Subject: GFC Wednesday Weekly – 5 Weeks Until Summer 2023!



In this week's installment of the Wednesday Weekly, you will find the following:

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## Family Guide:

Our Family Guide is a comprehensive guide to Greene Family Camp. In this guide, you will find information on our values, pre-camp action items, what to bring to camp, communication with your camper and us, health and safety, general policies, and more. Make sure to take the time to review the Family Guide and use it as a reference when preparing for camp.

You can find the 2023 Family Guide <u>here</u>, as well as on our <u>Enrolled Families</u> page on our website. There is also now a copy in your Forms & Documents on your CampInTouch account.

## Unit Rosters:

Below is a complete list of currently enrolled campers for Summer 2023, divided by unit and metro area for easy reference. We encourage you to use this roster to connect with other camp families before or after camp.

To receive a copy of the Unit Roster, email Marissa Meador at MMeador@urj.org

A note about Kohanim, Shoftim, Melachim, and S'ganim:

Typically, each of these single-grade units has a natural "partner unit" with whom they share schedule elements, including activity blocks and other programming: Kohanim and Shoftim, Melachim and S'ganim.

Historically, however, GFC's units were multi-grade. This summer, we are embracing this multi-grade unit model to enhance the quality of our program and provide opportunity for more friendships and connections.

**Kohanim** (5<sup>th</sup> grade) **and Shoftim** (6<sup>th</sup> grade) already do all their activity blocks together. This summer, we are also combining their program blocks and bunking. They will be referred to as one unit, "Koh/Sho."

**Melachim** (7<sup>th</sup> grade) **and S'ganim** (8<sup>th</sup> grade) already do all their activity blocks together. First session, they will live as separate units in the Melachim K'far and S'ganim Village. Second session, all Melachim and S'ganim campers will live as one unit in the S'ganim village. This unit will be referred to as "Mela/S'ga," participating in all activities, programs, and bunking together.

#### LAST CALL: New Families Webinar TODAY:

If you have not already registered for our **New Family Webinar TODAY (May 10<sup>th)</sup> at 6:30PM**, please register <u>here</u>. We will talk about what to prepare before camp, what happens during camp, and much more! **This webinar is open to any registered camp family, new or returning.** A recording of the webinar will be sent in next week's Wednesday Weekly.

#### A Message from Rabbi Erin Mason:

Goodbyes at camp are always hard. In Hebrew, we say we say *l'hitraot*, see you later, instead of goodbye. In about a month's time, we will be saying *l'hitraot* to our Assistant Director of Family Retreats and Staff Engagement, Kachel Kohnhorst. Kachel has brought so much to our team over the last year. She will continue to help us prepare for Summer 2023 until her departure in June. We are excited for Kachel as she begins a new adventure working with one of our partner organizations, Keshet.

Kachel's presence will be missed on camp this summer, but we are confident in our ability to move forward in her absence. If you have any questions regarding this message, please reach out to me at <u>EMason@urj.org</u>.

> *L'shalom,* Rabbi Erin Mason

#### **Opening Day Sign-Up Reminder:**

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.

If your camper will be riding to camp with another family, make sure that family includes your camper's name in the notes on their registration.

## Houston Session 1 Opening Day Bus Reminder:

Our Session 1 Opening Day bus from Houston has filled up! If you registered for your camper to ride this bus, you should have received a confirmation email yesterday (Tuesday, May 9).

If you have any questions about the Houston bus TO Camp, please reach out to Marissa Meador, at <u>MMeador@urj.org</u>.

## **Online GFC Store:**

A reminder to check out our new online store and buy your GFC swag today!



## Wednesday Weekly Preview:

Tune in to next week's **Wednesday Weekly** email for information about COVID-19 policies and procedures.

# Wednesday Weekly email preview

Wednesday, April 19	Wednesday Weekly Introduction & medical form reminder Camper Corner: 2023 Leadership Team introductions	e
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	8
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# Camper Corner:



We are excited to share some of our session\* highlights!

- Erev Yisrael (Israel Evening)
- Spectacular Day (4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration during both sessions)
- \*NEW\* Yom Art and Yom Sport (sport day and art day)
- Camp outs and fire signs with Israeli Scouts
- Themed dress up days (coming soon!)

# • Brand new lake inflatables for lake parties

\*Session calendar is subject to change.

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

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