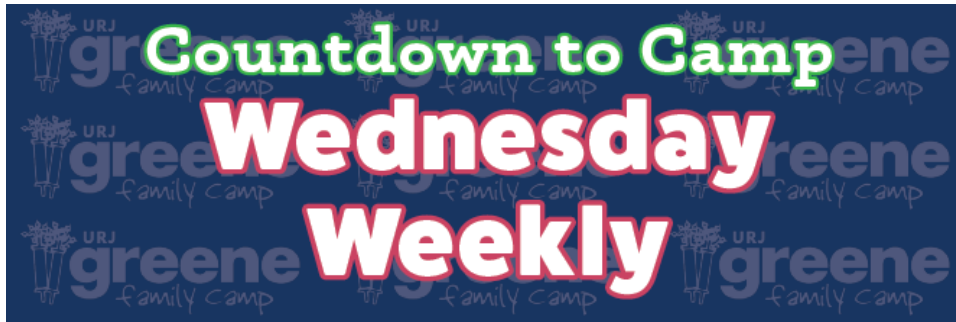


Subject: GFC Wednesday Weekly – 4 Weeks Until Summer 2023!



We are halfway through May and Summer 2023 is quickly approaching! We cannot believe our gates will be opening for the first time in just 4 weeks. To help us all prepare for your camper's arrival, please read the following information closely. In this email, we will cover:

- Summer 2023 COVID-19 Policy Updates
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Policy
 - ***NEW*** COVID-19 pre-travel testing
 - ***NEW*** At-home exposure and symptom screening questions
 - ***NEW*** What to expect upon arrival on Opening Day
 - ***NEW*** What to expect during Camp
- Medication Drop-Off for Opening Day
 - ***NEW*** Medication drop-off
 - ***NEW*** Opening Day lunch medications
- Recording of New Family Webinar
- UPDATED Unit Rosters
- GFC Online Store
- Camper Corner: themed days to pack for!

COVID-19 Updates:

We learned a tremendous amount last summer about managing and mitigating COVID-19 at camp. For those who were at camp in recent years, we know that COVID protocols were a daily reality of camp. For Summer 2023, we are pleased to have streamlined protocols that will be significantly less intrusive in our community. We anticipate Summer 2023 will feel much closer to what summers at camp felt like pre-COVID and we are thrilled about that!

COVID-19 Vaccine policy:

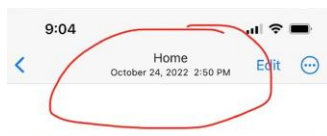
As a reminder, we will only require the primary series of COVID-19 vaccinations. The bivalent booster is strongly recommended.

NEW! Pre-travel Checklist:

1. We have worked to minimize COVID testing at camp this summer and we want to ensure that everyone in our community arrives to camp healthy. In order to achieve both of these goals, **prior to travel to camp on Opening Day, all participants must take a self-administered Rapid Antigen (RA) Test.** You will be required to show a date-stamped photo* of your test result upon arrival at GFC.

**To get a date-stamped photo of your COVID RA test result is to first take a photo of the test on your phone, then open the photo in your photo album- you will see the date the photo was taken here. Next, take a screenshot on your phone and use this screenshot as your upload.*

*** If no test is administered at home, or you do not have a date-stamped photo of your test result, you will be required to test upon arrival at GFC.*



2. Review at-home [exposure and symptom screening questions](#).

**These questions will also be included in our pre-arrival email the Friday just prior to your session start.*

3. If your camper's self-administered Rapid Antigen Test is positive, please notify camp ASAP. Your camper will need to isolate at home for a minimum of 48 hours. Your camper may return to camp using the following guidelines:

1. A minimum of 48 hours in isolation *and*
2. 24 hours without a fever (if they presented with fever) *and*
3. Significant symptom improvement.

NEW! What to expect upon arrival to GFC:

1. Date-stamped photo of at-home Rapid Antigen test must be shown during the arrival check-in process. If no test was administered at home, or you do not have a date-stamped photo of your test result, you will be required to test on site before continuing the check-in process.

2. Our staff will review exposure and symptom screening questions with you.
3. If our staff determines that answers to these screening questions warrant an on-site test, one will be administered before continuing the check-in process.
4. If an on-site Rapid Antigen test is positive, camper will begin an in-camp isolation protocol. (See Isolation Protocol below.)

NEW! What to expect during Camp:

1. When will we test for COVID-19 during our summer session?

There will be NO surveillance testing throughout the summer at GFC. We will treat COVID-19 much more like other illnesses during camp. To determine if, and when, an individual needs to be tested for COVID-19, our medical team will determine if that individual presents the following:

- Fever + one additional symptom OR
- Three symptoms from this list: Dry cough, fatigue, aches and pains, sore throat, headache, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, our Isolation Protocol will be put into place. (See below.)

2. Isolation Protocol

Anyone who presents in our Health Center with symptoms of possible COVID infection and subsequently tests positive will require an isolation period. This isolation period will be based on the individual's symptoms, as is typical of many viral infections. **Individuals will remain isolated in the Health Center (if space allows) or at home (if Health Center capacity is already full) until they have met the three exit isolation criteria:**

4. A minimum of 48 hours in isolation and
5. 24 hours without a fever (if they presented with fever) and
6. Significant symptom improvement.

No additional mitigation (masking, distancing, or otherwise) will be required following this isolation period.

Please note that our Health Center has limited capacity to house sick individuals on site. As we have always done, when we meet our capacity for housing and caring for ill individuals on site (regardless of cause of illness), we rely on our families to retrieve their campers for an at-home recovery period. **We expect that camper families will develop a plan to pick up their camper if that camper requires isolation from the program due to illness (COVID or otherwise), and the capacity for housing and care in the camp Health Center is full.**

If you have any questions about our COVID-19 protocol this summer, please reach out to Rabbi Erin directly at emason@urj.org.

Medication Drop-Off for Opening Day:

Medication will be collected by a nurse on Opening Day during your check-in process. Please be sure to follow the below guidelines for medication drop-off.

- Medication must be in its **original container with the label attached** and placed in a transparent plastic zip lock bag with your camper's full name on the bag.
- Any over-the-counter medications must have a prescription from your child's doctor stating the diagnosis. NO gummy medications/vitamins, multivitamins, or herbal/oil supplements allowed.
- You must submit the fully completed Medical Administration Record (MAR) form in the medication bag. This form is available to [download here](#), or in your [CampInTouch](#) account. Print and fill out the MAR prior to your arrival at GFC.
- Contact our Head Nurse, Stephanie Turek, at sturek@urj.org with any medical-related questions or concerns.

IMPORTANT! If your child takes medication at lunch time, you must administer it before dropping meds to the nurses. We are not able to administer lunch meds on Opening Day.

New Family Webinar Recording:

Whether you were able to attend our New Family Webinar last week, or not, this recording has a lot of valuable information about Camp. To access the recording, please click the link below, and then enter password: LA\$7ia*I

[New Family Webinar Recording](#)

UPDATED Unit Rosters:

Please use these updated Unit Rosters. We have had lots of new campers enroll this week and this list is the most updated! You can also find the Unit Roster in your [CampInTouch](#) account.

[Session 1 Unit Roster](#)

[Session 2 Unit Roster](#)

Online Store:

Do not forget to check out the [GFC Online Store](#)! Items take 4-6 weeks to ship.

Wednesday Weekly Preview:

Tune in to next week's **Wednesday Weekly** email for information about how to communicate with your camper while they are at camp.

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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

Camper Corner:



We are very excited to introduce some NEW themed dress-up days this summer! Every Saturday your camper can choose to wear something a little special or unique to our theme of the day (this is completely optional):

- EVERY Friday: Fun Sock Friday
- Saturday, June 17 AND Saturday, July 15: Disney day

- Saturday, June 24 AND Saturday, July 22: Tie-dye Day
- Saturday, July 1 AND Saturday, July 29: Show Your Team Spirit (sports jerseys) Day

*Outfits should still allow for movement and comfortability throughout the day.

*If your camper is in Bonim, Shorashim, or Machar, please look for the dates they will be at Camp to pack for the correct theme.

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 5 weeks!

L'Shalom,

The Greene Team

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