



CAMPER HANDBOOK
2024



CAMP RENA HEAD STAFF 2023

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DID YOU KNOW?

Once again, our Fabulous Camp Rena Tote Bags will be given out as a *complimentary gift* on the first day of Camp!

DAVENING

Our campers will be davening in camp daily. Please bring a siddur to be kept in camp.

SPECIALTY SUPPLIES

Gymnastics: Please send along an old pair of leggings, a comfortable t-shirt (may be short sleeves) and short socks. This bag should be clearly labeled and kept in camp.

BalleRena Ballet: Ballet lessons will be facilitated by an experienced Ballet Instructor. We will provide our campers with tutus.

Musical Instrument and Supplies

Camp Rena provides each camper with a keyboard during music instruction as part of our Music package.

All specialty supplies for all activities will be provided by Camp Rena.

PLEASE NOTE: This handbook provides a **general guide** to basic camp rules and regulations. Additional updates will be emailed prior to camp which will outline pertinent information that apply directly to each division.

CAMP RENA: SOAR HIGHER!



Dear Parents,

We are proud to have your child with us at CAMP RENA Performing Arts and cherish the opportunity to spend many memorable moments together *Be"H*. Summer 2024 is packed with many thrills and adventures!

At CAMP RENA, our goal is to provide each camper with an all-encompassing summer experience. Our camp is designed to cultivate and develop each camper socially and emotionally. We focus heavily on introducing and developing new skills daily alongside teaching our campers to recognize their inner strengths and abilities.

CAMP RENA provides a superior camping experience. We offer each camper a weekly session of gymnastics, musical instrument instruction, dance, specialty workshops, art lessons, baking, specialty crafts, sports and so much more! Our carefully selected specialty heads are highly experienced, professional, and refined. In addition to weekly trips, we also provide swimming instruction by WSI lifeguards. Furthermore, the *ruach* and excitement throughout the day is unparalleled. Our specially designed summer theme, camp songs, and main activities are bound to keep our campers super enthralled!

In CAMP RENA, we carefully select a team of creative, warm and professional individuals that bring a wealth of camping experience to our program.

We look forward to partnering with you, our parents, in offering the ultimate summer experience for your child.

Please feel free to reach out to me at anytime to discuss any matter that pertains to camp or your child. You can email mycamprena@gmail.com or call 347-320-1450.

Can't wait for Summer '24!
Our fantastic team awaits you!

Mrs. Chaya Levy
Camp Director



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Dear Parents,

Please read the following pages carefully. They contain important information that will be helpful throughout the summer.

Camp Rena Summer Location Address:

1784 East 17th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Camp Office Phone

718.208.1742 Summer Phone Number
347.320.1450 Winter Phone Number
Email mycamprena@gmail.com
Billing: camprenabilling@gmail.com

Camp Mailing Address

2152 Ralph Ave Suite 214
Brooklyn, NY 11234

CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM.
Fridays 9AM– 1PM

First Camp Session: July 2nd– July 26th

Second Camp Session: July 26th –August 22nd

*There will be regular **camp and bussing** on July 4th

*There will be no camp on Tisha B’Av

Please note: Camp Rena is a fully licensed and insured day-camp facility. We comply and abide by all NYC Department of Health camp rules, regulations, and requirements.



BUNK REQUEST

Bunk requests are selected online at the CampInTouch portal. We will do our utmost to accommodate your bunk requests to ensure the happiness of each camper.

CAMP T-SHIRT

Camp t-shirts must be worn on trip days. **No exceptions.** Campers will receive their camp t-shirt in camp. Additional t-shirt fee is \$15

NIT CHECKING

For the benefit and comfort of our campers, we will have professional nit checkers at the beginning of the summer. Any camper found to have nits will be sent home. It is the responsibility of the parent to return her child to camp once the head is completely rid of nits.

SWIMMING

Our campers will be swimming daily with the exception of trip days. We have an outstanding aquatic team and WSI professionals who will integrate instructional swim alongside free swim sessions.

Please make sure to send a bathing suit, slippers, large towel and sunscreen daily.

RENA BATHING CAP -A COMPLIMENTARY bathing cap will be given to all campers.

LOST AND FOUND

All clothing and personal items must be labeled. We will designate a Lost N’ Found box. However, any items not claimed by the end of each summer session, will be deemed *Hefker*.



LUNCH and SNACKS

Lunch will be provided between 11:30-1:00 daily. Our lunch menu will be emailed prior to camp.

All preschool bunks will receive snacks and drinks. All campers will breakfast and lunch meals in camp.

Grades 1-8: Please send along two snacks and a drink bottle daily.

NUT-FREE

Camp Rena is a nut-safe facility. Each snack or food that is brought into the building is researched carefully to ensure its nut-free status. Please be cautious and **DO NOT send any snacks to school that may contain nuts or traces thereof.**

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mazal Tov! If you wish to celebrate your child's summer birthday in camp, please email the camp to notify us of the date that you wish to celebrate and we will have the counselor reach out. You may send a treat (cake, ices etc.) which will be shared with the entire bunk during lunch time. All food must be with a *Heimische Hashgacha*. No homemade product nor OU-dairy, and of course, nut-free.

ELECTRONICS

At Camp Rena we adopt a '**No electronics**' policy. No cell phones, iPods, gaming devices or tablets may be brought to camp or used on the bus. We reserve the right to confiscate any electronic device found.

BULLYING or BREAKING RULES

There is a '**zero tolerance**' policy for any camper found to be bullying, or breaking camp rules. Our campers will be instructed of this immediately upon arrival. Camp Rena reserves the right to suspend any camper that disrupts the harmony and safety procedures of the camp. A pro-rated refund will be provided.



PARENT COMMUNICATION

Our mode of parent communication is facilitated via email. Please be sure that you are receiving and checking your emails regularly during the summer weeks. Additionally, for better efficiency, we encourage our parents to **email** any inquiry that is not extremely urgent or time-sensitive.

FORMS

Medical form, trip authorization form, and camper photo are required and must be submitted by a parent by June 1st.

For assistance with any form related question, please email camprena-forms@gmail.com.

Please note: No camper will be permitted into camp without **all** forms on file.

CAMP FEE

The camp fee includes transportation, specialties, trips, breakfast and lunch. Bus and bunk assignments will **not** be shared until proper financial arrangements have been met, and all forms have been submitted. For any billing inquiries please email camprenabilling@gmail.com.

TRIPS

Our trip itinerary and calendar will be provided on the first week of camp. For your convenience, an email reminder will be sent a day prior to each trip.



CANCELTION AND REFUND POLICY

Our online application requires a \$300 **non-refundable** deposit payment. Until March 30th we will refund the remaining balance or apply changes between sessions. After March 30th or for any applications submitted thereafter, no refunds will be given. After June 1, changes between sessions will not be processed.

TRANSPORTATION

We are very pleased to be using MEIR TRANSPORTATION. Our bus company will provide our camp with a safe and reliable service *iy"H*. Please lookout for an email with your child's bus information a few days before camp. A designated bus monitor is placed on each air-conditioned bus .

DRESS CODE

In accordance with our Bais Yaakov הַשְׂקִיפָה, we respectfully ask of all campers to adhere to the Camp Rena dress code.

Rena Division Dress Code-All campers entering grade 4-8 are required to wear knee socks and have their knees and elbows covered. One piece bathing suits only. Please shop wisely. We will enforce these guidelines. Mothers: Kindly follow our dress code when visiting the camp.

Campers entering grades 1-3 short socks and short sleeves are permitted. knees must be covered. No Cap-sleeves and no bare feet allowed.

BalleRena Division only - Short sleeves are permitted. No sleeveless or capped t-shirts may be worn. Short socks may be worn. Two-piece bathing suit is permitted as long as **bathing suit top covers the midriff fully**.



ARRIVAL

Camp Rena begins at 9:00 AM. Buses begin arriving at 8:45 AM. Please do not bring your daughter to camp before 8:40 AM. Late arrival: Being punctual will ensure that your daughter will get as much out of her camp experience as possible. If your child arrives after 9:15, you are required to sign-in at the Main Office and we will escort your child to their designated activity. Camp front gates will be locked at 9:15.

DISMISSAL

Dismissal process begins at 3:40. Busses begin to pull out at 4PM.

'WALKER' PICK UP/ 'CAR' PICK UP :

If your child will not be going on bus transportation this summer, we consider the camper to be in a 'walker Pick up' Or 'Car Pick Up' category. Please look out for an email with specific instructions on our AM/PM pick-up/Drop-off process.

DISMISSAL CHANGES

To maintain optimal safety measures during the dismissal process, please note the following:

1. **NO BUS CHANGE ALLOWED**-The bus monitor takes meticulous attendance each AM/PM to ensure our camper's dismissal safety. **No child may go on another unassigned bus.** If you have arranged a play-date for your child and the two are not on the same bus, you must provide your own means of transportation.
2. All changes for dismissal must be called in/ emailed by 1PM M-Th and by 10AM on Fridays. We will not accept verbal instructions from the campers even if it's an older camper.
3. **Bus Pins**— will be given to each camper in bunks Nursery - Grade 1. It is imperative that your child wears it daily.

