

Swimsuit Policy

URJ Greene Family Camp 2016

At GFC, we believe in teaching our staff and campers the value behind creating a community that allows for freedom to self-express and self-identify. We also believe these expressions contribute to our Jewish community at camp.

As a community, we represent Greene Family Camp, the URJ, the Jewish people, and ourselves as individuals. We have a critical role as exemplars of Jewish values for our campers. One such value, particularly in today's society, is *tzniut*, or modesty in dress. It is important to always keep this in mind when we get dressed every day at camp—for the day, for evening programs, for Shabbat, and for the pool. This year, we want to dive right in to a new way of representing ourselves.

Certain types of clothing and swimwear that have been worn at camp in the past—by both staff members and campers, male and female—are becoming too revealing. Because of this, we want to bring back a sense of *tzniut* in our clothing and swimwear. Being more modest does not necessarily mean that we can't still be stylish or fashion-forward. There is a way to still wear a stylish swimsuit while also being fully comfortable in the water and fully covered at all times.

Here are a few guidelines for the type of swimsuits that you should pack for camp this summer:

Swimsuits for Male Campers/Staff

- Your swimsuit should **fully cover** every intimate body part.
- The shortest length that trunks or board shorts should be is mid-thigh length.
- No speedos.
- No boxers/briefs. Undergarments **do not** “count” as appropriate attire for the pool.

Swimsuits for Female Campers/Staff

- Your swimsuit should **fully cover** every intimate body part.
- Two-piece swimsuits cannot be “triangle” style string bikinis. This means that the top and bottom pieces may not be adjustable by a string that ties through the “triangle” top piece. This also means that there cannot be strings to adjust your bottom piece on your hips.
- Swimsuit bottoms should be one solid piece of fabric; they should not be adjustable.
- The top piece can be a “halter” style tie at the neck, and it can also tie or have a clasp at the back. This “halter” tie should not be adjustable under, or through, the top piece.
- A “bandeau” style is appropriate. The main part of this top piece is one piece of fabric. Often, “bandeau” top pieces are sold with an optional neck strap that can be easily hooked onto the bandeau. The neck strap **should be worn** with a bandeau swimsuit top. For the back, either a tie or a clasp is okay.