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## Attire Policies & Guidelines

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 is *tzniut*, or modesty in dress. Being more modest does not necessarily mean that we can't still be stylish or fashion-forward. 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 camp activities.

At GFC, campers participate in a wide variety of athletic and recreational activities. From sports, swimming, to climbing the Alpine tower, to nature walks, we want to ensure our staff and campers are dressed safely and appropriately so they can fully participate in all our activities. *We want to provide you with comprehensive guidelines, so your camper can get the most out of their summer at camp!*

### **Swimsuits for ALL Campers/Staff:**

Swimming at the lake and at the pool is a highlight of our everyday camp schedule. It is a time for campers/staff to cool off in the water and to participate in water activities that help them develop or learn new swimming and water sports skills. ALL swimsuits must **fully cover** every intimate body part. Undergarments **do not** "count" as appropriate attire for the pool. For campers/staff to fully participate and stay safe, we ask everyone to follow these swimsuit guidelines.

#### **Male Swimsuits:**

No speedos, the shortest length that trunks or board shorts should be mid-thigh length.

#### **Female Swimsuits:**

No string bikinis. Swimsuit bottoms should be one solid piece of fabric; they should not be adjustable. Swimsuit tops can be a "halter" style tie at the neck or have a clasp at the back, but should not be adjustable under, or through the top piece. Swimsuit tops must have shoulder or neck straps. "Bandeau" style tops are appropriate as long as they are worn with neck straps that are sold with the swimsuit. For the back, either a tie or a clasp is okay.

### **Every-day clothing & footwear for ALL Campers/Staff:**

We will ask campers/staff to change out of inappropriate clothing. If clothing is not appropriate for school or synagogue, it is not appropriate at camp. Here are guidelines we ask you to follow:

- Watch messages on clothing. No profanity, ads for tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc.
- Clothing must cover certain body parts at all times. Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric.
- Central Texas is hot and sunny, especially in the summer and we ask campers and staff to wear hats and carry water bottles EVERY DAY for everyone's health and safety. Tops and shirts that cover shoulders and midribs are recommended to help protect from the sun and allow for full participation in activities (i.e. sports, fitness, ropes course, etc.)
- Whether it is dancing at song session or simply sitting on the ground or on wooden benches for programs and activities, it is important that dresses, skirts, and shorts are long enough to cover the buttocks when sitting down or bending over.
- Camp terrain varies and can be uneven. For the safety of all campers/staff, shoes with wheels in the heels, shoes with open backs, or high heel shoes **CAN NOT** be worn. All footwear must attach at the heel. Flip-flops and Crocs can **ONLY** be worn in the bunk.