



CAMP MOSHAVA I.O.

A NON PROFIT CAMP AFFILIATED WITH BNEI AKIVA OF THE US & CANADA

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CAMP BEHAVIOR

Camp Moshava has been successfully providing a summer of safe, age appropriate and memorable experiences for children for many years. We have been pleased to be able to serve generations of families as well as multiple siblings from the same family. With few exceptions, Camp Moshava has been able to serve all the children accepted for our program and year after year parental praise for our work has been the rule. We are grateful for all of your letters of appreciation and expressions of satisfaction with our efforts. We have every intention of continuing to care for your children with the same concern, interest, and energy as we prepare for summer 2019.

The success of our program is based, in part on:

- High standards of care for your children
- High expectations of ourselves and our staff and volunteers
- A value system explained to staff, campers and families
- Boundaries clearly defined for campers and staff

Camp Moshava is a community and a family. The well-being of your children, both physically and emotionally, continues to be our number one priority. In order for us to continue to be successful, we wish to reference the observations and experiences we all have been experiencing this last year. Some children (not all) have been negatively influenced by song lyrics, sexually erotic television programming, movies, books, DVDs, computer games, and the Internet, including chat rooms and pornography. Too much of our society appears to be focused on sexuality and violence, both of which idealize the use of drugs and alcohol. Obviously, our young people cannot avoid seeing, hearing and absorbing that which makes up a substantial part of their young lives. As you well know, we make no judgment on the manner in which our camp families choose to live their lives. However, the care and safety of children living at a camp is very different than a family constellation at home.

Our camp attempts to teach campers:

- To recognize that they have responsibility for themselves and those around them
- To learn to make choices, which are good for themselves and others, and to take responsibility for the choices they make
- To respect oneself and others in spite of differences
- To accept that they are accountable for their actions and the consequences for inappropriate behaviors

It is essential that you communicate to your children that we will not be able to accept behaviors such as bullying (including cyber-bullying and sexting), violence, possessions of weapons, repeated profanity, disrespect, bigotry, homophobic comments, inappropriate sexual behavior, drug and alcohol use, hurtful Internet, cell phone or instant messaging, blogs or any other inappropriate uses of electronic devices (before, during, or after camp) or any other unsafe behaviors that are potentially harmful to themselves or others. They must understand that a consequence of their behavior can mean the loss of this program.

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