



Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps

Camp Hess Kramer • Gindling Hilltop Camp

2010 Session Information & Registration



Dear Camp Family,

Thank you for your interest in our camps! I am very excited that you have taken the first step in enrolling your child(ren) in our camp programs. For more than fifty-five years, Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps have been providing transformative experiences for children at our two Malibu Camps.

We offer many wonderful opportunities for your child to grow and learn new skills in a safe and caring environment. Our program is well rounded and offers a wide range of activities, with skilled staff and instructors working in each area. Our sports program covers virtually every land sport including softball, soccer, archery, ropes course, and tennis. The arts component of our camps offers drama, dance, music and crafts making. All facets of camp occur in a strong Jewish environment that allows campers to learn and explore.

The true strength of our camps reside in our unending commitment to provide your child with a safe place to explore who they are and connect to their history, culture and religion. Through our daily activities we excel at fostering a special sense of community. Each and every camper is our priority, and our exceptional staff ensures that campers are actively engaged and connected with a group of friends.

Thank you for taking the time to explore our camps. If you have any questions we would love to hear from you.

B'Shalom

Douglas Lynn
Director

Frequently Asked Questions

What is your camping philosophy?

Our camps are designed to help Jewish youth develop personal identity and self-esteem, build relationships, learn Judaism, have fun and increase their commitment to their families, synagogues and communities. Judaism is not just a programming device—it is our essence and defines our daily pattern. Prayer is a component. Meals are blessed. Many of our songs are in Hebrew or have Jewish content. Our creative arts reflect our culture.

What if my child doesn't attend 'formal' Jewish Education?

The beauty of camp is that everyone feels comfortable. Our campers come from a wide variety of Jewish backgrounds—from day schools, two-night-a-week religious school, or none at all. At our camps, all Jewish practice feels natural. We are very aware of diverse backgrounds and ensure that our programming is appropriate and accessible to everyone.

Which camp is right for my child?

The size and setting of Gindling Hilltop Camp (GHC) and Camp Hess Kramer (CHK) are quite different. This directly affects each camp's culture and community. CHK is set in the valley right off the beach, while GHC is high atop the mountain overlooking the Pacific Ocean. GHC has about 120 campers and CHK has 260. If you're looking for an intimate setting for your child where they'll know every other camper, then GHC is for you. At GHC, evening programs are shared by the entire camp community and meals are open seating, so campers can sit with different friends at every meal. If your child prefers a bigger group setting, consider CHK. At CHK, campers sit with their cabins at meals and evening programs are with their age group exclusively. At both camps, the ratio of campers to staff, the food, and the activities are the same (although only CHK has tennis). Many campers have experienced both camps over several summers.

Where do campers come from?

Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp are a community service of Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Most campers come from the greater Los Angeles area, with significant numbers from San Diego, Orange County, Arizona, Las Vegas, and Northern California. Campers come from more than sixty-five different congregations from all over North America.

Camper Registration Facts and Worksheet

Choose your session from the chart below. Find more information on camp sessions in your camp brochure or call the camp office.

Mark your selection and options on this handy worksheet and transfer items to the Registration form opposite. Your actual Total Due will be on your invoice sent by mail.

Both camper and parent must sign the registration form where indicated and your deposit of \$350 must be enclosed. Save this sheet for your reference.

What happens if my child is homesick?

Our staff training focuses on understanding the child's feelings in the first twenty-four hours and how that time affects the rest of the camper's experience. Our counselors know how important it is to listen to campers' concerns while still encouraging them to participate fully. The more time the camper spends doing things they've never done before, the less they think about home. But don't worry, they won't forget about their parents!

What kind of food is served at camp?

Campers love our food! We're proud that our food service is run by a Certified Executive Chef graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. We're constantly updating our menu, and meals are healthy, plentiful and full of options (including vegetarian and lactose intolerant). Meals are "Kosher style" - we don't serve pork or shellfish nor mix milk and meat. We don't serve Kosher meat and we maintain only one set of dishes and cookware.

What about financial aid? How can we qualify?

We strive to make camp available for all. Need-based Camperships are provided through a separate application. As part of the program, we partner with parents, other Temples, Federations, and organizations to ensure participation. Campers and staff don't know who attends on Campership. To receive a Campership Application, please indicate on your registration form. If you're able, please consider donating to the Campership Fund to make camp possible for many others!

Can we visit camp before we enroll?

Each year, we hold Open Houses / Camp Tours. Please join us on December 6, 2009, January 24, 2010 or February 21, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and we'll be happy to show you our facilities and answer your questions. Call the camp office to reserve a spot.

Is Camp Fun?

Absolutely!!!! Camp is the best experience you can give your children. They get to enjoy all sorts of sports, adventure programming, arts and they'll make the best friends of their lives. Remember, we're always happy to answer your questions. Please feel free to email us at info@wbtcamps.org or call (213) 388-2401. We look forward to serving you this summer.

Camp Session Fee (from chart below): \$ _____
 Wilshire Blvd. Temple Member Discount 10%: \$ - _____
 Surfing CHUG (elective) Fee \$450: \$ + _____
 Family Discount for each additional child \$75: \$ - _____
 Apply discount(s) to the Campership Fund: \$ ± _____
 Additional Donation to Campership Fund: \$ ± _____
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Camper Sessions at a Glance

Camp Hess Kramer					
Session	Entering Grades	Dates	Days	Fee	Cash Fee
Session 1					
Rishonim	3rd-7th	06/23/10 - 07/11/10	19	\$ 2,890.00	\$ 2,850.00
Genesis	3rd-7th	06/23/10 - 06/30/10	8	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,330.00
Kadimah	3rd-7th	06/30/10 - 07/11/10	12	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,900.00
Session 2					
Hineni	7th	07/14/10 - 08/08/10	26	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
Havurah	8th	07/14/10 - 08/08/10	26	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
Kehillah	9th	07/14/10 - 08/08/10	26	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
Leadership	10th	07/14/10 - 08/08/10	26	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
Session 3					
Maccabiah	3rd-9th	08/11/10 - 08/22/10	12	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,900.00

Gindling Hilltop Camp					
Session	Entering Grades	Dates	Days	Fee	Cash Fee
Session 1					
Halutzim	7th-9th	06/23/10 - 07/18/10	26	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
Mitzvah	10th	06/23/10 - 07/18/10	26	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,900.00
Session 2					
Vatikim	3rd-7th	07/21/10 - 08/08/10	19	\$ 2,890.00	\$ 2,850.00
Noar	3rd-7th	07/21/10 - 08/01/10	12	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,900.00
Tsofim	3rd-7th	08/01/10 - 08/08/10	8	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,330.00
CHK & GHC: CIT		06/21/10 - 08/08/10	48	\$ 2,625.00	



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One form per child. Complete this side of form. Parent and child must read and sign on reverse. Detach and mail with your deposit payment to: Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, 3663 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90010-2798 Or fax to (213) 388-2595.

Camper Information

Camper Name _____ Email _____ Boy Girl
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

Child's Birthdate ____/____/____ Child previously at our summer camps? No Yes If yes, CHK GHC Years _____

Child's School _____ Public Private School School Grade in Fall 2010 ____
 Wilshire Boulevard Temple Member (10% Discount)

Name of Temple _____ City _____ State _____

Camper requests to be in the same bunk as (please limit to two requests):

1) _____ 2) _____

Cabin assignment by grade in school and at final discretion of camp director. Requests will be honored where possible, but not guaranteed.

Family Information

First Contact Parent or Guardian _____ Maiden Name _____

(Please note: First Contact parent will receive, and be responsible for, all camp forms, information, billing, and camper welfare)

Street Address _____ E-mail (required) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Second Contact Parent or Guardian _____ Maiden Name _____

Street Address _____ E-mail (required) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Are Parents: Married Divorced Separated Other _____ With Whom does camper reside _____

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Alumni: Parent 1: GHC 19____ to 19____ CHK 19____ to 19____ Camper Staff

Mitzvah 19____ Leadership 19____ Parent 2: GHC 19____ to 19____ CHK 19____ to 19____ Camper Staff

Session Selection

Camp Hess Kramer Rishonim Kadimah Havurah Leadership Genesis Hineni Kehillah Maccabiah Gindling Hilltop Camp Halutzim Vatikim Tsofim Mitzvah Noar

Payment

Check (payable to Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps) enclosed for \$ _____

Charge my Visa MasterCard Discover for \$ _____

Name on Card _____ Phone _____

CC Billing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Acct. No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

\$ 75 FAMILY DISCOUNT for each additional child enrolled from the same family.

My other child is enrolled in _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Child's I.D. _____ Mail I.D. _____ Billing I.D. _____

- Please send a Campership application packet
- Please have a Camp Director contact us to discuss special family needs/circumstances

Select all that apply:

- Surfing CHUG (elective)
- Please apply my discounts to the Campership Fund (Wilshire Boulevard Temple Member, Family, Cash Payment)
- Additional donation to the Campership Fund \$ _____
Total Amount Due will be reflected on your invoice.

Camper Behavior Agreement – Summer 2010

Camp is about creating a *kehillah kedosha*, a holy community. Every community has standards, and we spend a lot of time at camp working on how we act and how we treat each other. The primary mission of Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps (Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp) is to provide a high-quality Jewish camping program that is safe, fun, and educational. While we provide an excellent staff, program and facilities, each participant in our summer program also bears a number of specific responsibilities:

Standards of Behavior

1. Maintain a drug-free environment (including alcohol and tobacco)
2. Preserve an environment free from violence and physical aggression or threats of any kind.
3. Interact appropriately and respectfully with members of the opposite sex.
4. Refrain from emotional abuse and teasing of any sort.
5. Be in the right place at the right time (which includes staying in your own cabin at night.)
6. Participate fully in the camp programs.
7. Use appropriate language at all times.
8. Keep camp clean and free of any vandalism or graffiti. Campers who disfigure camp property will be charged a fee for cleanup.
9. Listen to and follow the directions of all responsible authorities at camp.
10. Obey all camp rules and procedures.
11. Respect our camp community. Our community and friendships continue even when camp is not in session. We expect the use of the internet throughout the year to reflect the values of our community.
12. Cell phones are not permitted at camp. Cell phones can be lost or stolen and are a barrier to successful camp programming.
13. Dress at camp should reflect our communal value of *tzniut* (modesty). Campers should not wear clothing that is skin tight or revealing. The camp staff may ask campers to change their dress if, in their opinion, it is not camp appropriate.

Always keep in mind the advice of our Jewish sage, Hillel: What is hateful to you, do not do onto others!

We do our best to help campers who have difficulties at camp, and it is our hope that every child leaves camp with a positive experience. However, all campers are ultimately responsible for themselves, and we expect each camper to conform to our Standards of Behavior. If there is a behavioral problem that we cannot resolve at camp we will call the camper's parents. Actions that violate these Standards of Behavior may eventually lead to a camper being asked to leave. The Directors also reserve the right to send any camper home if they determine that any behavior does not conform to the health, safety, or philosophical standards of the camp. Please note that if a camper is sent home for behavioral reasons, no refund will be given.

I understand that attending the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps is a privilege, not a right. I agree to abide by all the Standards of Behavior listed above and understand that I may be sent home early if I fail to do so.

Signature of Camper _____ Date _____

Signature of Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent Registration Agreement – Summer 2010

I HAVE REVIEWED THE ABOVE AGREEMENT WITH MY CHILD, AND HEREBY APPLY FOR ENROLLMENT AND AGREE TO FOLLOWING TERMS:

A deposit of \$350 per session accompanies this application. In the event of cancellation, \$100 of the deposit is non-refundable. No refund of the \$350 deposit will be made after April 1, 2010. Cash discount will be credited on final payment provided Camp fees are paid in full on or before April 30, 2010 by cash or check. The balance of Camp fees are due April 30, 2010. In the event of cancellation after April 1, 2010, 50% of Camp fees is refundable. Cancellation less than two weeks in advance of any camp session will result in forfeiture of fees.

The camps do not accept responsibility of loss, damage to or theft of the camper's property. The camp has blanket permission to transport campers off campgrounds for any and all trips, competitions and events. There are no fee reductions for late arrival or early departure from Camp. A current Camper Health Examination Form, signed by a physician and parent, is required BEFORE any camper arrives at Camp. The Camp Directors may expel a camper for behavior harmful to the Camp Community. Please note that if a camper is sent home for behavioral reasons, no refund will be given.

THE CAMPS DO NOT PERMIT VISITORS. *Campers may not receive food parcels.* The Camp may use photographs and video of campers for public relations purposes, including use on the internet.

It is agreed that any dispute or cause of action arising between the parties, whether out of this agreement or otherwise, can only be brought in the Superior Court located in Los Angeles County and shall be constructed in accordance with the laws of California.

I understand that part of the camping experience involves activities and group interaction that may be new to my child, and that they come with uncertainties beyond what my child may be used to dealing with at home. I am aware of these risks, and I am assuming them on behalf of my child. I realize that no environment is risk-free, and so I have instructed my child on the importance of abiding by the camp's rules. My child and I both agree that he or she is familiar with these rules and will obey them.

Signature of Guardian _____

Date _____