



## **GFC Family Camp FAQs**

URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) Greene Family Camp is excited to offer Family Camp for families of all ages!

### **What is GFC Family Camp?**

Family Camp is a weekend for just that- you and your family! Spend the weekend at Greene Family Camp (GFC) in Bruceville, Texas celebrating Shabbat, and enjoy quality time with your family, experience traditional camp activities, and more! Please read below for details including accommodations, meals, schedules and more.

### **When is GFC Family Camp?**

This season, Family Camp is Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9.

Arrival time on Friday is between 4:00-5:00 PM, with dinner around 5:45. If a later arrival time is required, we are happy to keep food hot for you and just ask that you let us know your estimated time of arrival.

### **Where is Greene Family Camp?**

URJ Greene Family Camp is about 30 minutes south of Waco and 1.5 hours north of Austin, on

I35. The address is:

1192 Smith Lane

Bruceville, Texas 76730



GFC is nestled in Central Texas amongst hills, trees, and a lake. This natural setting provides our campers and families with the fullness of unsurpassed beauty and charm. We have multiple indoor and outdoor spaces, sports and arts facilities, beautiful scenery, and the best sunsets in Texas!

We have around the clock security to let you in and out of the gate. We are in a rural area so camp can be dark- please remember to bring a flash light!

### **Where will My Family Sleep?**

During Family Camp, you will be housed with your family unit. We have a variety of different accommodations depending on the size of your group – You will be able to choose and pay for the housing that you wish. All housing is fully air-conditioned and has a private bathroom. Beds are a mix of queen, twin, and twin bunk beds. Camp will provide all linens, pillows, and towels. We are also able to provide inflatable baby bathtubs, pack n plays, sound monitors, bed rails, and hair chairs upon request.



**Single room with private bathroom:** Each of these rooms contains a queen bed and a twin bed, storage space, and a private bathroom. These rooms are in either our “motels” or the Health House. Cost for this style room is \$125 each.



**Adjoining Rooms with Private Bathrooms:** These rooms have a queen and twin bed in each and adjoin with another room. Each room has its own private bath with either a step-in shower or bathtub. The cost of this style room is \$250.

**Jack & Jill Room with Adjoining Bathroom:** These cabins have Jack and Jill style rooms, with a shared bathroom between the two rooms. Each room has either a queen bed, or two twin beds. The cost of this style room is \$200.

**Half Camper Cabin:** Our camper cabins hold up to 14 people. Each cabin has 2 bunks, attached by a foyer and the restroom. During family camp, we place a wall in the bathroom to create privacy for each half of the cabin. The half cabin has 7 twin-size bunk beds (14 beds), 2 shower stalls, and 2 toilet stalls. There is a sink in the cabin as well as in the bathroom. Cabins are fully air-conditioned and have plenty of cubby space. This style housing is \$150.



## What Will We Eat?

Meals are important at GFC! All meals will take place inside our *chadar ochel* (dining hall).

Each meal will include hot items and choices for kids and picky eaters. We will also provide snacks available throughout the day and late-night snacks for grown-ups! All food is served kosher-style, meaning we do not serve pork or shellfish products and do not serve beef and cheese in the same dish. Our dining hall will offer space to relax and dine or to move around and play.

### **Sample menu for the weekend (subject to change):**

- Friday Shabbat dinner: Fried and baked chicken, cooked vegetable, fresh challah, matzo ball soup, starch such as rice or potatoes, and brownies
- Saturday breakfast: challah French toast, scrambled eggs, turkey bacon or sausage
- Saturday lunch: grilled cheese and tomato soup
- Saturday dinner: Spaghetti and meatballs with cooked vegetables
- Sunday breakfast: pancakes and scrambled eggs

**Breakfast** also includes a cold breakfast bar containing cereal, milk, hot oatmeal, fresh fruit, cottage cheese, and more. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am each morning, but coffee and cereal is available beginning earlier for any early risers during our Family Camp.

**Lunch and Dinner** includes a salad bar with lettuce, a variety of freshly cut vegetables and toppings, beans, cheese, protein options, and dressings.



Sliced bread, sun butter, and jelly are also available at all meals, as well as a toaster.

Juice or tea and coffee is always available.

**Snacks** such as applesauce pouches, goldfish, granola bars, and fresh fruit will be available throughout the day. We will also have scheduled snacks during our programming.

**Special dietary requests or allergies?** We can accommodate most dietary restrictions, but please let us know ahead of time. Each meal will have gluten free, dairy free, and vegetarian options, but we are also happy to meet other dietary needs.

## **How 'Jewish' is GFC Family Camp?**

Jewish camping has been a big part of Jewish American culture for the last century. Camp is a place where we can feel comfortable being our full self, whether that means being very connected to our Judaism or not. At the beginning of each meal, we will recite the *motzi* (blessing over bread) and will conclude our meals with a short version of the *Birkat HaMazon* (blessing over the meal).



On Friday nights over the summer, the entire camp community comes together dressed in white (as a symbol that Shabbat is a special time separate from the rest of the week) to recite blessings and eat dinner, then enjoy a special song session, outdoor Shabbat *tfillah* (prayer service), and Israeli dancing. However, during Family Camp, we know that most families may be tired upon their arrival on Friday evening, so Shabbat looks a little different. We will recite blessings over the candles, wine (grape juice), and challah, and then enjoy Shabbat dinner as a community, before a guided song session and bedtime. We will have prayer cards available with Hebrew and transliteration, as well as a translation, available whenever necessary.

On Saturday, we will have a family-friendly Shabbat torah service in the morning filled with song and movement. We welcome you to pray or participate to your comfort level. Our director, Rabbi Erin Mason, and our full-time staff are happy to answer any questions that may arise before or during the weekend about our Jewish practices.

### **What's Included in the Weekend?**

This is an all-inclusive experience. Your registration will cover your room(s), meals, snacks, coffee, activities, programs, a t-shirt, etc.