? What is the camp's program emphasis?
3. What is the camp's Jewish program? How does the camp teach about Judaism? Do you want your child to be in a camp that emphasizes Israel or one movement of Judaism? Do you want your child to be with children from varied Jewish backgrounds or with Jewish children with similar observance levels?
4. How does the camp handle the special needs of campers?
5. Who is the camp's staff? What is their average age and level of experience? Are they camp alumni? What percentage of the staff is Jewish?
6. What is the camp's range of programs? Can your child be a part of this camp in the future?

For additional assistance in participating in summer camp, please see the following web sites:

www.jewishcamp.org www.acacamps.org

Each has an area designed specifically for parents and campers that will provide further information about choosing a camp and helping your child feel comfortable once at camp.