

Camp Barney Melintz

THE ANSWERS TO (ALMOST) EVERY QUESTION YOU MAY HAVE

2021 PARENT HANDBOOK



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Our Camp Barney Culture



Camp Barney Medintz

Est. 1963

"Our Summer Place"

Summer Resident Camp
of the Marcus Jewish
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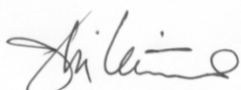
Dear Camp Barney Medintz Family,

You have selected one of the most outstanding Jewish summer camping experiences in the United States! Approximately 1200 boys and girls will be participating in our 59th year of providing an exhilarating and dynamic program, under the supervision of a carefully selected and exceptionally qualified camp staff! Whether you are joining our CBM Family for the first time or have previously attended Camp Barney Medintz for many years, there remain several important bits of information for us to share with each other so as to maximize your child(ren)'s experience.

Before you know it, you'll be on your way to Camp Barney. We hope to make this summer the most incredible experience that your child(ren) will remember for a lifetime! **This Parent's Handbook has been compiled for your reference prior to, during, and even after Camp!** If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at Camp once the season begins.

We are looking forward to making this summer the most meaningful and exciting experience for your family!

Sincerely,



Jim Mittenthal, M.S.W.
Director



OUR COMMITMENT: WHY WE EXIST!

1. Camp Barney Medintz will provide positive opportunities for campers to develop skills, have fun, form wonderful friendships, enhance self-esteem, and be exposed to a variety of learning experiences in a safe, exhilarating environment.
2. We will employ only those Camp staff who (a) perceive their role as conscientious leaders of children as paramount, (b) have demonstrated camping skills, and (c) have an understanding of Camp Barney Medintz goals, objectives, and culture.
3. We will enable campers to explore and develop an understanding of our rich Jewish culture. Every camper will have the opportunity to observe the essence and beauty of the Shabbat in an enjoyable and experiential way.
4. Campers will have opportunities to participate in a full range of activities with their counselors and cabin mates.
5. Programs and activities will also be designed to be unique from those that children may participate in when not at Camp Barney Medintz.
6. Every camper will be regularly exposed to our specialty areas including: canoeing, sailing, skiing, campouts, nature crafts, team building, music, dance, theater, arts & crafts, radio, video, "Sababa" Israeli Culture, tennis, competitive and non-competitive sports, environmental and "mitzvah" programming, and a menagerie of aquatic adventures.
7. Experiences will be designed to enable campers to feel comfortable and more knowledgeable in the outdoors, to understand the delicate ecological balance of our environment and the necessity of conservation of natural resources.
8. Our Camp Barney community will reinforce Jewish values of *k'vod/derech erez* **(respect)**, *kehillah* **(community)**, *chaverim* **(friendship)**, *ahavat baberiot* **(acceptance)**, *limud etgar* **(learning and pursuing challenges)**, *ahavat erez yisrael* **(love for Israel)**, *havayot simcha* **(adventure and fun)**, *ruach* **(spirit)** and *hakarat tova* **(gratitude)**.



EVERYTHING WE DO HAS A PURPOSE!

It's true! Everything we do at Camp Barney is intentionally designed to provide the best possible experience for your child(ren). Everything! For example:

1. Meeting or exceeding nearly 300 national **"standards" by the American Camp Association**, including staffing, medical practices, food service, housing and bathroom facilities, safety and security, water and sewage treatment, communication, transportation, and programming.
2. Constructing, renovating, and maintaining our huge **facility** to be exciting, efficient, comfortable and safe.
3. Anticipating and planning for the **safety and security** of our property and every camper and staff member.
4. Hiring over 300 mature, talented, conscientious, enthusiastic, creative, and loving **staff**.
5. Creating a dynamic, **culturally Jewish experience** through Shabbat Services and Festivals, live performances, mealtime prayers, music, dance, theater, games, stories, food, crafts, building and activity names, discussions, "Sababa," and hiring approximately 15 "Shlichim" staff from Israel.
6. Developing **age-appropriate activities** that are challenging, meaningful, and exciting, which enable measurable skill development and a blend of familiar as well as activities entirely unique to Camp Barney Medintz.
7. **Environmental awareness programs** that engage campers in our natural world and, when possible, identify connections to our Jewish culture (i.e., campouts, trips, the garden, recycling and conservation, mitzvah projects).
8. **Bunkmate groupings** that recognize the desire for friends to be together, matching similar personalities and interests, blending new and returning campers from different cities/states/countries, and placing with counselors who are perfect for that particular group.
9. **Designing systems** that simply make excellent sense, like providing delicious meals (that recognize so many different needs and wants), hiring fantastic physicians and nurses, offering coach shuttle buses to/from Camp, and routinely purchasing new, high-quality camp equipment.
10. **Preparing well in advance for everything**, including training our staff; organizing programs and schedules; reviewing all forms and information you send to us; establishing policies that enable everyone in our Camp community to feel safe and cared for; listening to feedback from families, campers, and staff; being aware of global issues; risk management; and recognizing that our problem-solving skills, judgment, humor, warmth, and relationships with each child make the most significant impact on them feeling accomplished, connected, and loved.

ACA-ACCREDITED CAMP STATUS FOR 2021

January 29, 2021
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Barney Medintz Earns ACA-Accredited Camp Status

Atlanta, Georgia - The American Camp Association® (ACA) announced today that Camp Barney Medintz has received ACA-Accredited® Camp status for 2021. "ACA Accreditation means that Camp Barney Medintz submitted to a thorough (nearly 300 standards) review of its operation by the American Camp Association (ACA) — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management — and complied with the highest standards in the industry," said Judith Bevan, National Standards Commission.

"Parents expect their children to attend accredited schools. They also deserve a camp experience that is reviewed and accredited by an expert, independent organization," Bevan said.

"Camp Barney Medintz and ACA form a partnership that promotes summers of growth and fun in an environment committed to safety," said Jim Mittenthal, Camp Director. "ACA accreditation demonstrates our commitment to quality camp programming."

Camp Barney Medintz was founded in 1963 and is located in Cleveland, Georgia. The camp is in operation from June to August and offers sessions lasting from one week to four weeks. For more information, parents can contact the camp at (678) 812-3844 or visit the camp's Web site at campbarney.org.

ACA is the only independent accrediting organization reviewing camp operations in the country. ACA's nationally recognized standards program focuses primarily on the program quality, health and safety aspects of a camp's operation. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at the camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. For more parent-focused information about accreditation, visit www.ACAcamps.org.



THREE RULES

Help your child understand our **THREE RULES** at Camp Barney Medintz:

(1) There is no abuse to living things; This includes: physical, psychological, emotional, sexual; bullying, sexual harassment, neglect, exclusion, etc.

(2) There is no abuse to the environment; This includes: purposely damaging our natural environment, other camper's or staff's property, or Camp Barney property.

(3) No illegal drugs or alcohol are permitted on CBM property.

Campers who violate these rules will be returned home immediately without refund. (And, see [“What NOT to Bring”](#) on page 16.)

If you wish to discuss your child's experience at Camp, you are welcome to call the Camp Barney Medintz Camp Director or write your concerns in the “*Camper Confidential Questionnaire*.” We'll determine together how we can best help your child have a fabulous experience at Camp Barney Medintz.

LIMITS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR CAMPERS

Camp Barney Medintz is dedicated to providing a safe environment where campers can grow, learn, play and discover. Kids understand that there are certain rules at Camp, which help to ensure that in this place, they will indeed feel physically and emotionally safe. They are generally terrific about following these rules and embrace our high standards of how we treat each other in our “community” each summer at Camp Barney. We need your help as parents to continue this great tradition by preparing your child(ren) for the limits and consequences of behavior at Camp.

1. WE WILL RESPECT ALL LIVING THINGS

We have created an expectation of RESPECT of all living things at Camp Barney, which means that no person, camper, or staff member will ever hurt another person physically, sexually, or psychologically. We will treat all animals with respect too. In communicating our seriousness about this, all staff members are repeatedly told (during their interview, on their employment contract, during our pre-camp training sessions, and throughout the summer) that they will be dismissed immediately should they break this rule. Similarly, campers know that the Camp Director will call their parents, and, in all likelihood, they will need to be sent home, without refund, should they break this rule.

2. WE WILL RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

We are protective of SPACES at Camp Barney: the natural spaces that grow all around us, the activity spaces that we use for all of the adventures at Camp, as well as one's bed and cubby to keep personal possessions. We will ensure that these spaces will be protected from deliberate destruction or intrusion by reinforcing everyone's right to feel safe. We will have your child phone you to explain his or her actions should this rule be violated, and together, you and the Camp Director will determine if the consequence is to return home, pay for identified damages, etc.

3. NO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS

Campers need to know that while they are with us, they are completely safe from the effects of alcohol and other drugs. They know that the staff will always be and “on duty” in Camp and we require the same things from our campers. Therefore, alcohol and other drugs may not be possessed or used at Camp Barney Medintz, and the consequence for possession or use will be immediate expulsion from Camp, regardless of time of day or inconvenience to the camper's family. Additionally, any form of e-cigarettes is not permitted.

Cigarettes and e-cigarettes are considered a dangerous possession for campers at Camp. They endanger a child's long-range health, and they pose an immediate danger of fire. No camper may possess any smokable substance, matches or lighters.

4. SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Campers in our older units will be told that Camp Barney is a place for them to grow, learn, and explore their own capabilities and their relationships with others. They will be told that Camp is not a place to experiment sexually. They will hear that any behavior beyond discreet hugging and kissing (fully dressed of course) is not permitted.

When we talk about this at Camp, it is in the context of creating an emotionally safe place. We want kids to get a break from the sexual pressures they are exposed to from social media and electronic sources, movies, school, TV, and elsewhere. We are trying to give them a chance to be a kid in a way that is responsible but not prematurely adult. Furthermore, we are not telling kids that sex is "bad" or "immoral" but rather, we believe that Camp is not the place for them to advance themselves sexually.

This is a challenge for some campers to accept, particularly if they are already sexually active at home. It is also a challenge for campers to feel peer pressure to try new things at Camp. We believe that if we set up a clear limit on sexual behavior, kids will be able to use our official rule as a way to say "no." If campers exceed this limit, they will meet with the Camp Director to discuss the implications of their behavior, which will include calling you or even being sent home, depending on the situation.

5. "SNEAKING OUT"

Sneaking Out is when kids leave their cabin at night and go somewhere else. For some, it's a playful way to flout the "authority" at Camp. (Especially if their parents share childhood stories of their days at Camp!) For others, it is a way to rendezvous with campers in another village or even "prank" another cabin. But whatever the motivation, "sneaking out" is unsafe behavior, and we do not allow it.

Running through the woods at night is clearly unsafe, and we are concerned about what it feels like to be a child, asleep in a bunk at night, only to have other kids come bursting in. Or, to discover your possessions have been tampered with or destroyed (see Number 2). Plus, this summer, there is the additional risk involved by mixing cohorts.

We hope that you will explain this to your child before he or she comes to Camp. We have lots of well-planned adventures for kids at Camp Barney, under the supervision of our staff. We want campers to understand that this rule against sneaking out is for both their own safety and the emotional safety of everyone else at Camp, and if they cannot live within this limit, we may have to send them home (with no refund, of course). As a way of communicating how seriously we take the issue of safety at Camp, we will have your child call you to determine if he or she is capable of remaining at Camp and following rules.

6. THE INTERNET!

Cyber-bullying is out there, and we must be committed to being aware of and eliminating this destructive communication. **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok**, and other social networking sites are excellent forms of communicating and posting photos and information. But revealing inappropriate photos and information is potentially dangerous and "forever accessible." Campers and staff must remove any inappropriate content to protect themselves. (NOTE: www.campbarney.org is the only "official" Camp Barney Medintz website and [FaceBook.com/CampBarneyMedintz](https://www.facebook.com/CampBarneyMedintz) is the only official Camp Barney Medintz Facebook page).

Cell phones and devices with a screen that connect to the Internet at Camp are a bad mix, and they are not permitted for campers. You trust us to care for your child(ren) and encourage them to experience and grow without the routine communication that you enjoy the other months of the year. And, with most cell phones having photo and video capabilities, as well as internet access, we must protect campers

from the potential of inappropriate pictures and abuse which, if uploaded on the internet, is destructive and “forever accessible.”

7. PARENT INVOLVEMENT WITH CONSEQUENCES FOR CAMPERS

One of the goals at Camp Barney is to help children learn to be responsible for their own behavior. Consequently, in most situations, the Camp staff will try to resolve behavioral problems without calling parents. This is different if a child exceeds the kind of limits discussed here. In those cases, parents will share in deciding the consequences. Again, we feel that kids generally do a great job of respecting these limits, which ultimately helps protect everyone’s emotional and physical safety in our camp community. Please go over these “Limits and Consequences” with your child(ren) so that Camp Barney remains a place that is safe and incredibly fun and feels good for everyone!

PARENTS’ ROLE

We appreciate the confidence you have demonstrated in Camp Barney Medintz by enrolling your child(ren) in one of our summer sessions. In a sense, we are partners in this great adventure since we are all concerned with the safety, growth and care of your child(ren)! Your assistance in preparing the Camp Director and staff with important information pertaining to your child(ren) during Camp and providing general feedback on our entire operation following the summer and throughout the year is genuinely appreciated.



Preparing for Camp



2021 SESSIONS AND DATES

1-WEEK PROGRAM

CBM Experience (completing grades 1-3)..... Sunday, June 6 – Friday, June 11
Chalutzim Experience..... Sunday, June 6 – Friday, June 11

2-WEEK PROGRAMS

Kochavim A (completing grades 2-4)..... Sunday, June 6 – Thursday, June 17
Chalutzim 2-weeks..... Sunday, June 6 – Thursday, June 17
Kochavim B (completing grades 2-4)..... Sunday, June 20 – Thursday, July 1

Youth A (completing grades 5-7)..... Sunday, June 6 – Thursday, June 17
Youth B (completing grades 5-7)..... Sunday, June 20 – Thursday, July 1

Kochavim C (completing grades 2-4)..... Monday, July 5 – Friday, July 16
Kochavim D (completing grades 2-4)..... Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 30

4-WEEK PROGRAMS

First Session (completing grades 2-11)..... Sunday, June 6 – Thursday, July 1
Chalutzim..... Sunday, June 6 – Thursday, July 1

Second Session (completing grades 2-11)..... Monday, July 5 – Friday, July 30

FAMILY CAMP

Labor Day Weekend (current & future families!)..... Friday, September 3 – Sunday, September 5



REMINDERS

IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING FORMS, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY

(These forms are available on your camper's individual online account.)

- ☐ Travel Form
- ☐ Confidential Camper Questionnaire and Photo
- ☐ Balance of Fees (was due May 1, 2021)
- ☐ Health History
- ☐ Parent Authorization (copy of your insurance card)
- ☐ Physician Examination
- ☐ Code of Ethics (appropriate to age)
- ☐ Parent Vacation Form (only necessary if you will be traveling while your child is at Camp)
- ☐ Upload negative PCR test results before opening day!



ADDITIONAL LINKS (OPTIONAL!)

- ☐ CBM Nalgene Bottle (we ask that each camper bring at least two reusable water bottles to Camp) in fun colors and glow-in-the-dark, Crazy Creek Camp Chair, CBM Blanket, CBM Clothing ([All of this, and more, is available from our online store.](#))
- ☐ [LabelDaddy](#): Personalized labels for all of your child(ren)'s personal items. Save 15% when you use the code CAMPBARNEY
- ☐ [CBM "Brick"](#): Donation to CBM to honor someone or to simply leave a bit of "your legacy" at Camp Barney! (\$180) Permanently mounted on 1000ft. long wall at CBM in time for Summer 2022.



THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU BEFORE CAMP

- ☐ Luggage Tags: Attach to each piece of baggage. These are color-coded and enable us to deliver baggage to the proper "village" at Camp.

DON'T FORGET!

- ☐ Label all your child(ren)'s clothing and equipment (with their full name)!
- ☐ Read about CampMinder and Online Photos!
- ☐ Write your child(ren) as often as possible!

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

FEES: Payment in full was due by **May 1, 2021**, unless prior arrangements have been made. For more information, contact Fran Harrell: (678) 812-3846 or fran@campbarney.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONATIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships and the One Happy Camper and P.J. Library Incentive Grants may be available to help cover tuition. Out-of-town families may wish to pursue grants, endowments, and scholarship opportunities through One Happy Camper, local JCCs, Jewish Federations, Jewish Family Services, regional foundations and endowment funds, Temples and Synagogues. For more information, you are welcome to pursue a confidential conversation with Barbara Vahaba, Financial Assistance Coordinator, at (678) 812-4142.

DONATIONS: For those families who wish to make a tax-deductible donation to the **ANGELS FUND** (providing camper scholarships to members of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta) or to

the **CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ FUND**, create Bar and Bat Mitzvah Scholarship or other donation opportunities, or create an **ENDOWMENT**, please contact Jim Mittenthal, Camp Director at (678) 812-3840, or mail your thoughtful and generous contribution to the CBM office in Atlanta. Every gift is tax-deductible, will be appropriately acknowledged, and is so appreciated. Todah Rabah!



WHAT TO BRING

For your convenience, a suggested clothing and equipment list is provided in this Parents' Handbook. **Please be sure each item is clearly marked with your camper's name.** Duplicating this list and placing it inside luggage facilitates easier packing at the end of the session. Ample built-in "cubby" space is provided in each cabin for storage.

The temperature at Camp is quite nice, allowing for shorts and T-shirts during the day (85-95 degrees). Slightly warmer clothing may be recommended during the evenings (65-75 degrees). All clothing and personal items should be plainly marked with indelible markers or sewn-on tags. Please limit luggage to **TWO** pieces per child. Please use duffel bags or any other type of soft-sided luggage. We recommend you send old clothes as most activities occur outdoors and campers enjoy the freedom of not worrying about stains or the "impact of Georgia red clay!" We also recommend that children assist with packing their luggage. **Laundry** will be washed three times during each four-week session and twice during each two-week session. There is no laundry service for one-week campers.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR 4-WEEK CAMPERS

Please adjust quantities below for 1-week and 2-week campers

CLOTHING

10-14 washable cloth face masks OR 50 disposable face masks
1 pair tennis shoes
1 pair comfortable hiking shoes (4-week campers)
1 pair flip-flops (for showers)
1 pair sandals with heel straps (e.g. Tevas, Chacos)
10 T-shirts
6 pairs shorts
1 pair jeans/long pants
10 pairs socks
12 pairs underwear
4 bathing suits
2 sweatshirts
2 pajamas
Hat(s)
1 poncho/raincoat/jacket
1 white shirt or nice outfit for Shabbat (white shorts/pants NOT necessary)
"ugly" t-shirts, shoes, & pants for the Bog!

TOILETRIES & BEDDING

1 compact sleeping bag (4-week campers)
1 blanket
2 sets of twin sheets
1 pillow
2 pillowcases
5 bath towels
2 laundry bags (not mesh)
1 toothbrush/toothpaste/cup
1 comb/brush
1 shampoo/conditioner
1 nail clipper
Soap & case
Sunscreen lotion
Bug spray – non-aerosol
Deodorant – non aerosol



OTHER

Water bottle***
Flashlight/batteries
Stationery, stamps, pens
Backpack/daypack
Hand sanitizer

OPTIONAL

Books
Tennis Racquet
Musical instrument
Fishing gear
Costumes
Inexpensive camera
Ground cloth or "Egg Crate"
Stuffed animals
Playing cards
Battery operated fan
iPod (FOR MUSIC ONLY!)
Nothing that connects to the Internet.)



*****Necessary!** Campers of all ages should have reusable water bottles to reduce waste/remain hydrated. CBM Nalgene water bottles are available for purchase [online](#) for only \$12.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR TEEN CAMPERS:

(completing grades 7, 8, 9, and 10)
2 pair wool socks
2 bandanas

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR JIT CAMPERS:

(completing grade 10)
1 lantern (battery operated)
1 headlamp/strap
1 pair "old jeans" and old long sleeve t-shirt!

WHAT NOT TO BRING

All campers and staff may not bring anything to Camp that is dangerous and could cause injury or destroy property. **Those who bring illegal drugs, alcohol, fireworks, or weapons of any kind will be dismissed.**

Other items indicated below are **inappropriate for Camp and therefore not permitted**. Should they be discovered, they will be taken away and/or discarded, and we will contact you to discuss whether your child will be permitted to remain at CBM. **PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE:**

Cigarettes, e-cigarettes, lighters, matches
Cellular Telephones
Walkie-Talkies
Pocket Knives
Food, sodas, etc.

iPod Touches, iPads (or any electronic device with a screen that connects to the Internet)
Large electronic games, TVs
Inappropriate music
Inappropriate/sexualized clothing

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found items are displayed throughout, and at the end of, each session, and counselors will make every attempt to help campers locate misplaced items on a daily basis! CBM cannot assume liability for the loss or damage of personal items. **Please label everything!**

Parents: Please supervise packing your child(ren)'s luggage!

LAUNDRY

During each 4-week session, campers will have their laundry cleaned three times (and twice during the 2-week sessions). A professional laundry service from our local town of Cleveland washes, dries and folds the contents of each camper's clearly marked laundry bag and returns clothes the next day. Please make sure your camper's laundry bag is made of a durable material. Mesh bags do not hold up well over the course of the summer, and do not help to protect the clothes inside. CBM laundry bags are available for purchase prior to camp. For more information, please check our [online store](#). There is no laundry service for 1-week camper programs.

ADJUSTING TO CAMP

Upon arrival at Camp Barney Medintz, it is common for all campers, new and returning, to require some adjustment. Some campers may immediately become homesick and might express these feelings in the first or second letter home to you. In fact, homesickness is **NORMAL**! It's often about being away from all that is familiar and suddenly encountering new places, new faces, new systems and a change in routine. It's common for adults, too!

Experienced campers may initially compare their first impressions to a previous counselor, camp, or fellow campers. Also **NORMAL**! Some kids adjust sooner than others, but generally, campers become truly comfortable when more and more about Camp becomes familiar.

Our Staff will be ready to respond to campers upon their arrival. Some kids need "quiet time" at first with reduced instructions and stimuli, and some want to know "everything right away!" Still, others feel fine once they are "connected" with the counselor, campers in their cabin, the Health Center, cubby space, their bed, facilities, activities, and routines. That's why the "First Letter Home," especially if "distressful," is often a very premature (and sometimes a very dramatic) reaction! Wait for the "second letter home," and call us if you're still concerned.

Meanwhile, you may choose to build excitement and/or reduce anxiety by doing some pre-camp preparation. Express your confidence in your child's ability to take care of himself or herself, knowing that asking for help is perfectly okay. Send along familiar items from home. Talk about the adventures awaiting your child, reuniting with old friends or making new ones (and which qualities your child possesses that other kids would be drawn to).

TALKING ABOUT HOMESICKNESS

What is homesickness? We've probably all felt it at some point in our lives. It's a natural, normal feeling that almost all children (and adults!) feel when they're away from home. Those feelings just vary in intensity from one person to the next. According to the American Camp Association (ACA), "there are several factors that put children at greater risk for becoming homesick. For example, children with little previous experience away from home, children who have low expectations of Camp, children who feel forced to go to Camp, children who are unsure whether adults will help them if they need help, children who have little practice coping with negative emotions, and children whose parents express a lot of anxiety are most likely to feel homesick."

Often, homesickness is not a problem. But when it is, parents and camp staff can work together to help. Some parents fear that mentioning homesickness before camp begins will *cause* their child to be homesick. In fact, the opposite is true. Talking to your child about homesickness before they leave home is a great idea! It may even prevent homesickness before it starts. Have your child help pack for Camp. Reassure them that Camp is a fun and safe place, and that there are lots of adults on staff to help them if they are feeling sad. Remind them how confident you are in their abilities and independence, and please don't promise them that you'll come pick them if they're feeling homesick! If possible (and COVID-safe), have your child spend some "practice" time away from home, such as a long weekend at a friend or relative's house. Try different coping strategies during this trial run.

The first letter or two that you receive from your camper may sound sad. Feelings of homesickness are often exaggerated during downtime (including rest hour, which is usually when campers write letters home!). If you do receive such a letter, please start by taking a deep breath. We know it's hard to imagine your child being sad and not being there to hug and comfort them. Remember that these feelings are natural and common and that our staff ARE there to hug and comfort your child. Also know that in the time that it took the letter to reach you, your camper may have adjusted to Camp and the feelings expressed may no longer be accurate. Write your child back an encouraging letter, validating their feelings. Here are a few ideas of good things to say to a camper who is feeling homesick:

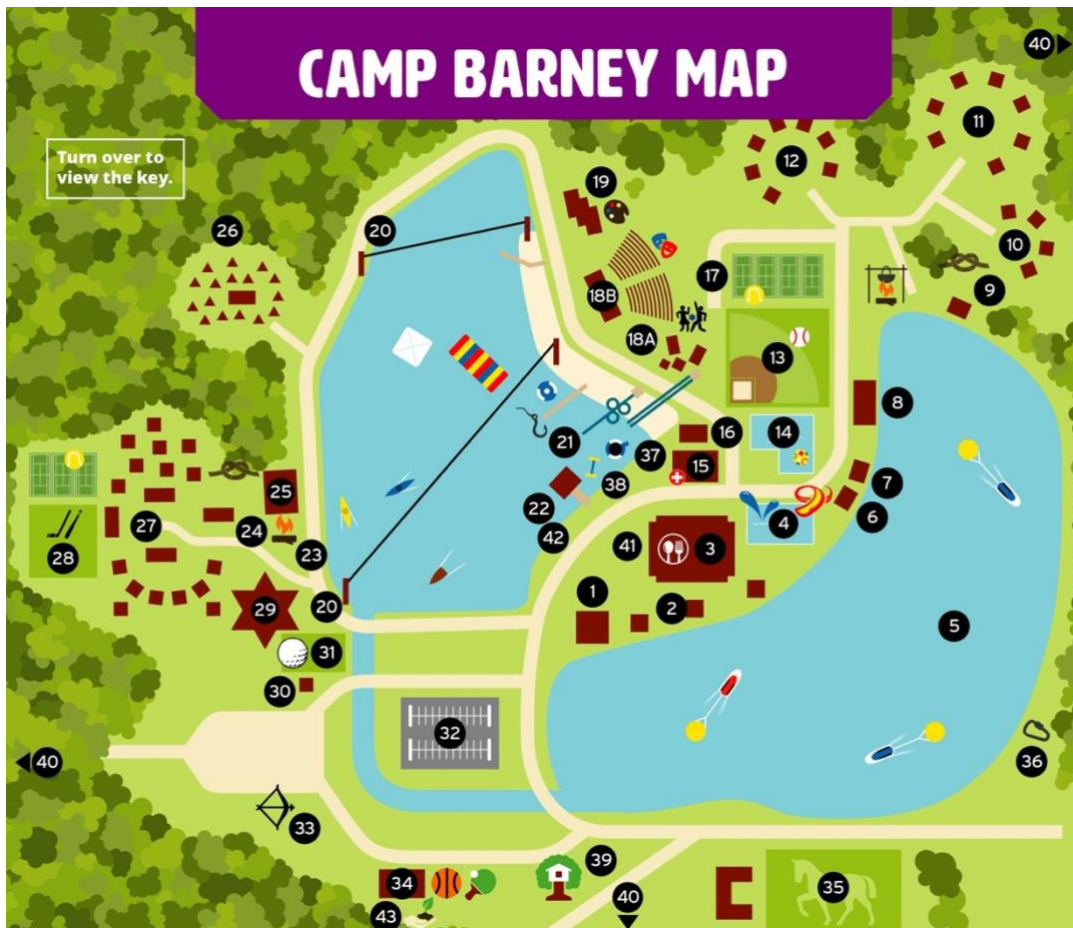
- Your feelings are normal.
- I have confidence in you. I know you can do this.
- I know you feel miserable right now.
- I am not coming to pick you up early.
- Nothing fun or exciting is going on at home.
- The days will start going much faster once you've adjusted to camp.
- The more you participate and get involved, the better you will feel.
- Overcoming your homesickness will help you feel more confident about future adventures away from home.
- Even though it's painful right now, I know that you are growing and maturing because of your camp experience.
- I'm really proud of you.



If you continue to be concerned, please contact us. We are happy to do some investigating and give you an update. We want to work together with you to make sure your child is happy and having the time of their life at Camp.

At Camp





1. Camp Office
2. Director's House & Adult Housing
3. Alterman Lodge (Dining Hall)
4. Lynne M. and Howard I. Halpern Aquatic Center
5. Lake Louis
 - Water Skiing
 - Knee Boarding
 - Tubing
 - Banana Boating
 - Fishing
 - Shubin Water Ski Docks
6. The Lounge
7. Cabin 20
8. The Lodge
9. Nature Crafts
 - Bog
 - Ropes Course
 - Outdoor Cooking
10. Village 1
11. Village 2
12. Village 3
13. Junior Ball Field
14. Jacobs Swimming Pool
15. Billi and Bernie Marcus Health Center
16. Old City Kitchen Cooking School
 - Canteen
 - Mail Center
17. Eichel Tennis Center
18. The Marcus Cultural & Performing Arts Center
 - A. Asher & Grace Benator Center
 - Radio Station
 - Dance Center, Yoga
 - Sababa Israeli Cultural Center
 - B. The Chippie Amphitheatre
 - Movie Studios
 - Music Center
 - Mercaz Horesh
 - Dorothy's Deck
19. Shirley Halpern Arts & Crafts Center
20. The Omega Double Zip Line
- Alpha Zip Line
21. Lake Wendy & Beach
 - Boating
 - Blob
 - Fishing
 - Log Roll
 - Saturn
 - Iceberg
 - The Hurricane Waterslide
 - Rave Water Trampolines
 - Canoeing & Kayaking
 - Paddle Boarding
 - Pedal Boards
22. The Glass Pavilion Sukkah
23. Campfire Site
24. Ropes Courses
 - Climbing Walls
 - Vertical Challenge Courses
 - Charlie's Challenge Bungee Drop
25. Babbit Center
26. JIT Village
27. Arogeti/Wynne Teen Village
28. Arogeti/Wynne Sports Complex
 - Michael's Field
 - Tennis
 - Basketball
 - Roller Hockey
 - Batting Cages
29. Doris Zaban Chapel
30. Sam's Deck
31. Golf Course/Driving Range
32. Parking Lot
33. Archery
34. Bernard Halpern Activity Center
 - Basketball
 - Martial Arts
 - Amphitheater
 - Table Tennis
 - Fencing
 - Mountain Biking
35. Brill Equestrian Center
36. Tree Climbing Center
37. The Finn Water Luge
38. Emily's Zoola
39. Fogey's Tree House
40. Campsites
41. Jen's Zen Den
42. The Gail and Lyons Den
43. Organic Garden

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULES

SHIFT A

7:45am	Breakfast
8:45	Cabin Clean-Up, Marcus Health Center Meds
10:00	Tennis
11:15	Pedal Boards
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30	Rest Hour/Mail/Canteen
2:30	Tie Dye
3:45	Kickball
5:15	Dinner
6:15	The "Hurricane" Water Slide
7:30	Teambuilding "G.I."
8:45	"Milk Line"
9:15	Lights Out



SHIFT B

7:45am	Cabin Clean-Up, Marcus Health Center Meds
9:00	Breakfast
10:00	Pottery Wheel
11:15	Water Skiing
12:30pm	Old City Kitchen
1:45	Lunch
2:30	Rest Hour/Mail/Canteen
3:45	"Omega" Double Zip Lines
5:00	Mountain Biking
6:30	Dinner
7:30	Boating
8:45	"Milk Line"
9:15	Evening Program (e.g., Sports Leagues, Dances, Israel Festival, Film Festivals, Talent Show, Cooking Festival, Nature Programs)
10:15	Lights Out



THE SCHEDULE WILL VARY SOMEWHAT DURING SHABBAT, FOR CAMPOUTS, AND CAMPWIDE PROGRAM DAYS.

CANTEEN

CANTEEN includes approximately one snack item per visit, six days per week. (The Canteen Fee also includes laundry and Camp T-shirt).

Items available in the canteen may include: fresh fruit, BarneyBars (only on Sundays), Clif bars, Kind Bars, potato chips, cookies, Fruit Roll-ups, assorted candy, etc. Gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free options will be very clearly indicated and available every day.

VISITORS

There is no visiting for enrolled campers DURING Camp sessions. We maintain this posture to ensure a continuity of experience away from home, and to provide an environment to our community that suggests safety and familiarity. Particularly in 2021, our top priority is protecting the "CBM Bubble."

TIPPING

In keeping with the philosophy of Camp Barney Medintz and the guidelines of the American Camp Association (ACA), which annually accredits CBM, gratuities are not accepted. If you truly wish to acknowledge a staff member, you are welcome to make a donation to the Camp Barney Medintz Fund in their honor. Your thoughtful gesture will be acknowledged in all-staff gatherings and in subsequent CBM newsletters!

Communication



CONTACT US

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

Camp Barney Medintz

Winter Office: 678-812-3844 (September 1 – May 19)

Summer Office: 706-865-2715 (May 19 – September 1)

summer@campbarney.org

www.campbarney.org

TELEPHONES

The Camp Barney Medintz summer telephone number is **(706) 865-2715**. Our office hours are **9:00am to 8:00pm (EST) Sunday through Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (EST) Friday, and 11:00am to 5:00pm (EST) on Saturday (Shabbat)**. You may telephone us any time during Camp! We may also wish to contact you so that together, we can ensure the most successful experience for your child. Should you need to call **during office hours**, a return call to you will be made that same day unless you specify urgency, and then the Director or another Camp administrator will be sought immediately. (Please remember, we're a 540-acre facility and Camp administrators may be far from the office when you call— with campers, at programs, etc.)



Should you have an urgent need to call **after office hours** (8:00pm), you will be provided the name and number of our directors' mobile phones. If the director does not answer immediately, please leave a message and the director will call you back as soon as possible.

Parents are not permitted to communicate with campers via telephone unless parents indicate urgency to the Camp Director.

Parental phone calls often interfere with camper adjustment and scheduled activities and trips.

CAMPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING CELL PHONES TO CAMP.

ONLINE PHOTOS & ONE-WAY EMAIL

This form is all about staying in touch with your child(ren) this summer while they're at Camp Barney! Our CampMinder/CampInTouch online system is very easy to use!

ONE-WAY EMAIL:

Faster (for you) to write your child(ren) as often as you want! Emails are printed and delivered to campers just like regular mail – each day after lunch. Purchase **"CAMPSTAMPS"** packages in CampInTouch and save money.

ONLINE PHOTOS:

This summer, we will continue to take photographs of campers, experiences, and awesome moments throughout each session. **Note: We will post photos two or three times per week.** While parents love to see all the action almost in "real time," this approach in 2021 will enable our staff to focus on the health and safety of our camp community while still enabling parents to catch a glimpse of some of the magical moments at Camp Barney this summer.

It's easy to get started NOW and become part of our exciting online community!

This process is designed to be safe and secure by limiting access of "our" children's pictures online and your credit card information.

1. Visit www.campbarney.org.
2. Click on the Account Login link. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. Use the same login and password that you did when you registered your child for Camp.
3. Once you are logged in, you will see our Online Community section where you can view photos and send your child(ren) one-way emails.
4. 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). "**CampStamps**" are priced as follows:
 - 10 CampStamps: \$10.00
 - 15 CampStamps: \$14.00
 - 20 CampStamps: \$18.00
 - 30 CampStamps: \$25.00
5. When you click on the photo link, you can view pictures that we'll post throughout each week! To purchase these photos, click on the small **shopping cart** icon under the photo.

If you need help with anything regarding your online account, click on the **HELP LINK** at the top right of the screen and browse the FAQs. If none of these answer your questions, click on the **HELP TICKETS LINK** and create a help ticket. These help tickets will be sent directly to our technology partner (for online camp applications, photos, email, etc.) **CAMPMINDER**, and will be answered within 24 hours.

We are so excited to share the summer with you and your family at Camp Barney in 2021 and now, it's even easier. We'll "see" you soon!

PHOTOGRAPHS



Camp Barney Medintz may use any individual or group photographs of campers taken at Camp during the summer for public relations purposes. Only enrolled CBM families and their invited guests have access to these same photos throughout the summer.

MAIL

A steady flow of mail to/from home can make a world of difference in your child's positive feelings about Camp and home. (Some parents even arrange for that first letter to be at Camp before the child is! If you choose to do so, it will be delivered upon their arrival.) Camper "letter-writing" days (otherwise known as "meal tickets!") occur twice a week: **Mondays & Thursdays**.

PLEASE WRITE TO: **CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ, CABIN # _____***
4165 HWY 129 NORTH
CLEVELAND, GA 30528-2309



(Please make sure the **camper's cabin # is written on all correspondence after your child indicates the cabin # in his or her first letter home to you!).*

The first letters home from your child will be written, scanned, and emailed home to parents! Other hand-written and mailed letters from campers may take several days to arrive. Local post offices are historically slower than bigger city post offices.

Though sometimes the first letter home might indicate a difficult adjustment, homesickness, etc., a more revealing view of your child's early Camp experience could be represented in his or her second letter. Nevertheless, if you're deeply concerned, please call and we'll do some quick research!

PARENTS MAY EMAIL your child(ren) as often as you choose! Information about the process and cost are included on the following page. Call us if you have questions!

PACKAGES

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PACKAGES TO YOUR CHILD AT CAMP DURING THIS ONE UNIQUE SUMMER! If you have an urgent need (i.e., a forgotten pillow or teddy bear), please contact our office staff at 706-865-2715. Camp Barney's no-package policy this summer enables us to properly manage the health and safety of our campers and staff.



Health and Safety



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"Our Summer Place"

Spring, 2021

Dear Camp Barney Medintz Family,

On behalf of all our Physicians and Nurses who will be in-residence throughout this summer, we want to welcome you to a safe and very exciting 2021 Summer Season.

Each of the Medical Staff who will be at Camp Barney, many of whom are alumni, have committed to provide our skills, dedication and care to every camper and staff member to assure that our camp community is a safe, healthy, exciting land enriching experience. Collectively, we have been a part of Camp Barney for about 120 years! Individually, we've each averaged about 8 years in-residence. We are indeed privileged to spend our summers with your kids.

Be sure to thoroughly complete your camper's Medical Forms in your Camp Forms Dashboard. This information will be useful to our Staff in assisting your child(ren) should medical attention be required. Obviously, the data you and your physician input on the forms must be current and comprehensive. Any changes in medications or other special circumstances, which arise after submitting your form and prior to Camp's commencement should be conveyed to our medical staff. Of course, we will also be in touch with you should we have questions or wish to discuss your child's health.

Speaking for the entire Camp Barney Medintz Medical Staff, we are looking forward to another wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

THE 2021 CAMP BARNEY MEDINTZ MEDICAL STAFF

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for your child.



A. HEALTH CENTER AND MEDICAL STAFF

The Marcus Health Center at Camp Barney is centrally located. It is antiseptically clean, air-conditioned, and well-equipped.

Our medical staff includes a resident physician and five to seven registered nurses (RNs) each session who live at Camp and are on-call 24 hours a day. A network of medical care facilities is also available: medical clinics are located four miles away in Cleveland, 25 miles away in Gainesville, and 60 miles away in Atlanta; dentists and orthodontists are also available in these locations. Additionally, many Camp Barney Medintz staff become trained and/or certified in first aid prior to your child's arrival.

Campers receive excellent medical attention. Whether they take daily medications, require treatment, or need to be admitted for an overnight stay, their health and safety is always our primary concern. **If a camper develops an illness that requires a prescription medication, a change in medications, an overnight stay or outside consultation, a call will be made to the camper's parent(s).**

B. REQUIRED ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

All campers must have a medical exam by their physician prior to their arrival at Camp. The *Health Form(s)* were due by **April 1, 2021**. **Campers will not be permitted to attend Camp without a completed Health History Form and Physician Examination Form.** If you have any comments regarding Health Forms, e-mail cbmforms@campbarney.org.

C. FLU SHOTS

Every camper and staff member must have a **current annual flu vaccination**. **Everyone must be screened by a physician and/or parents prior to arrival to diminish and/or eliminate the spread of Influenza in our Camp Barney community and be free of fever for 24 hours without any fever reducing medication.** Thank You!

D. MEDICATION

Any camper who takes medication while at Camp, either over the counter or prescription, must have it filled and packaged through Arnold Drug Company. Orders are due to Arnold Drug Company by **May 14** for first session campers (including Kochavim B and Youth B) and **June 11** for second session campers (including Kochavim D). All information about taking medication can be found on our website at www.campbarney.org/current-families/healthy-campers.

Please remember: we cannot accept medications at the bus unless you have prior approval (including refrigerated meds). To request prior approval, please email MarcusHealthCenter@campbarney.org. If medications are brought on opening day without prior approval, we will hold out three doses and require that the script be rush ordered, filled by Arnold Drug Company, and shipped directly to Camp. Any expedited fees will apply. Packaging through Arnold Drug Company will ensure safe and efficient medication administration for your child.

E. LICE SCREENINGS

All campers are screened for lice by our medical staff and trained professionals from Lice Ladies (www.liceladies.com/atlanta) immediately upon their arrival and **prior** to moving into their cabins and unpacking their luggage. Please help us by checking your child prior to their arrival at Camp. If your child is found to have nits or active lice, there are two options:

1. Lice Ladies will perform a lice treatment at Camp. Lice treatment is \$95.00 for short hair (above ear lobe) and \$150.00 for long hair (below ear lobe). Your child will be able to return to his or her cabin

once the treatment is complete. Payment arrangements are contracted directly between Lice Ladies and the camper's parent(s) and are due prior to treatment being performed.

2. If you do not wish to use Lice Ladies, your child will need to return home for treatments and may return to Camp after they **receive two treatments and a signed letter from their doctor indicating he or she is lice and nit free.**

F. GLASSES

It is extremely important that your child bring a spare pair of glasses to Camp. Should glasses break, it is very difficult to enjoy Camp, and they should be replaced without delay.



G. BRACES

Please provide ample "bees wax" to help your child during moments of discomfort. There are dental professionals in our local town near Camp should a wire protrude or break. Please help your child maintain his or her braces while at Camp.

H. MEDICAL INSURANCE

Camp Barney Medintz does not provide medical insurance. All campers must be covered by a health insurance plan or they will not be permitted to attend Camp. Expenses applied toward family's insurance include visits to an out-of-camp clinic or hospital and **prescribed pharmacy medications.**

I. AUTHORIZATION

The Camp Director is authorized to use his judgment in arranging for any medical care not available in the Marcus Health Center that, upon the advice of the Camp Doctor, he deems necessary. **Parents agree to pay all expenses involved, and not covered by your family insurance, including insurance co-payments.**

SECURITY

We have an electric security gate at the entrance to Camp Barney. This is to provide better protection for our camp community. The security code is available to our staff and selected vendors. We also have a Ring system connecting any visitors to the office. This entrance gate is approximately one mile from the beginning of the Camp facilities and activities. Camp Barney employs security staff, and many other "seen and unseen" security measures are also implemented at CBM throughout our camp season.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Families:

1. **We have done our best to simplify our COVID protocols. We recognize that this is a lot of information. We also know that you share our desire to keep our campers' safety our top priority. The importance of this information cannot be understated. Please read it in its entirety.**
2. **Even with vaccines as widely available as they are for adults, we continue to follow CDC guidance with regard to appropriate COVID protocols for overnight camps. We urge all campers who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine to pursue it.**

FOUR PRE-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR UNVACCINATED CAMPERS

1. SELF-QUARANTINE

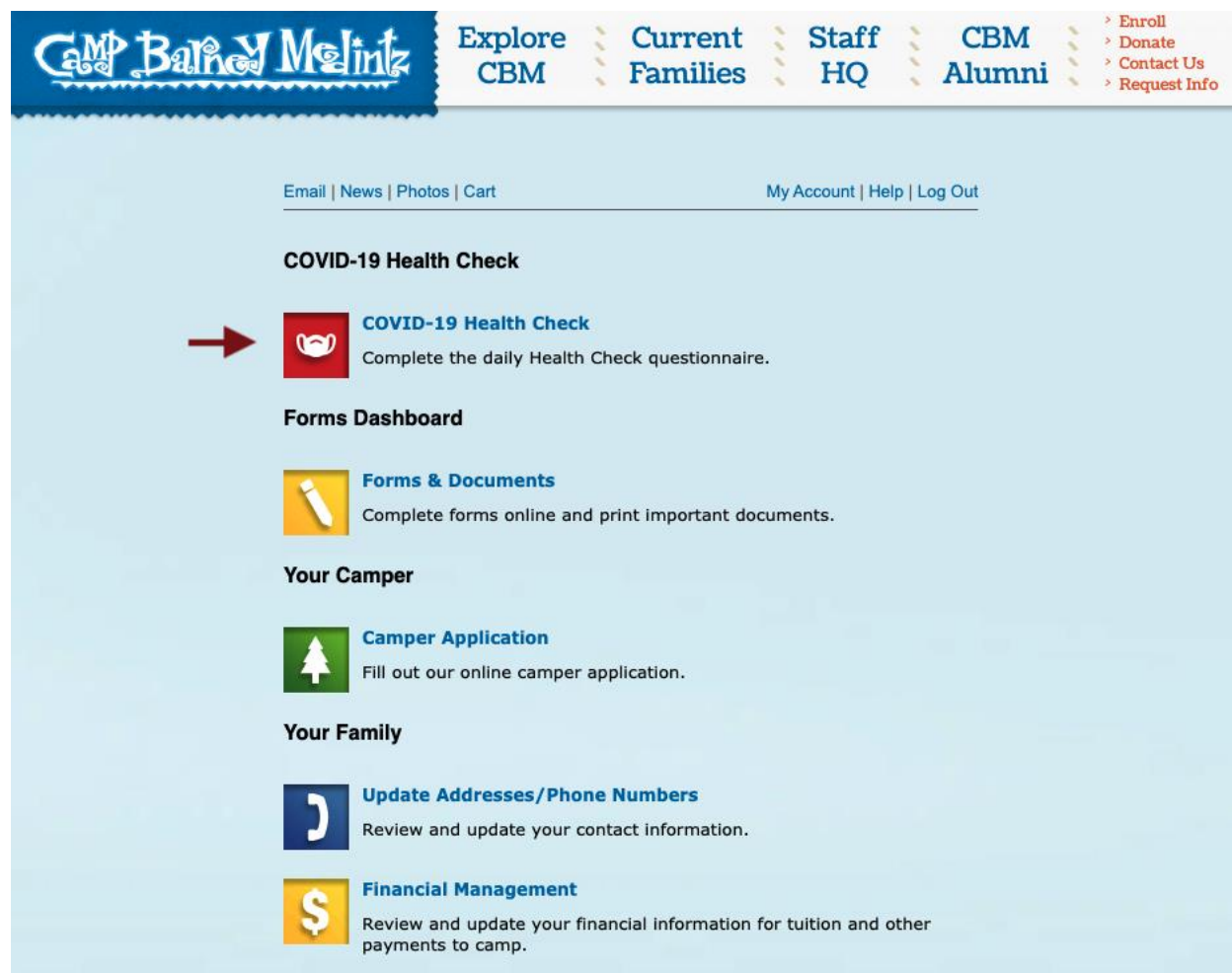
During the 2 weeks prior to camp, we request that all unvaccinated campers minimize activities outside their home and take steps to keep themselves and those around them healthy including:

- Following all local and CDC guidance regarding masking, social distancing, proper hygiene, and good handwashing.
- Avoiding gatherings with those outside of your household as much as possible. If a gathering is necessary, all participants should be masked and maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet from each other. The gathering should be outdoors or in a well-ventilated space.

The health and safety of our Camp community is a partnership with all of our CBM families and staff. Please help us to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our camp community by observing our recommendations prior to camp.

2. PRE-ARRIVAL SCREENING

All parents will be asked to answer two questions each day for one week prior to their arrival at Camp. Please go into your CampInTouch account by 5pm each day in the one week leading up to opening day of your session.



The screenshot shows the Camp Barney McIntosh website dashboard. At the top is a blue header with the camp's logo and navigation links: Explore CBM, Current Families, Staff HQ, and CBM Alumni. On the right side of the header are links for Enrollment: > Enroll, > Donate, > Contact Us, and > Request Info. Below the header is a light blue navigation bar with links for Email, News, Photos, Cart, My Account, Help, and Log Out. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- COVID-19 Health Check**: A red arrow points to a red square icon with a white face mask. The text reads "COVID-19 Health Check" and "Complete the daily Health Check questionnaire."
- Forms Dashboard**: A yellow square icon with a white document and pencil. The text reads "Forms & Documents" and "Complete forms online and print important documents."
- Your Camper**: A green square icon with a white tree. The text reads "Camper Application" and "Fill out our online camper application."
- Your Family**: This section contains two items:
 - A blue square icon with a white 'J' shape. The text reads "Update Addresses/Phone Numbers" and "Review and update your contact information."
 - A yellow square icon with a white dollar sign. The text reads "Financial Management" and "Review and update your financial information for tuition and other payments to camp."



Question 1:

Has your camper experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:*

- Fever (of 100.4 or greater) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose (not due to allergies)
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

NEXT →

Question 2:

Has your camper been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?*

← PREVIOUS SUBMIT

3. REGISTER FOR THE HEALTHCARE IT PORTAL

A vital part of keeping our camp community safe this summer will be the schedule of testing we are planning on administering. We have partnered with Healthcare IT Leaders who will be performing our testing this summer.

We are requiring that every family register each of their campers into the Track-My-Results/ Healthcare IT portal. It is within this portal where all test results throughout the summer will be sent.

Additionally, the registration into this portal will allow parents/ guardians to sign the electronic HIPPA form which is required in order to proceed on opening day.

All families will receive the link to the portal within 3 weeks prior to camp. Once you receive the link, please make it a point to register.

4. PCR TEST

All campers will be required to take a molecular test (also known as PCR testing) **within 72 hours** of their departure for Camp. Each family is responsible for making their own appointments for this test. If you believe it will take more than 3 days to receive the results of a PCR test in your area, contact the Camp Barney office for approval to take the PCR test earlier.

<u>Session</u>	<u>Opening Day</u>	<u>Take test on or after</u>
First Session & CBMX & 2-week A	June 6	June 3
2-week B	June 20	June 17
Second Session & 2-week C	July 5	July 1
2-week D	July 19	July 16

We ask that campers quarantine at home – avoiding contact with anyone not in your household – beginning 3 days before your molecular PCR test and continuing until traveling to Camp.

Once the results of the pre-camp PCR test are available, a certificate or notice of a **NEGATIVE** result MUST be uploaded into each camper's CamplnTouch account (shown below). A screenshot of the negative test result will suffice.

The certificate or notice (screenshot) should be uploaded under the title **PRE-CAMP PCR TEST RESULT CAMPERS** no later than 1 day prior to opening/arrival day (shown below).

- **The certificate or notice (screenshot) MUST have the person's name, date of test, and negative test result all present within the document.**

Campers will not be allowed to enter Camp if this has not been submitted.

Camper/Family Form Administration for 2021 Add Document Add Custom Web Form Add Web Perm

Active CamplnTouch Forms

Form	Type	Notify	This form is for	Req.	Upd.	Due
Arnold Drug Company- Camp Meds Arnold Drug Prescription Order Form.pdf	PAPER	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	No		
Confidential Camper Questionnaire	MED	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	Yes	Yes	04/01/2021
Health History	MED	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	Yes	Yes	04/01/2021
Parent Authorization parentAuthorizationForm.pdf	PAPER	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	Yes		04/01/2021
Physicians Exam Date	MED	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	No	Yes	04/01/2021
Physicians Examination physiciansExamination.pdf	PAPER	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	Yes		04/01/2021
Pre-Arrival PCR Test Result Campers Pre-Arrival PCR Instructions.pdf	PAPER	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	Yes		
Travel Form	MED	Actions >	Campers (edit constraints)	Yes	Yes	04/01/2021

Campers who receive a positive test result prior to arrival are required to contact David Fried, Assistant Director, immediately at David.fried@atlantajcc.org and/or 678-205-9561 and should NOT board a plane or plan to travel to Camp.

UPON THE RECEIPT OF A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT: A confirmation email will be sent once the **PRE-CAMP PCR TEST RESULT CAMPERS** form is approved (by 10pm the evening of submission).




















Once you receive the confirmation email, it is imperative that you complete the following steps:

1. Print the email as confirmation and make sure to bring it with you to show Camp Barney personnel at White County High School or airport upon arrival. Campers will NOT be permitted to follow the opening day onboarding process unless this confirmation is present.
2. The confirmation email, as noted above, will also remind families about registering for the Healthcare IT portal. Healthcare IT will be performing opening/arrival day testing. Make sure to register for this portal. You will be asked to show the registration to this portal upon entry to the testing site on opening/arrival day.
3. Upon registration in the Healthcare IT portal, parents or guardians **must sign the HIPAA minor consent form**. This form should be printed out and brought with the confirmation email as noted above.

For a review of all pre-camp protocols, please watch [this helpful video](#).

PROTOCOLS FOR VACCINATED CAMPERS

1. Campers who are at least 2 weeks BEYOND their second dose of the vaccine are no longer required to get the pre-camp PCR test prior to their arrival. Additionally, vaccinated campers will no longer need the Day 0 and Week 1 test as previously communicated. We will only test vaccinated campers if they are symptomatic at any point throughout the summer. Vaccinated campers will still be involved in our daily symptoms check and will also adhere to our masking policies.
2. If a camper should fall into #1 above, please follow the following steps to upload your camper's vaccination card.
 - a. Step 1: [Log into your camp account](#)
 - b. Step 2: Click Forms and Documents
 - c. Step 3: Click "Vaccination Card Upload" as shown below.
 - d. Step 4: Click "Upload" and upload your vaccination form no later than June 1 for June campers and June 30 for July campers.

Form	Due	Status	
 Arnold Drug Company- Camp Meds [<i>more info</i>] (315.77kb PDF)			 UPLOAD
 Code of Ethics and Behavior	06/01/2021	Due in 15 days	
 Parent/Guardian Vacation Form	06/01/2021		
 Physicians Exam Date	04/01/2021		
 Pre-Arrival PCR Test Result Campers [<i>more info</i>] (417.48kb PDF)		Required	 UPLOAD
 Vaccination Card Upload (only if FULLY vaccinated) (42.15kb PDF)		Required	 UPLOAD
 Confidential Camper Questionnaire	04/01/2021	● Rcvd. Mar 13, 2021	 PRINT
 Health History	04/01/2021	● Rcvd. Apr 10, 2021	 PRINT
 Parent Authorization (125.84kb PDF)	04/01/2021	● Rcvd. Apr 18, 2021	 PRINT
 Physicians Examination (146.08kb PDF)	04/01/2021	● Rcvd. May 2, 2021	 PRINT
 Travel Form	04/01/2021	● Rcvd. Apr 10, 2021	 PRINT

- Upon the receipt of the camper's vaccination card, you will receive an email confirmation that must be printed and brought to opening day as a ticket to proceed past the rapid antigen test.
- The card should have the camper's **full name** and the **dates of both COVID-19 vaccination does** (the second dose MUST be beyond 2 weeks prior to opening day. Vaccination cards that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted and those campers will need to adhere to our pre-camp requirements for unvaccinated campers ([see above](#)).

OPENING DAY FOR ALL CAMPERS



• CAMPERS WHO ARE DRIVING •

Please refer to the table on [page 37](#) for the correct date and drop-off location for your child's opening day. Within one week of your arrival, you will be sent a time to arrive at your location. Please adhere to your time so we can properly attend to each camper upon arrival.

ALL FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF SESSION AND FIRST DAY LOCATION

Make sure to bring your camper's confirmation email you received once the negative PCR was uploaded into CamplnTouch.

Make sure to have already registered with the Track-My-Results/ Healthcare IT portal as instructed in the confirmation email and previous communications.

Upon arrival, families will be directed through the following steps:

1. Drive onto the campus and follow directional signs.
2. Drive up to the intake tent. This is where Camp Barney personnel will check your confirmation email to ensure negative pre-arrival PCR results and your registration to the Track-My-Results/Healthcare IT portal.
3. Drive up to the testing tent.
4. Campers will be tested for Covid-19 with a rapid antigen test via a shallow nasal swab.
5. Following the test, cars will be directed to park in a designated lot where families will need to wait approximately 25 minutes for the results of the test.
6. Once results are provided via text and email, families will be able to leave the designated parking area and head to one of two locations: 1) If negative, to the luggage drop-off area, 2) If positive, to another designated parking area for further testing and instructions.
7. Campers testing negative will be guided to the luggage drop-off area which will be clearly labeled by unit and corresponding color that matches the luggage tags that were mailed weeks prior to opening day.
8. Following luggage drop-off, cars will be guided to the camper drop-off area where campers will be able to say their goodbyes and board the shuttle busses for the short drive to Camp. Campers will be required to wear facial coverings throughout this process.

In order to maintain social distancing guidelines and keep cars moving through the onboarding process, we are requiring family members to remain in vehicles during this entire process.



• CAMPERS WHO ARE FLYING •

For anyone traveling by plane, a rapid antigen test will be administered by a Camp Barney representative upon arrival at Camp.

All campers will be instructed to wear masks while waiting to be tested and kept physically distanced from all individuals, except for healthcare staff.

Once campers are tested and receive a negative result, they will gather with their cabin cohort, while those who test positive will be required to re-test and follow the procedures described below.

TESTING

WEEK 1 TESTING

Unvaccinated campers will be tested for COVID-19 with a rapid antigen test via shallow nasal swab onsite between days 4 and 6 of their session.

Results of these tests will be emailed to you while also shown in your Healthcare IT portal.

Cabins with 100% of campers and staff who test negative will be able to blend into their larger unit cohort, allowing for socialization with multiple cabins of their age group who also have 100% negative test results.

Subsequent COVID-19 testing will only occur when a symptomatic camper presents to our staff, and those in that camper's cabin or unit cohort.

POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

OPENING DAY BY CAR:

If the camper is symptomatic, regrettably, that camper and his/her sibling would need to return home and pursue a PCR test.

For asymptomatic cases:

- A second test (rapid PCR) will need to be taken.
- If the secondary test is positive, regrettably, that camper and his/her sibling would need to return home and pursue a PCR test.
- If the secondary test is negative, the camper will be directed to the luggage drop-off area and continue with the onboarding process.

OPENING DAY BY PLANE:

If the camper is symptomatic, regrettably, that camper and his/her sibling would need to return home and pursue a PCR test.

Your camper will remain in a comfortable isolation space at Camp Barney until arrangements can be made with the family to pick up your camper.

For asymptomatic cases:

- A second test (rapid PCR) will need to be taken.
- If the secondary test is positive, regrettably, that camper and his/her sibling would need to return home and pursue a PCR test.
- Camper will remain in a comfortable isolation space at Camp Barney and arrangements will be made with the family to pick up the camper.
- If the secondary test is negative, the camper will be permitted to rejoin their cohort.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER:

- Anyone who tests positive on Day 4-6 will be isolated in a comfortable space at Camp Barney.
- A second test (rapid PCR) will be administered.
- Campers who are confirmed positive after the second test: Parent/guardian is responsible to pick up their child within 48 hours or as soon as possible (CBM will help make arrangements with the camper's family for a safe transport home).

- Additional rapid testing will be performed on all members of the cabin cohort as deemed necessary by our medical staff.
- Other internal procedures will be followed by CBM to ensure safe progression of camp activities.

CAMPERS/STAFF WHO TEST POSITIVE AND ARE SENT HOME CAN RETURN TO CAMP ONCE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE TRUE:

- 14 days from the time of diagnosis (this is possible for only 4-week campers).
- They have not had a fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.
- Note – if the child/staff is immunocompromised, they must remain at home until 21 days from time of diagnosis.
- 1-week campers and 2-week campers will regrettably not be able to return to Camp this summer.

IF YOUR CAMPER TESTED POSITIVE WITHIN 90 DAYS OF ARRIVAL AT CAMP

- Molecular tests may return a positive result if you've been infected with COVID-19 within the past 3 months.
- The camper must present written documentation from their medical physician clearing them of any symptoms and from being contagious thus allowing them to enter Camp. Additionally, the letter must state the camper's name and the date they initially tested positive.

***If you have any questions about our COVID-19 protocols this summer,
please contact Covid-Help@campbarney.org.***



Transportation



TRAVEL OPTIONS

OPENING DAYS OF FIRST AND SECOND SESSIONS (Sunday, June 6 and Monday, July 5):

1. **CAR:** Drive to White County High School in Cleveland, GA and take a chartered coach bus to Camp.
2. **AIRPLANE:** Fly into Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Please see paragraph below labeled "[Flying To and From Camp](#)" regarding adult chaperone requirements.

OPENING DAYS OF OUR Kochavim and Youth B Sessions and Kochavim D Session (Sunday, June 20 and Monday, July 19):

1. **BUS:** Chartered Coach Bus to Camp: Drop off at Dunwoody Elementary School.
2. **AIRPLANE:** Fly into Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Please see paragraph below labeled "[Flying To and From Camp](#)" regarding adult chaperone requirements.

CLOSING DAYS OF OUR CBM Experience, Chalutzim Experience, Kochavim and Youth A Sessions, and Kochavim C Session (Friday, June 11, Thursday, June 17, and Friday, July 16):

1. **BUS:** Chartered Coach Bus from Camp. Pickup at Dunwoody Elementary School.
2. **AIRPLANE:** Fly out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Please see paragraph below labeled "[Flying To and From Camp](#)" regarding adult chaperone requirements.

CLOSING DAY OF FIRST SESSION (Thursday, July 1)

1. **CAR:** Pickup at White County High School in Cleveland, GA.
2. **BUS:** Birmingham Bus from Camp: Pickup at the Birmingham JCC.
3. **AIRPLANE:** Fly out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Please see paragraph below labeled "[Flying To and From Camp](#)" regarding adult chaperone requirements.

CLOSING DAY OF SECOND SESSION (Friday, July 30)

1. **CAR:** Pickup at White County High School in Cleveland, GA.
2. **BUS:** Charlotte Bus from Camp: Pickup at the Charlotte JCC.
3. **AIRPLANE:** Fly out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Please see paragraph below labeled "[Flying To and From Camp](#)" regarding adult chaperone requirements.



Your decision should be indicated clearly on the **TRAVEL FORM** that was submitted by you online to the Camp Barney office.

DRIVING TO AND FROM CAMP

DRIVING TO/FROM ATLANTA: We will meet in the parking lot of White County High School in Cleveland, GA or Dunwoody Elementary School in Dunwoody, GA (see below) where we will conduct health screenings, conduct a COVID-19 test, collect luggage, and say our goodbyes. Campers will then hop onto our coach buses to Camp. **Campers traveling from/to Atlanta MUST use this option.**

We will have assigned, staggered times for drop-offs and pick-ups. You will receive an email with location details and an assigned time when we are closer to your opening and closing day. We are not offering buses to Camp from Birmingham and Charlotte on opening days, but we will have a chartered coach bus to Birmingham at the end of first session and a chartered coach bus to Charlotte at the end of second session.

Please use the following addresses in your GPS to drop your child off on opening day and pick up on closing day:

SESSION	OPENING DAY	DROPOFF LOCATION	CLOSING DAY	PICKUP LOCATION
First Session	Sunday, June 6	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528	Thursday, July 1	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528
CBM Experience & Chalutzim Experience	Sunday, June 6	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528	Friday, June 11	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
Kochavim A, Youth A, Chalutzim (2 weeks)	Sunday, June 6	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528	Thursday, June 17	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
Kochavim B & Youth B	Sunday, June 20	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338	Thursday, July 1	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528
Second Session	Monday, July 5	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528	Friday, July 30	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528
Kochavim C	Monday, July 5	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528	Friday, July 16	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
Kochavim D	Monday, July 19	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338	Friday, July 30	White County High School 2600 US-129 Cleveland, GA 30528

FLYING TO AND FROM CAMP

FLYING INTO/OUT OF HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

For flights with 8 or more campers, we will seek (and reimburse flight expenses for) a chaperone to supervise and escort the campers. If your camper is on a chaperoned flight, you will be required to ship your luggage unless you are the chaperone. If your camper is on a flight that is not chaperoned, we are requiring that an adult fly with the camper and escort the camper between the gates and our buses. You may choose to have that adult handle your camper's luggage or ship their luggage directly to Camp (see below).

LUGGAGE

LUGGAGE SHIPPING INFORMATION

We only allow **soft-sided duffel bags** at Camp to allow for easier storage.

We strongly encourage you to use bags that measure no more than 40 x 40 x 20 inches when packed to avoid paying some really high extra fees. Due to an increase in ecommerce as a result of COVID, the shipping carriers have been overloaded and are struggling to keep up with demand. As a result, they have added extra fees for bags that are oversized and overweight this year. Staying within the 40 x 40 x 20 size should ensure that you don't exceed the various size limits that result in extra fees that can get up to \$125 per bag per trip.

LUGGAGE SHIPPING OPTIONS:

1. We have again partnered with IFL to make it easier and more cost effective to get your bags to Camp and back home again. They work with UPS directly and get better fees than you would get on your own. www.shiptocamp.com/campbarney
2. You can ship directly with FedEx

Luggage being shipped to Camp should be set up to arrive on the Wednesday before opening day.

Session	Opening Day	Luggage Arrival
First Session Kochavim A Youth A CBM Experience	Sunday, June 6	Wednesday, June 2
Kochavim B Youth B	Sunday, June 20	Wednesday, June 16
Second Session Kochavim C	Monday, July 5	Wednesday, June 30
Kochavim D	Monday, July 19	Wednesday, July 14

Luggage pickup at the end of your session should be scheduled on your last day of Camp at 3pm or later.

Please instruct your child to give his or her ticket and all receipts to our staff when met at the bus on the first day of Camp. They will be stored in our Camp safe and returned to campers as they check in on the last day of Camp.



Your Camper



CONFIDENTIAL CAMPER QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing the “*Confidential Camper Questionnaire*” that you received in March. Your responses and “mini biography” will help us immeasurably as we design cabin groups and prepare for your child’s emotional, physical, recreational, and social growth! Please send any updates you feel are important for us in providing a positive experience for your family.

CAMPER REPORTS

A Progress Report is written for each child by his or her counselor during each session. Information pertaining to your child’s adjustment to Camp, behavior, interactions with other children, response to various programs, routines, and staff are included. Families who wish to share feedback from their child’s camp experience are encouraged to contact the Camp Director following the summer (**beginning in October**) to set up a telephone or personal appointment.

BIRTHDAYS

A wonderful celebration awaits campers whose birthday occurs during their session at Camp, including yummy cake for their cabin and lots of singing by everyone in Camp! (If your child’s birthday falls during their time at Camp, please highlight this on the “*Confidential Camper Questionnaire*.”) **Unfortunately, telephone calls are not permitted on this special day as campers may be on a campout or other inaccessible activity.** Instead, please consider letters, cards, or emails!



BUNKMATE REQUESTS

Space is provided on the “*Confidential Camper Questionnaire*” for you to provide your child’s bunkmate request. Such requests will generally be honored if both families make the same request, unless there is a significant disparity in ages or grades. Some campers request to be bunked with several other children. Because of various cabin sizes, CBM can only commit to facilitating one request per camper. We try to honor old friendships, encourage new ones, and create a cabin group that will enable a fabulous experience for each child.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

For campers whose Bar/Bat Mitzvah date falls before the end of December 2021, Camp Barney Medintz can make arrangements for your child to receive additional “coaching” from our resident Judaic Educators for up to two hours per week while at Camp at no additional cost. If you so choose, a donation to CBM for this service would be welcomed and appreciated! Your donation will be dedicated to our CBM Jewish Cultural Fund.

Arrangements can also be made for such a “Simcha” should you choose to have your special occasion actually celebrated during available weekends at Camp Barney! (See “[Retreats](#)” Page 42). Please contact the Camp Director for information about availability, schedule, activities, accommodations, catering, costs and any other special arrangements.

Beyond Camp



FAMILY CAMP

It's like four weeks of Camp Barney squeezed into a Labor Day weekend full of fun and "freylach," all amidst the beautiful North Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains! Some activities are designed just for kids, some just for parents, and some for the whole family. Swimming, boating, tennis, crafts, rock-climbing, bar-b-ques, "The Blob," and much more! All lodging, meals, and activities are included.



The weekend begins with a special Shabbat dinner which creates a warm mood to reinforce the Judaic spirit at Camp Barney Medintz. Each family lodges in a variety of accommodation options. Space is limited for these annual and unique family vacations. **This summer, we are excited to offer our annual Family Camp: Labor Day Weekend, Friday, September 3 – Sunday, September 5, 2021.**

RETREATS

Camp Barney Medintz is available for organizations and special occasions during several non-summer months each year. Special fees include all lodgings, meals and activities. If you are interested in reserving a weekend in the magnificent North Georgia Mountains for your group, family reunion, wedding, Bar or Bat Mitzvah between mid-August and mid-September please call the Camp Barney office at (678) 812-3844.



Camp Barney Medintz

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All campers are accepted regardless of race, religion or national origin.

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Winter Address

(September 1 – May 19)
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Dunwoody, GA 30338
(678) 812-3844
www.campbarney.org

Summer Address

(May 19 – September 1)
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