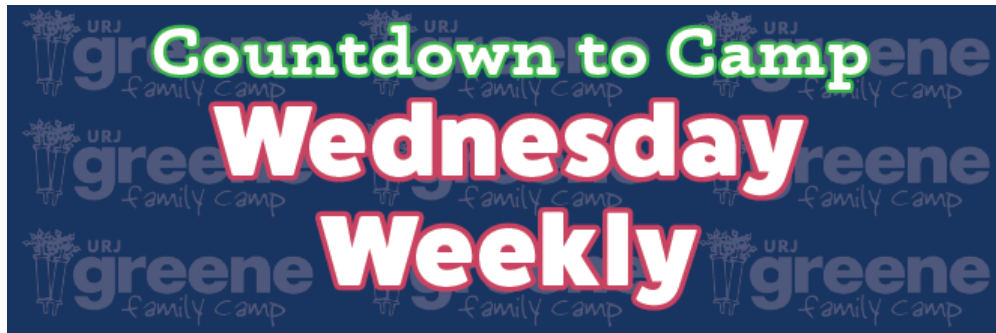


Subject: GFC Wednesday Weekly – 7 Weeks until Summer 2023!



We are another week closer to welcoming your camper to GFC for Summer 2023!

In this week's edition of the Wednesday Weekly, you will find information on:

- Opening Day preview
- Opening Day bus option
- Summer 2023 Packing List
- Forms Reminder
- Our online GFC store
- A preview of next week's email
- Camper Corner: our 2023 staff reveal and returning staff highlights

Opening Day Preview:

We are happy to provide a brief overview of Opening Day 2023 today and will release a more detailed Opening Day document closer to the summer.

Session 1 (and Bonim A) Opening Day: Sunday, June 11

Bonim B Opening Day: Sunday, June 25

Session 2 (and Bonim C) Opening Day: Sunday, July 9

Machar and Shorashim Opening Day: Sunday, July 20

Session 1 and Session 2 Opening Day drop-off will be from 9:00am – 12:00pm, and Bonim B and Machar/Shorashim Opening Day will be from 9:00am-11:00am.

If you are dropping off on June 11 or July 9, you will need to pre-register for your arrival time. Time slots will be from 9:00-9:45, 10:00-10:45, and 11:00-11:45. Time slots will be available on a first-come basis and are now open at the links below:

[Session 1 Opening Day Time Slot Sign-Up](#)

[Session 2 Opening Day Time Slot Sign-Up](#)

If you are dropping off on June 25 or July 20 (or are an Avodah camper), you do not need to pre-register for your arrival time.

Once you arrive on Smith Lane at your designated time, you will begin the drop-off process on the Early Arrival Field. The entrance to the Early Arrival Field will be clearly marked and staff will direct you where to go. Once there, you will be greeted by camp staff and given your check-in form, which will list you camper's bunk assignment, building, and counselors. This form will also be used during each step of our check-in process. The Early Arrival Field will have refreshments, GFC merchandise available for sale (exclusive for on-site purchases; preview coming soon!), and all luggage will be tagged.

You will then be directed to drive through the main camp gate and around Perimeter Road to the back side of our main field. Here, we will divide into two lines- cars with camper medications and cars without camper medications. Every car will meet with a nurse for a medical screening, medication drop off (if applicable), and a check-in form sign-off.

NEW Lice Check Option Every camper must complete a lice screening and be cleared prior to joining their cabin. **This summer we are offering the option to complete your camper's lice check up to 72 hours prior to Opening Day** through a certified, professional lice-checking company of your choice. This is completely optional. If you choose to get a professional lice check off-site, you will need to bring a printed verification from the company to be cleared from our lice check. Without this verification, your camper will still need to complete a lice check at camp. Should you not choose this option, we will have a professional lice-checking company on site who will check your camper for lice. Should lice be found on your camper, you will be contacted in order to clear the lice company to treat your camper and arrange payment directly to the company.

Once medically cleared, you will move forward to luggage drop-off. A staff member will go through a questionnaire with you and your camper to make sure that no prohibited items (see below) have been brought to camp. Luggage will then be transferred from your vehicle to our luggage trailers, and then dropped off at your camper's cabin.

Afterwards, it will be time to move to the camper drop-off zone. Here, you will have the opportunity to step out of your vehicle to say goodbye and take a family photo, as well as drop off any mail or packages (please read our [Package Policy here](#)). Your camper will be greeted by counselors and staff members, brought to lice check (if applicable) or their cabin, and you will then exit camp through the front gate.

NEW Opening Day Reception GFC Camp Committee is excited to invite you to stop by for coffee and pastries off-site after you drop your camper at GFC. Location and details coming soon!

Opening Day Bus:

A few weeks ago, we sent out an Opening Day Bus Survey. Thank you to all the families who completed this survey! Based on the survey results we will be offering one **Opening Day bus from HOUSTON for Session 1 only**. The sign-up for this bus is now available in your [CampInTouch](#) account under Forms & Documents and is available until May 11, or until we reach our bus capacity of 52 campers. The Houston Session 1 Opening Day bus will be available on a first-come basis.

If you intend to send your camper to GFC on the Houston bus on June 11, please read the information about drop-off on the form.

Packing List:

Our Summer 2023 Packing List is now available! You can find the list in your [CampInTouch](#) account under Forms & Documents, as well as on our website [here](#). *For Machar campers, a specialized packing list will be sent in the coming weeks.

All items brought to camp should be labeled with your camper's first and last name. We have partnered with [Label Daddy to get you a 25% discount](#) on all kinds of peel and stick washable labels. To use our discount, visit www.LabelDaddy.com, create your labels, and then use the promo code GREENE at checkout.

Please remember that the following items are **prohibited** on camp:

- Cell phones, computers, tablets, or a device with internet capabilities or touch screens
- E-readers, iPods, game devices- anything with a screen that may play videos or games
- Shoes with high-heels or with wheels in the heels
- Plastic drawers that do not fit inside cubbies
- Cases of bottled water
- Hard-sided trunks
- Alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
- Weapons of any kind, including toy guns (Orbeez, Nerf, etc.)

Forms Reminder:

All medical forms were due on April 13. Please submit these forms as soon as possible. If you have questions about medical forms, please reach out to our Head Nurse, Stephanie Turek, at STurek@urj.org.

The remaining forms on your [CampInTouch](#) account are due on May 1 and we thank you in advance for fully completing each form. This includes the following forms:

- Academic Support Form
- Camper Information Form
- GFC Activity Preference Form
- Mental Health History Form
- Transportation Form

For specific information on each form, please visit our website [here](#). Make sure to also upload your COVID-19 vaccination card and camper photo if you have not already done so.

Online GFC Store:



A reminder to check out our new online store [here](#) and buy your GFC swag today! Items take 4-6 weeks to ship.

Wednesday Weekly Preview:

Tune in to next week's **Wednesday Weekly** email for Summer 2023 reminders!

Wednesday Weekly email preview

Wednesday, April 19	Wednesday Weekly Introduction & medical form reminder Camper Corner: 2023 Leadership Team introductions
Wednesday, April 26	Opening Day procedures Camper Corner: 2023 staff reveal
Wednesday, May 3	Summer 2023 Reminders Camper Corner: Daily schedule highlights
Wednesday, May 10	Family Guide & Summer 2023 unit rosters Camper Corner: Session event highlights
Wednesday, May 17	Summer 2023 COVID-19 Protocols Camper Corner: Theme days
Wednesday, May 24	Getting in touch with your camper: emails, letters, and photos Camper Corner: Musical guests
10 days prior to your session start date	Driving directions and reminders Camper Corner: GFC Camp Prep playlist
5 days prior to your session start date	Opening Day refresher Camper Corner: First day of camp 2023 sign

*Please note COVID-19 protocols will now be released by May 17th.

Camper Corner:



We are so excited to share our Summer 2023 Staff Reveal! You can read the list of our summer staff members, as of now, on our website [here](#). You can find returning staff highlights on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Marissa Meador at MMeador@urj.org. To view previously sent emails to enrolled families, please visit our pre-summer communication page [here](#).

We cannot wait for Summer 2023 to begin in just 7 weeks!

L'Shalom,

The Greene Team

[Click here](#) to meet our full-time team!