

## PARENT GUIDE



<u>Mailing Address</u>: 147-37 70<sup>th</sup> Road Flushing N.Y.11367 <u>Winter Phone Number</u>: 718-261-1872 Camp Address: 70-10 150<sup>th</sup> Street Flushing N.Y.11367 Summer Phone Number: 516-680-8798

Welcome to Chazak Day Camp "Where Warmth and Excitement Unite"!

## **CAMP SESSION DATES**

Full Summer Thursday, June 27, 2024 – Friday, August 16, 2024

1st Half: Thursday, June 27, 2024, – Friday, July 19, 2024

2nd Half: Monday July 22, 2024– Friday, August 16, 2024

Rabbi Ophie Nat: Camp Director

Rabbi Pinches Leiser: Head Learning Director

Rabbi Mendy Barth: Head Counselor Rabbi Moshe Fogel: Administrator Rabbi Shmuel Rube: Office Manager Yuhuda Klinkowitz: Head Lifeguard

<u>Phone Contact:</u> Effective June 27<sup>th</sup> the Chazak daytime phone number is 718-570-2268. **Please do not call the other numbers day or night, even though they appear on our stationary**. Phone calls to our office will be answered Monday through Thursday 9AM – 5PM (or until all the busses finish their route), and Friday 9AM – 2:30PM. Messages <u>cannot</u> be left during off hours. <u>Camp Hours:</u> Camp begins Thursday, June 27, 2024, and ends Friday, August 16, 2024. Camp days are Monday through Friday starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 4PM. <u>On Fridays dismissal will be at 1:45 PM.</u> We <u>will</u> be having camp on 4th of July. There will <u>not</u> be bussing so please arrange for carpool. Camp will be dismissed on July 4th at 1:45.Shiva'asar Btamuz and Erev Tisha B'av will be a 1:45 dismissal.

Transportation: Busing for all campers will be bus stop pick ups. We will let you know what the bus route will be and where each bus stop will be located closer to camp. Each bus will have a phone apparatus that will have Whatsapp live streaming giving each parent real time info on where the bus is located. Parents will have to have Whatsapp on their phones in order to use this service. DO NOT call that number as nobody will pick up. It will be used exclusively for Whatsapp live. We will provide that specific number to parents closer to the start of camp. Please be aware that campers must be waiting at their stops for morning pickup and someone must be waiting to receive the campers when they are dropped off or they will not be allowed off the bus! Although there will be bus counselors on every bus as we have had in the past they will not be calling prior to the start of camp. We will be emailing all the pertinent information including bus stops and approximate times for each stop prior to the start of camp. We ask for your patience and understanding with respect to the punctuality of the buses for the first few days.

<u>Davening</u>: All campers will daven at the day camp. If you would like you may send along Tzeddaka money with your child as it will be collected during this time.

<u>Learning Curriculum</u>: At Chazak Day Camp learning will give us our "strength" for the entire day! Under the guidance of our outstanding learning director Rabbi Pinches Leiser and our top notch learning Rebbeim, we look forward to continuing and strengthening the love of learning the boys already have. Our hands on learning workshops will only serve to enhance this stellar program. They will be placed in learning groups by grade and as per the learning placement forms you have sent in.

<u>Clothing Etc.</u>: Campers must have a bathing suit, water shoes, a towel/robe for all swimming days. They also require a full covering smock or big t-shirt for Arts and Crafts days. No open toe sandals may be worn so as to prevent foot injury. Please send your child in closed toe shoes such as sneakers. Please send along a bottle of sunscreen for your child. Please note all articles of clothing and supplies coming from home must be labeled. All items left in camp will be placed in the Lost and Found until the last day of camp after which time we will label them as "hefker".

<u>Electronic Devices</u>: We respectfully request that parents do not allow their sons to bring in any electronic devices as it takes away from the pure summer experience. **We do not allow any camper to bring in cellular phones.** 

<u>Leaving Early</u>: If a camper is to be picked up early we at the camp office should be notified prior to the pick up. A parent or guardian must sign the child out of camp at that time. No child may be dropped off at any other bus stop other than his own unless we receive a special request in writing.

Meals: Breakfast and hot lunch will be served daily. In most cases we will be serving individual portions to each camper. This will take place in each home room. Breakfast will be offered to campers who are interested from 8:45-9:10AM. A nutritious hot lunch will be served in the middle of the day. Please note that Chazak Day Camp is a completely peanut free zone! We have children who are severely allergic and we cannot compromise the safety of any of our campers! Please make sure any snacks you send with your child is in compliance with this rule. Do not send any products that contain any traces of nuts, peanuts or seeds. Examples of these are Bamba, peanut butter, granola bars, halvah, techina and some cookies. If you have a question about a snack please contact the camp office before sending it. Even the smell of some of these items may trigger an allergic reaction in some children. The lunch menu will also be sent to you.

<u>Snack</u>: Camp will provide refreshing snacks for all campers at the end of the day. Those who would like to bring snack from home may do so provided they are nut free and bear a reliable hashgacha. Please make sure to send only pareve snacks on fleishig days.

<u>Canteen</u>: We will be equipped with a fully stocked canteen for the enjoyment of our campers. Complete with cold drinks and an array of tantalizing snacks. A list of snacks and pricing will be sent home with the campers.

<u>The Chazak Chap!</u>: Our weekly Newsletter, where you can chap the latest news, schmooze and camp happenings, will be given out every week. Please take the time to read this, not only for your enjoyment but for important information and Chazak bulletins as well. It will also help you stay in tune with your childrens' summer schedule. In addition our Rebbeim will be

providing uplifting Divrei Torah which will be distributed each Friday by your child's respective Rebbi for your Shabbos pleasure.

<u>Refunds</u>: Absence, illness Chas Vshalom, or withdrawals do not entitle parents to a refund even for uncontrolled natural or unnatural events.

<u>Reminder</u>: Unless otherwise stipulated, all tuition's must be paid in full by the first day of camp.

Similarly, all health forms must be submitted before the start of camp or your son will not be permitted to attend camp, as per New York Board of Health regulations.

<u>Receipts</u>: Receipts with our camp tax ID can be requested from our office throughout the summer. Please remember to do so <u>during the summer</u> as we may not have access to your information after camp has concluded.

## TRIPS AT CHAZAK DAY CAMP

We have, Baruch Hashem some amazing trips planned for the summer of 2024!

| Active Kidz   | July 2,          | 2024 |
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| Urban Air   | July 10,         | 2024 |
| Rye Playland  | July 18,         | 2024 |
| 5 Towns Mini Golf And Batting Cages                       | July 24,25, 2024 |      |
| Sportime USA  | July 29,         | 2024 |
| Bowling   | Aug 8,           | 2024 |
| Lazer Bounce (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades) | Aug 14,          | 2024 |
| Clemeton Water Park (3 <sup>rd</sup> and up)              | Aug 15,          | 2024 |

## ADDITIONAL/ALTERNATE TRIPS FOR THE MVP DIVISION

| Ice Skating  | July 8, 2024  |
|--|---------------|
| Splish Splash Water Park                                     | July 16, 2024 |
| Deep Sea Fishing (8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> grade) | July 22, 2024 |

Looking forward to a great summer!