

Camp Barney Melintz

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Camp Barney Medintz

Overnight Camp of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta

Camp Barney Medintz is accredited by the American Camp Association, the only nationwide organization that accredits all types of organized camps.

Our Year-Round Team

Interim Director	Michael Drucker
Assistant Director (Operations & Logistics)	Dave Weinberg
Assistant Director (Units/Campers)	Michelle K. Levy
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Winter Address

(August 15 – May 15)
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Dunwoody, GA 30338
(678) 812-3844
www.campbarney.org

Summer Address

(May 15 – August 15)
4165 Highway 129 N.
Cleveland, GA 30528
(706) 865-2715
summer@campbarney.org

CBM and the MJCCA are non-profit agencies funded in part by the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

Camp Barney Medintz welcomes campers and staff of all races, religions, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities.



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Our Camp Philosophy

WELCOME

We are thrilled that you have chosen to be a part of the Camp Barney Medintz family and honored that you trust us with your child. We take that responsibility very seriously, and we look forward to partnering with you to help every camper have a successful and meaningful experience at Our Summer Place.

We encourage you to read through this information as we hope it will answer most of your questions. Of course, if you have others, please contact us at summer@campbarney.org.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OUR MISSION

To provide a nurturing summer home where campers find or enhance their personal connection to Judaism while developing independence, practicing acceptance and inclusion for others, and building their own Jewish community of peers and mentors that will last a lifetime.

OUR VISION

To cultivate the next generation of young Jewish people who will make a positive impact in the world.

OUR VALUES

Community

Camp Barney is a space for everyone to feel welcome. At camp, we develop meaningful connections, embrace differences, take care of each other, and show support and appreciation for our camp community.

Self-Discovery

Camp Barney is a place to feel safe, physically and emotionally. We challenge ourselves to become independent and confident while discovering the best version of ourselves.

Joy

We are most open to learning and growing when we are having fun. Camp Barney is a place to play together and experience true joy.

Making a Positive Difference

We share an obligation to take care of the community around us – its environment and its people – with the goal of making a positive impact. We aim to think of others and make our interactions positive, knowing we are always trying to improve.

Jewish Identity

Camp Barney makes Judaism approachable so that everyone in our community can connect to traditions and culture in a way that is both meaningful and comfortable. We expose our community to the array of Jewish experiences among us and around the world.

Integrity

Camp Barney's community prioritizes treating people, animals, and the environment with kindness, compassion, and empathy. We emphasize making good choices, even when no one is watching.

COMMITMENTS AND CONDUCT

Before camp, we require every camper and staff member to acknowledge and agree to the following commitments to our community:

My Commitment to Camp Barney Medintz:

1. I will treat everyone with kindness and respect.
2. I will help others feel welcome and valued.
3. I will embrace people who are different from me and the things that make each of us unique.
4. I will be present and connect with the people at camp.
5. I will challenge myself to have new experiences.
6. I will take care of my body, mind, and soul.
7. I will think about the physical and emotional safety of others before I act.
8. I will strive to make a positive impact in my community and help make the world a better place.
9. I will show appreciation for the Jewish traditions we share.
10. I will have fun and help others find joy.



I understand that the following behaviors are strictly prohibited at Camp Barney Medintz:

1. Creating or encouraging an unsafe environment for campers or staff
2. Physical violence directed at any person or animal
3. Verbal abuse or sexual harassment
4. Physical relationships between a staff member and a camper
5. Possessing unapproved firearms or other weapons
6. Use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs

Please note: This list above outlines our zero-tolerance rules for all CBM campers. This is not a comprehensive list of our rules, but rather illustrates the behaviors that will directly result in dismissal from camp.

By signing the Camper Contract in your Camp Account, your camper agreed that they will not break any of the rules above, and they understand that if they do, they will not be allowed to stay at camp.

ACA ACCREDITATION

Camp Barney Medintz is a member of the American Camp Association and has achieved accreditation status by completing a voluntary peer review process of standards applicable to our program.

Fun And Safety — ACA Camps Set the Standard

ACA Accreditation means that the camp you are considering for your child cares enough to undergo a thorough (up to 290 standards) review of its operation — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. American Camp Association® 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. Camps and ACA form a partnership that promotes summers of growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.

ACA helps accredited camps provide:

- Healthy, developmentally appropriate activities and learning experiences
- Discovery through experiential education

- Caring, competent role models
- Service to the community and the environment
- Opportunities for leadership and personal growth

What's the difference between state licensing of camps and accreditation by ACA?

Accreditation is voluntary and ACA accreditation assures families that camps have made the commitment to a safe, nurturing environment for their children. Licensing is mandatory and requirements vary from state to state. ACA standards are recognized by courts of law and government regulators as the standards of the camp community.

How do ACA standards exceed state licensing requirements?

ACA goes beyond basic requirements for health, cleanliness, and food service into specific areas of programming, including camp staff from director through counselors, emergency management plans, health care, and management. ACA applies separate standards for activities such as waterfront, horseback riding, and adventure and travel.

What are some of the ACA standards that camps rely on?

- Staff to camper ratios are appropriate for different age groups
- Goals for camp activities are developmentally based
- Emergency transportation available at all times
- First-aid facilities and trained staff available when campers are present

Preparing for Camp

2022 SUMMER SESSION DATES

4-Week Sessions

Open to campers completing Grades 2-11

First Session: Sunday, June 5 – Thursday, June 30

Second Session: Monday, July 4 – Friday, July 29

2-Week Sessions

Sessions A and B are open to campers completing grades 2-7

Sessions C and D are open to campers completing grades 2-4

A: Sunday, June 5 – Thursday, June 16

B: Sunday, June 19 – Thursday, June 30

C: Monday, July 4 – Friday, July 15

D: Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 29

1-Week Sessions (CBM Experience)

Open to campers completing grades 1-4

CBMX-A: Sunday, June 5 – Friday, June 10

CBMX-B: Sunday, June 12 – Friday, June 17

CBMX-C: Sunday, June 19 – Friday, June 24

Chalutzim

Open to campers with special needs

4-Week Session (ages 12-22): Sunday, June 5 – Thursday, June 30

2-Week Session (ages 12-22): Sunday, June 5 – Thursday, June 16

1-Week Session (ages 10-22): Sunday, June 15 – Friday, June 10



FINANCIAL AID AND 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. [Additional details are available on our website.](#) For more information, you are welcome to pursue a confidential conversation with [Barbara Vahaba](#), Financial Assistance Coordinator, at (678) 812-4142.

REMINDERS

If you have not completed the following forms, please do so immediately

These forms are available in your Camp Account. If you have questions, contact CBMforms@campbarney.org.

Due March 1

- Confidential Camper Questionnaire
- Current Camper Photo

Due April 1

- Balance of Fees: Payment in full is due by April 1, 2022, unless prior arrangements have been made. For more information, contact [Fran Harrell](mailto:Fran.Harrell@campbarney.org): (678) 812-3846.
- Health History
- Physician Examination
 - If your child's well visit is scheduled after April 1, please complete the Physician Exam Date form so that we can keep track of why the form is delayed and when to expect it.
- Special Diet
- Camper Contract
- Travel Form
- HIPPA

We will communicate with you via email the specific procedures required to submit proof of vaccination to show that you have complied with our COVID-19 vaccination policy as well as your pre-camp COVID test. (See details on [page 23](#).)

Optional/may be necessary for your campers

- Arnold Drug Co. pharmacy (only necessary if your child will be taking medication at camp)
- Parent Vacation Form (only necessary if you will be traveling while your child is at camp)
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah form (only necessary if your child will have Bar/Bat Mitzvah coaching at camp)
- Trip waivers (we will let you know if this applies to your camper)

PACKING FOR CAMP

Please be sure each item is clearly marked with your camper's first and last name (not initials!). All clothing and personal items should be plainly marked with indelible markers or labels.

Ample built-in cubby space is provided in each cabin for storage. On average, each camper will have at least four shelves for their belongings.

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). Mornings and evenings are especially cooler in the earlier part of the summer.

Please limit luggage to **two** pieces per child. We only allow **soft-sided duffel bags** at camp to allow for easier storage. No trunks! We recommend large duffel bags (e.g., Big Bertha) or any other type of soft-sided luggage. Many families find luggage at an Army Navy Store or online.

We recommend you send clothes that you do not mind getting dirty or stained. Most activities occur outdoors, and that Georgia red clay just can't be avoided!

Parents: Please supervise packing your child(ren)'s luggage! We encourage children to assist with packing their luggage. Duplicating this list and placing it inside luggage is a great way to help them pack to come home at the end of the session.

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! However, CBM cannot assume liability for the loss or damage of personal items. **Please label everything!**

LAUNDRY

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.

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 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](#).

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

List below is intended for 4-week campers. Please adjust quantities for 1-week and 2-week campers.

CLOTHING

- 2-3 pair tennis shoes (it's good to have a backup in case one pair gets wet in the rain)
- 1 pair comfortable hiking shoes (4-week campers)
- 1 pair flip-flops (for showers only, not to be worn outside their village)
- 1 pair sandals with heel straps (e.g., Texas, Chacos)
- 10 T-shirts*
- 6 pairs shorts*
- 1 pair jeans/long pants
- 10 pairs socks
- 12 pairs underwear
- 4 bathing suits
- 2 sweatshirts *or zip-up hoodies
- 4 pajamas*
- Hat (baseball cap or visor)
- 1 poncho/raincoat
- 1-3 nice outfits for Shabbat evenings
- "ugly" t-shirts, shoes, & pants for dirty activities (send at least one outfit that you won't miss if it doesn't come home)
- 5 washable cloth face masks* OR 20 disposable face masks (just in case!)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR TEEN CAMPERS:

- (completing grades 7, 8, 9, and 10)
- 2 pairs wool socks
- 2 bandanas
- 1 headlamp flashlight (For teens completing grades 9 and 10 only. A flashlight is necessary. Headlamp is preferred.)

LINENS

- 1 compact sleeping bag for camping out (4-week campers only)
- 1 blanket or comforter
- 2 sets of twin sheets
- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 4 bath towels
- 4 beach towels
- 2 laundry bags* (not mesh!)
Please write your child's name on the outside of the bag in large permanent letters

TOILETRIES

- 1 toothbrush/toothpaste/cup
- 1 comb/brush
- 1 shampoo/conditioner
- Nail clipper
- Liquid bath soap (may be easier than bar)
- Shower caddy with holes in the bottom for draining
- Sunscreen lotion
- Bug spray – non-aerosol
- Deodorant – non aerosol

OTHER

- 2 reusable water bottles*, at least 1L each (this is a REQUIRED item)
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Stationery, stamps, pens, address labels, clipboard (to write on), and a container to store these items
- Backpack/daypack
- Books
- Sunglasses

OPTIONAL

- Collapsible cup for water at night/when brushing teeth
- Wash cloths
- Band-aids
- Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer
- Ponytail holders (and a small container to keep them in)
- Backup pair of stud earrings
- Sports equipment (e.g., tennis racquet, baseball glove)
- Musical instrument
- Inexpensive or disposable camera
- Playing cards
- Sleeping pad if desired for camping ([example](#))
- Hammock (see [CBM's official hammock policy](#))
- Folding camping chair (e.g., Crazy Creek Chair*)
- Tape, scissors
- Extra plastic bags to pack wet items on the way home
- Stuffed animals or security blanket
- Pictures of family and friends
- Hidden letter of encouragement for them to find when they unpack
- Battery operated fan
- Battery operated clock
- iPod (FOR MUSIC ONLY! Devices that connect to the internet are not allowed.)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR JIT CAMPERS:

- (completing grade 10)
- 1 lantern (battery operated)
- 1 pair old jeans and old long-sleeved T-shirt!

* Indicates items that are available for purchase from [our online store](#)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

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, candy, etc.

Any electronic device with a screen that connects to the Internet (e.g., smartphone, iPod Touch, iPad)
Large electronic games, TVs
Explicit music
Inappropriate/sexualized clothing

FIRST-TIME CAMPERS

If your child is coming to Camp Barney for the first time, we encourage you to begin talking to them about their daily routine at camp. Help them understand what they will be doing independently and even start practicing at home. Here are some expectations of CBM campers to help you start that conversation.

- Independent toilet use (Note: We understand that some of our younger campers still sleep in Pull-ups, which we are happy to accommodate.)
- Communicate their own health concerns (e.g., be able to articulate "I'm allergic to dairy" or "I have a sore throat")
- Independent hygiene (i.e., brush teeth, wash face, shower without help)
- Dress and undress themselves (e.g., if they have yet to master tying shoes, consider alternative shoes for camp)
- Fall asleep on their own
- Serve themselves and eat independently (meals at camp are family-style)
- Carry own bag or backpack and water bottle
- Have the endurance to walk at least 1/4 of a mile (e.g., from the cabin to the Dining Hall)

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 some 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 will be drawn to.

TALK TO YOUR CAMPER 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 up 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.

Transportation

TRAVEL OPTIONS

ARRIVAL DAY FOR AVODAH CAMPERS (Thursday, June 2):

1. **BUS:** Drive to location in Atlanta, 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 FIRST AND SECOND SESSIONS (Sunday, June 5 and Monday, July 4):

3. **BUS:** Drive to location in Atlanta, GA and take a chartered coach bus to Camp.
4. **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/Youth B Sessions and Kochavim/Youth D Session (Sunday, June 19 and Monday, July 18):

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/Youth A Sessions, and Kochavim/Youth C Session (Friday, June 10, Friday, June 17, Friday, June 24, and Friday, July 15):

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, June 30)

1. **BUS:** Atlanta Bus from Camp: Pickup at Ameris Bank Amphitheatre. Birmingham Bus from Camp: Pickup at the Birmingham JCC.
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 SECOND SESSION (Friday, July 29)

1. **BUS:** Atlanta Bus from Camp: pickup at Ameris Bank Amphitheatre. Charlotte Bus from Camp: Pickup at the Charlotte JCC.
2. **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 in your Camp Account.



DROP-OFF AND PICKUP LOCATIONS

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

Note: If you search for Ameris Bank Amphitheatre, it will give you a different address than what we have listed below. Please use 2246 Encore Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30009 in your GPS in order to arrive at the correct entrance.

SESSION	OPENING DAY	DROPOFF LOCATION	CLOSING DAY	PICKUP LOCATION
First Session	Sunday, June 5	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009	Thursday, June 30	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009
CBM Experience A & Chalutzim Experience	Sunday, June 5	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009	Friday, June 10	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
Kochavim/Youth A & Chalutzim (2 weeks)	Sunday, June 5	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009	Thursday, June 16	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
CBM Experience B	Sunday, June 12	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338	Friday, June 17	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
Kochavim/Youth B	Sunday, June 19	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338	Thursday, June 30	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009
CBM Experience C	Sunday, June 19	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338	Friday, June 24	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
Second Session	Monday, July 4	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009	Friday, July 29	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009
Kochavim/Youth C	Monday, July 4	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009	Friday, July 15	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338
Kochavim/Youth D	Monday, July 18	Dunwoody Elementary School 1923 Womack Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338	Friday, July 29	Ameris Bank Amphitheatre 2246 Encore Pkwy Alpharetta, GA 30009

FLYING TO AND FROM CAMP

FLYING INTO/OUT OF HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Campers who are flying will be required to meet us outside of security at baggage claim. For flights with eight 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, we will have the chaperones escort the campers from the gates to the buses for incoming flights and escort the campers from the buses to the gates for outgoing flights. If your camper is on a flight that is not chaperoned, we will meet the camper in the airport outside of security at baggage claim on arrival day and guide them to our buses. On departing days, you will pick up your camper at our buses. It is up to you, the parent, to determine how to get your camper through the airport on those days, by either escorting your camper or instructing your camper on maneuvering through the airport if old enough to fly alone and you are comfortable with that.

LUGGAGE

LUGGAGE TAGS

We will email luggage tags to you prior to camp. These are color-coded and enable us to deliver baggage to the proper “village” at camp. Please attach to each piece of baggage.

SHIPPING LUGGAGE TO CAMP

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 20 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 20 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.

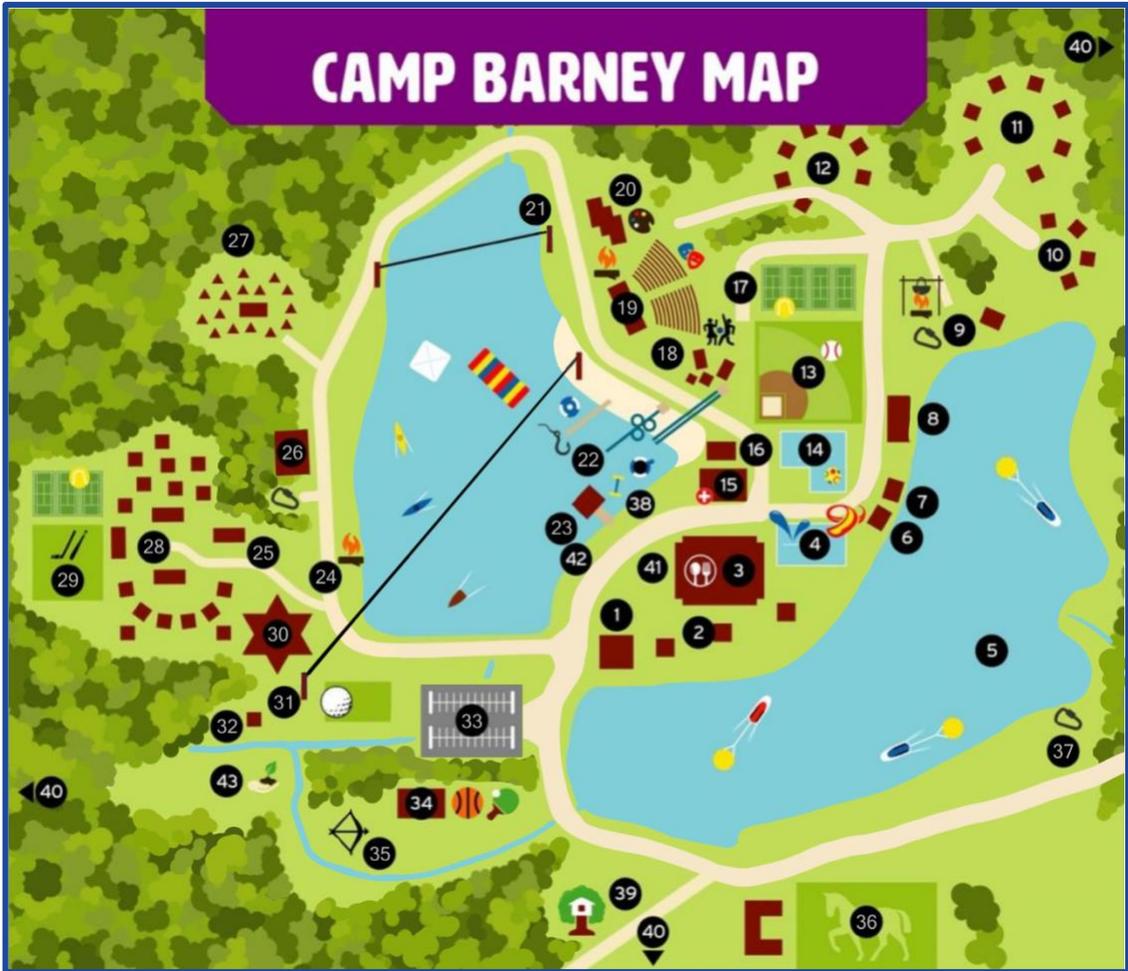
LUGGAGE SHIPPING OPTIONS:

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 your camper's opening day.
 - 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.

At Camp

CAMP MAP



Key Places

- 1. Camp Office
- 3. Alterman Lodge (Dining Hall)
- 15. Billi and Bernie Marcus Health Center
- 30. Doris Zaban Chapel

Housing

- 2. Director's House and Adult Housing
- 7. Cabin 20
- 8. Staff Lodge
- 10. Village 1
- 11. Village 2
- 12. Village 3
- 28. Arogeti/Wynne Teen Village
- 27. JIT Village

Sports

- 13. Junior Ball Field
- 17. Eichel Tennis Center
- 29. Arogeti/Wynne Teen Sports Complex
- 35. Archery
- 34. Bernard Halpern Activity Center

Waterfront

- 4. Lynne M. and Howard L Halpern Aquatic Center
- 5. Lake Louis
- 14. Jacobs Swimming Pool
- 22. Lake Wendy & Beach, The Finn Water Luge

Naturecrafts

- 9. Nature Shack
- 25. High Ropes Activities
- 26. Babbit Center
- 21. Alpha Zip Line
- 31. Omega Double Zip Lines
- 40. Campsites
- 43. The Garden

Other

- 6. Staff Lounge
- 16. Old City Kitchen Cooking School
- 18. Marcus Cultural and Performing Arts Center, Asher & Grace Benator Center
- 19. Chippie Amphitheatre
- 20. Shirley Halpern Arts & Crafts Center
- 23. Glass Pavilion Sukkah
- 24. Campfire Circle
- 32. Sam's Deck
- 33. Staff Parking Lot
- 36. Brill Equestrian Center
- 37. Tree Climbing
- 38. Emily's Zoola
- 39. Fogey's Tree House
- 41. Jen's Zen Den
- 42. The Gail and Lyons Den

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:15am	Wake up
8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am	Cabin Cleanup, med line/sick call
9:15am	Activity 1
10:30am	Activity 2
11:45am	Activity 3
1:00pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Rest Hour/Mail/Canteen
3:00pm	Activity 4
4:15pm	Activity 5
5:45pm	Dinner
6:45pm	Activity 6
8:00pm	Activity 7
8:45pm	Milkline (milk & cookies!)
9:15pm	Lights out for younger campers Activity 8/evening activity for older campers
10:00 - 11:00pm	Lights out for older campers

The schedule will vary somewhat during Shabbat, for campouts, and campwide program days.

CANTEEN

Items available in the canteen may include: Clif bars, Kind Bars, potato chips, cookies, Fruit Roll-ups, assorted candy, and Barney Bars (only available on Sundays). Gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free options are always available and will be very clearly indicated. Each camper may receive one snack item from canteen per day, six days per week. (There is no Canteen on Shabbat.) Your camper's Canteen Fee also includes laundry and Camp T-shirt).

VISITORS

We do not allow families to visit enrolled campers (or staff) during camp sessions. We maintain this policy to provide a continuity of experience away from home and to create an environment for our community that ensures safety and familiarity.

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 donate to Camp Barney Medintz in their honor.

Communication

BY 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.) Mandatory camper letter-writing days occur twice a week: **Mondays & Thursdays**.

Please write to:

<YOUR CAMPER'S NAME>

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 their first letter home to you!).*

The first letters home from your child will be written, scanned, and emailed home to parents! Other handwritten 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!

ONE-WAY EMAIL

We encourage you to send your child "snail" mail at camp. It's always fun to receive a letter. However, you may also email your child(ren) as often as you want through your Camp Account! (Note: They will not be able to email you back.) Emails are printed twice a day and delivered to campers just like regular mail – each day after lunch. Purchase *CampStamps* packages in your Camp Account and save money.

PACKAGES

Please do not send any packages to your child at camp! Camp Barney's "no package" policy enables us to properly manage the health and safety of our campers and staff. If you have an urgent need (i.e., a forgotten pillow or teddy bear), please contact our office staff at (706) 865-2715.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Camp Barney Medintz reserves the right to use any individual or group photographs of campers taken at Camp during the summer for marketing purposes. Only enrolled CBM families and their invited guests have access to our online photos throughout the summer.

ONLINE PHOTOS

Our staff photographers will photograph campers as they experience the many awesome moments of camp so we can share those moments with you. This summer we will be utilizing a new photo-sharing platform that

leverages facial recognition technology. This will make it faster and easier for you to find pictures of your camper while helping us to verify that we are uploading pictures of each and every camper. Of course, you'll still be able to browse through all of the pictures we upload. We will send instructions about how to configure the facial recognition software to recognize your camper.

This summer, we will aim to photograph every camper at least twice per week and upload pictures consistently. Please be patient with us as we do our best to balance the workload required to take, compile, and upload photos with our top priority of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the hundreds of campers at CBM.

BY TELEPHONE

The Camp Barney Medintz summer telephone number is **(706) 865-2715**.

Our office hours are

Sunday – Thursday: 9:00am to 8:00pm (EST)

Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm (EST)

Saturday (Shabbat): 11:00am to 5:00pm (EST)

During Office Hours

You may call 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.)

After Hours

Should you have an urgent need to call after office hours, you will be connected to the director-on-call. If the director does not answer immediately, please leave a message and a director will call you back as soon as possible.

Parents are not permitted to communicate with campers via telephone unless parents indicate urgency to Camp Management. Parental phone calls often interfere with camper adjustment and scheduled activities and trips.

Reminder: Campers are not permitted to bring cell phones to camp.

YOUR CAMP ACCOUNT

Use your Camp Account to purchase *CampStamps*, to send emails to your camper, and to view and purchase photos. This process is designed to be safe and secure by limiting access of our campers' 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.

Health and Safety

MEDICAL INFORMATION

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

MARCUS 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, three to five registered nurses (RNs), and two to three health center assistants 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).**

REQUIRED ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

All campers must have a medical exam by their physician prior to their arrival at camp. The Health History form and the Physician Examination form were due by April 1. **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, email MarcusHealthCenter@campbarney.org.

COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY

All age-eligible campers, staff, and invited guests must be vaccinated against COVID-19 to the highest degree possible as defined by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. This includes vaccine booster doses for all eligible individuals. [Please see the CDC's website for information about which boosters your camper is eligible for based on age and which vaccine you received.](#) Camp Barney Medintz is requiring all campers, staff, and invited guests to follow these CDC recommendations. Within the next few weeks, we will share how you can upload your vaccine cards to your Camp Account to show that you have complied with the vaccination policy.

PRE-CAMP COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & TESTING

It is important that we work together to protect the safety of our community and all campers, staff, and invited guests who attend camp this summer. We can accomplish that by exercising caution in the five days before traveling to camp. We strongly encourage you to avoid traveling to areas of high community transmission and to mask indoors if in crowded areas. Please help us be safe so we can have a healthy start to the summer.

Camp Barney Medintz is requiring all campers, staff, and invited guests to take a virtually proctored Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Home Test (rapid antigen test) within 24 hours of arriving at camp. We will be sending one test to every camper and staff member. When the test is taken and proctored by Abbott BinaxNOW, the results will be lab-certified and directly reported to you and Camp Barney. Again, this rapid antigen test must be taken within 24 hours of dropping off at the buses or flying to Atlanta (for those flying in and coming to camp on the same day). If anyone tests positive, they must remain at home. We will then work on a timeline for follow-up testing and getting that individual to camp.

Please note that CDC guidance states that close contacts of anyone who tests positive should not travel for at least five days and should not go anywhere where it is impossible to wear a mask, even if fully vaccinated and asymptomatic. As such, siblings of anyone who tests positive also will not be able to come to camp on opening day. If anyone in your family receives a positive test result, we will work with you to determine a plan for a later testing date and travel to camp.

FLU SHOTS

We encourage every camper and staff member to have a **current annual flu vaccination**. Everyone should be screened by parents for flu-like symptoms prior to drop off for Camp Barney. If a camper shows flu-like symptoms, the camper should be screened by a physician prior to coming to camp. All campers should also be fever free without medications for 24 hours prior to arrival at camp.

MEDICATION

Any camper who takes medication while at camp, either over the counter or prescription, must have it filled and packaged through our pharmacy partner Arnold Drug Company. Orders are due to Arnold Drug Company by May 13 for first session campers (including Kochavim/Youth A & B) and June 10 for second session campers (including Kochavim/Youth C& 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. The only exceptions are emergency medications, inhalers, and injectables. If other medications are brought on opening day without prior approval, we will hold out three doses and require that the prescription 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. If you have questions, please email MarcusHealthCenter@campbarney.org.

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 at camp 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.

GLASSES

If your child wears glasses, it is extremely important that your child brings a spare pair of glasses to camp. Should glasses break, it is very difficult to enjoy camp, and they should be replaced without delay.

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.

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 a family's insurance include visits to an out-of-camp clinic or hospital and prescribed pharmacy medications.

AUTHORIZATION

Camp management is authorized to use our judgment in arranging for any medical care not available in the Marcus Health Center that, upon the advice of the Camp Doctor, we deem necessary. **Parents agree to pay all expenses involved, and any 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 Medintz hires White County sheriff deputies and utilizes many other seen and unseen security measures to keep campers and staff safe throughout the camp season.

Your Camper

CONFIDENTIAL CAMPER QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing the Confidential Camper Questionnaire that you received in February. Your responses 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. You may update your form online directly through your Camp Account.

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.** 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 PREP

For campers whose Bar/Bat Mitzvah date falls before the end of December of this year, Camp Barney Medintz can arrange 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 to you**. If you so choose, a donation to CBM for this service would be welcomed and appreciated!

Arrangements can also be made for such a *Simcha* should you choose to have your special occasion celebrated *at* Camp Barney during available weekends! (See "[Retreats](#)" on page 26). Please contact us for information about availability, schedule, activities, accommodations, catering, costs and any other special arrangements.



Beyond Camp

DONATIONS

A donation to Camp Barney Medintz is an investment in our Jewish future. Each and every tax-deductible gift allows us to enhance the camping experience of thousands of children and hundreds of staff. Gifts can be made [online](#) or by phone. For more information, go to campbarney.org/give or call [Bonnie Brodsky](#) at 678.812.4151. We appreciate your generous support!

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 contact [Bonnie Brodsky](#) at (678) 812-4151.