

# Camp Kinneret Parent Handbook 2014



## Camp Personnel

Camp Director	Guy Korngold
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## Important Dates

Payment in Full	April 1
Montreal Luggage Dropped Off	June 29
First Session Begins	July 1
End of First Session / Visitor's Day for Full summer & 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Campers only	July 27
Second Session Begins	July 28
Camp Ends	August 12

## Contact Information

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### Hours of operation of office at camp

(Voicemail messages are checked regularly even when the office is closed).

Sunday thru Thursday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 3:00pm
Shabbat	Closed

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**WEB SITE** [www.ckb.ca](http://www.ckb.ca)

## A Message From Guy

Dear Campers and Parents,

I write this message as we prepare for the summer of 2014 which will represent my fifteenth consecutive season as the Director of Camp Kinneret-Biluim. As I reflect upon the past and look forward to the summer, I am most thankful for the opportunity to spend each summer with such dynamic and enthusiastic campers and staff.

This summer we are welcoming more campers to Camp Kinneret-Biluim than ever before. We look forward to welcoming all of our veteran and rookie campers to what will surely be our BSE (Best Summer Ever)! We are extremely proud of our 96% camper retention rate which places us amongst the top camps in North America!

There are many reasons why Camp Kinneret continues to be so successful. At the top of the list is a staff team like no other. *All* of our staff members are graduates of Canadian Young Judaea, our Camp Biluim Leadership program, and of our Young Judaea Israel Enrichment Program. Each individual staff member brings a great deal of commitment, passion, creativity and expertise to camp and I know that your child will enjoy their constant support and encouragement. The entire Kinneret staff team met up at camp in March to start planning for the summer of 2014; a summer that promises to fulfill all of our greatest expectations.

We thank you for placing your trust in Camp Kinneret-Biluim, and we look forward to making the summer of 2014 an incredibly positive experience for each and every camper.

Please take the time to carefully review the contents of this handbook and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Chazak v'Amatz!  
*With Strength and Courage!*



Guy Korngold  
Director

## Baggage to Camp for First Session

**Montreal** families to drop off baggage at the old Wagar High School (5785 Parkhaven, H4W-1X8) on **June 29** from 10am-11am.

**Toronto** families to place baggage under the bus when departing on **July 1** (see below).

**Ottawa** families to place baggage under the bus when departing on **July 1** (see below).

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## Travel to Camp for First Session - July 1

**Montreal / Ottawa** Old Wagar High School (5785 Parkhaven Ave in Cote St. Luc, H4W-1X8). Please arrive by 1:00pm so that the buses can depart promptly at 1:30pm.

**Toronto & Surrounding Areas** Herbert H. Carnegie Centennial Centre Parking lot  
580 Finch Avenue (West of Bathurst). Please arrive no later than 7:00am so that the buses can depart promptly at 8:00am.

**Private Transportation** Parents driving their child(ren) to camp by car must arrive after **3:00pm** and leave by **3:30pm**.

**Note** All campers from Toronto must also carry with them, on the bus, a peanut-free lunch for the day of travel. A snack will be provided to all campers upon arrival at camp.

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## Travel to Camp for Second Session - July 28

**Montreal / Ottawa** Old Wagar High School (5785 Parkhaven Ave in Cote St. Luc, H4W-1X8). Please arrive by 1:00pm so that the buses can depart promptly at 1:30pm.

**Toronto & Surrounding Areas** Campers will be accompanied by staff members and travel to Montreal by train, and then by private bus from Dorval to camp. Camp Kinneret will purchase train tickets and provide more detailed information in July.

**Private Transportation** Parents driving their child(ren) to camp by car must arrive after **3:00pm** and leave by **3:30pm**.

**Note** All campers from Toronto must carry with them, on the train, a peanut-free lunch for the day of travel.

## Travel from Camp at the end of First Session - July 27

Campers returning home at the end of the first session will travel home with their parents following the Visitor's Day program which will begin at 10am and end at approximately 12:30pm.

## Travel from Camp at the end of Second Session - August 12

The buses will leave camp at 8:30am and arrive to: Old Wagar High School (5785 Parkhaven Ave in Cote St. Luc, H4W-1X8 ) at **10:15 am**.

Herbert H. Carnegie Centre in Toronto at *approximately 4:30pm*. The baggage will arrive at 3:00pm so you can arrive earlier to claim your child's baggage.

**Campers being picked up by parents must arrive at camp at 8:30am.**

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## Laundry

Laundry is done once each week. Clothing should be colorfast as it is machine laundered and every item should be well labeled/marked. All campers will have the opportunity to claim lost and found articles during the summer and at the end of each camp session. **Items that are not labeled and not claimed by the campers will be donated to a local clothing bank based in Mont Tremblant.** See packing list on last page of this booklet.

## Tuck Shop & Spending Money

A portion of the camp fee is allocated to cover expenses such as tuck (treats), the camp t-shirt, the LIT sweatshirt and camp photograph. We will bill you for any medical expenses (prescriptions) incurred over the course of the summer and send you the receipts so that you can make a claim with your insurance company. Personal spending money, to be used by campers when we take them out on field trips, is not included in the camp fee. We suggest at least \$60 for first session LIT campers and \$20 for Giborim, Goshrim, Kochot and second session LIT campers. This pocket money will be held in the office for your camper. Please place the cash in a sealed Ziploc bag with your campers name and the amount of cash marked clear on it and hand it to a staff member as your child boards the bus or train to camp.

## Letters

Incoming mail and email is distributed daily at camp (Monday to Friday). Campers look forward to receiving news from home and we urge you to write your campers regularly. Please provide your child with pre addressed and pre stamped envelopes.

## **Packages (New Policy)**

Though we have not strictly limited packages in the past, we feel that the time has come. The volume of packages sent to camp increased beyond manageable levels last summer with some campers receiving a package as frequently as every other day. This amount of deliveries created multiple problems at camp:

- 1) Because all packages must be opened by a staff member to check for contraband, valuable time is spent by our camper staff opening packages throughout the day, shifting valuable resources away from where they *should* be directed: to your children.
- 2) The sheer amount of packaging material hinders cabin clean-up, as trash cans are overflowing with packaging materials. Campers also have trouble organizing all their goodies so that the cabin is clean for inspection.
- 3) Many packages are left behind when camp ends, and many other miscellaneous goodies are discarded by the camper and never even make it home from camp.
- 4) Excessive amounts of packages create hurt feelings. Campers who do not receive frequent packages often feel left out, which creates bad feelings among campers and friends.
- 5) Parents feel a great deal of child-generated pressure to send frequent packages.

**For these reasons and in order to look after the greater community at camp, we have created the following PACKAGE POLICY for the upcoming summer:**

- 1) Campers are allowed one package per session. Full summer campers can receive two packages.
- 2) We will be keeping track of the packages' arrival dates for each child in order to monitor this new policy.
- 3) Any packages received from family/relatives will also count toward the package allowance. Please communicate this to grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends in order to alleviate any upset feelings.
- 4) Packages must not contain any food items.
- 5) **Please do not feel that you have to send packages! Many campers only receive letters at camp and are perfectly happy.**

**What constitutes a package?** A package is ANYTHING larger than a standard-sized envelope or greeting card.

**What if my child has forgotten something?** We are pleased to provide many essential items like toothbrush and shampoo at no charge. If you need to send an essential item to camp (e.g., a swimsuit, extra socks, etc.), this package will not be counted against your package allowance. Arrangements for this can be made by contacting our office by email: [office@ckb.ca](mailto:office@ckb.ca) or by telephone at 819.425.3332. Our office staff will open these packages and distribute them to your child's cabin. Packages that contain any non-essential items will count towards your child's summer package total.

## Birthdays at Camp

We are excited to celebrate birthdays at camp! Each birthday boy or girl will receive a freshly baked cake that is large enough to share with his or her friends. If you wish to send a gift, please note that this Birthday package will count towards your child's package allowance. Parents are also given the opportunity to speak with their child on their birthday. Arrangements for this can be made by calling (819.425.3332) or emailing our office (office@ckb.ca) the day before the birthday, so that we arrange for your child to be in the office to accept your call. *Usually*, the ideal time for this call is following lunch at about 1:45 pm.

## COMMUNICATION (Photos, Videos, Emails and our Newsletter)

All **first time campers** will receive a phone call from their campers' unit head within the first 72 hours of camp. The purpose of this call is to provide an update on how the camper has adjusted to camp life.

To log in to **view photos, videos, our newsletter, and send emails** to campers, click on the LOG IN button which is found on our website (<http://ckb.ca/Kinneret/index.htm>) and follow the instructions for establishing a username and password (click on "Retrieve/Set Password"). The system has a security feature that will only allow recognized email addresses to gain access to the system. If the system does not recognize your email address please let us know, and we will update your email address in our settings. Once you are logged in, you will see our Online Community section where you can view videos and photos, send your child(ren) one-way emails, read newsletters, and create guest accounts.

**Photos:** Posted daily from Sunday to Friday at 6:00 pm. The photo page allows you to mark favorites, view, buy and share photos, as well as view slideshows. You can click the icons below each photo to perform these actions. All of the photos you view online are available for purchase as prints, digital downloads, or gift items such as t-shirts, calendars, or mouse pads.

**Emails:** Delivered Sunday-Friday: When you click on the email link, the system will guide you through the process of purchasing "**CampStamps**" to send emails as often as you'd like throughout the session to your child(ren). Each email sent will use a certain number of CampStamps based on the selections you make. Upon purchasing CampStamps you will also be able to gift them to your guests, however they will also be able to purchase their own upon logging in.

**Newsletter:** The Weekly Shpiel (Camper Newspaper): Posted on Sunday by 6:00 pm.

**Weekly Update by Guy:** Emailed to you on Friday by 6:00 pm.

**Facebook:** Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/yjcampkinneret](http://www.facebook.com/yjcampkinneret)) for updates throughout the summer.

**Guest Accounts:** By clicking the "Guest Accounts" icon you will be able to create accounts for family members and friends to view photos and send emails. If you'd like your guest to be able to email your child(ren) make sure to check the appropriate boxes (these will be evident upon entering the guest's information). After creating each account your guest will receive an email similar to the one you received when first creating a password and security questions. They will be guided through the same process in order to log in securely. **You do not need to create guest accounts for parents/guardians of the child(ren) as that information is already stored in our system.**

## Visitor's Day - Sunday July 27

Visitor's Day falls on the last day of the first session and is for 1<sup>st</sup> session and full summer campers only. Campers leaving on this day will travel home with their parents.

Visitors Day has been designed so that parents and campers can share experiences on the campsite, meet our staff, and enjoy a pleasant day together. Campers look forward to this day because it gives them the opportunity to show their achievements and surroundings to their families and friends.

9:30am Visitors park their cars and wait at the entrance to camp (by the basketball courts).

10:00am Visitors are welcomed onto the camp grounds to meet their campers and the staff in our cabin area

11:00am Mifkad (flagpole) Ceremony

11:30am Presentation prepared by the campers and staff

12:30pm Dessert reception/Campers can leave the campgrounds with their parents.

5:00pm Campers remaining for the second session must return to camp at this time.

### Driving Directions from Montreal to Camp Kinneret 184 Rue Harrison, Mt. Tremblant, QC, J8E 1M8

Once you get onto the 15 North, the entire trip is approximately 130 km and should take you about 1.5 hours if you travel at a consistent speed of 100km/h.

- ▶ Travel North on Highway 15 towards Ste. Agathe. Continue passed Ste. Agathe on the 15 North which will eventually become the 117 North. (Stay on the 15 North and don't get off at the 117 sign that you see before Ste. Agathe).
- ▶ Continue on the 117 North and take exit 119 -'Montee Ryan'.
- ▶ Turn right onto Montee Ryan and continue until you arrive at the traffic circle. Essentially, you want to turn left here onto the 327 North (aka Rue du Village) so exit the circle after turning 270 degrees.
- ▶ Continue on the 327 North and turn left onto Chemin du Lac Mercier following the signs that read "Labelle and La Conception" (This road is found immediately before Mercier lake so if the lake is on your left you have missed your turn!).
- ▶ Continue on Chemin du Lac Mercier and take your first right onto Rue Harrison. Travel one minute and you will arrive at Camp Kinneret!

**Please drive slowly while on the camp grounds.**

**Camp Telephone: (819) 425 – 3332.**

## Clothing & Packing List

Please limit your luggage to two duffel bags and one small back pack. It is not necessary to bring plastic shelving and please note that trunks are not allowed. Mark your luggage clearly with your camper's name. We suggest simple serviceable clothing. Social and Shabbat functions are also simple and informal. Laundry is done once per week, with a one day turn around.

### Clothing

4 Sweatshirts  
4 pr pants (jeans, sweats, khakis)  
12 t-shirts  
12 pr socks  
1 raincoat/poncho  
2 sun hats  
1 bath robe  
5 pr shorts  
3 pr pajamas (warm & cool)  
3 bathing suits  
12 pr. underwear  
Hawaiian Shirt (for cookouts)\*  
Plain white t-shirt for tie dye!!!  
Something nice for Erev Shabbat

### Medication

All prescription medications must be packed in a separate bag which is clearly labeled with the campers name. This bag must be given to a Kinneret staff member by a parent before the camper boards the bus. All medication must be in their original containers, each one clearly labeled with that campers name.

### Footwear

1 pr running shoes  
1 pr sandals w/ankle strap  
1 pr rain boots  
1 pr shower shoes (cros)  
1 pair of old shoes for canoe trip

### Toiletries (consider biodegradable!)

shower caddy  
soap/soap dish  
shampoo  
toothbrush & paste  
sun protection (SPF 30 or >)  
bug spray

### Miscellaneous

flashlight & batteries  
stamped/addressed envelopes  
writing paper & pen  
camera \*  
kipot  
books \*  
baseball glove \*  
musical instruments \*  
extra eyeglasses

**Water Bottle** (This item is extremely important as we do not sell bottled water at camp and it is strictly forbidden to bring bottled water to camp).

### Bedding & Linen

2 fitted sheets  
2 blankets (1 warm, 1 light)  
2 pillow cases  
1 pillow  
1 sleeping bag  
2 beach towels  
1 laundry bag  
3 bath towels

### **DO NOT PACK**

**any food / gum / candy**  
**hot pot/kettle**  
**lighter or matches**  
**DVD/Video player**  
**rollerblades**  
**mosquito coils**  
**bottled water, pop**  
**pocket knife**  
**glass bottles/jars**  
**delicate clothing**  
**skateboard**  
**cell phone, i-pod touch, i-pad, tablet**  
**valuables**

**Our infirmary is fully stocked. It is not necessary to pack standard over the counter medications like Tylenol and Advil. The only medications campers should bring to camp are those that are required to manage an existing medical condition.**

**If a camper needs an Epipen, they must either carry it at all times or bring three - one for the infirmary, one for the cabin, and one to be kept in the dining hall.**

**You may bring a personal music device. However, if this musical device also serves a purpose other than playing music (ie. internet, phone or video), it will be confiscated. No I-pod touch. Camp Kinneret is a peanut-sensitive environment. It is forbidden to bring food or any bottled water to camp.**

\* optional

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# SEE YOU SOON!