



Parent Handbook

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Pirchei Day Camp of Atlanta!! We are confident that your child will find a warm and caring staff, a summer full of creative and fun activities, exciting trips, expert swimming staff and a whole lot more! Please read all the following registration material as it contains important information about this year's camp season as well as registration procedures.

Pirchei of Atlanta does not discriminate against any camper, counselor, or other staff members based on race, creed, color, or religion. Pirchei welcomes applicants from any and all backgrounds.

Registration and Payment Schedule

In order to complete your son's registration to camp, please register on the website, complete all forms and remit payment online. If you have any questions or requests about payment please call Rabbi Hiller at 404.271.0828.

Counselor Appreciation

As is practiced in many camps, tipping counselors is an appropriate gesture to express appreciation for the great effort that they put in to each and every camper in and out of camp. Suggested amount for each camper is \$3-\$5 per week for each counselor. During your son's last week of camp, please send in money (or a check made out to Pirchei) to a camp administrator in a sealed envelope with your name on it and we will forward it to your son's counselors. You can also pay on our website by visiting our website pircheidaycamp.org and click on donate.

Refund Policy

Pirchei Day Camp realizes that people's plans can change unexpectedly at any time. This can sometimes result in a camper not being able to attend camp for all or some of the registered weeks. Unexpected illnesses, פ"ג, sometimes occur which can also result in a camper's inability to attend for all or some of the registered weeks. Pirchei Day Camp is unable to offer any refunds including if the administration determines that it is no longer appropriate for a camper to be attending camp. Pirchei Day Camp apologizes in advance for any hardship that this might entail.

Facilities

The facilities we rent include the air-conditioned school building of Briarvista Elementary School - 1131 Briarvista Terrace, Atlanta, GA 30324, including a gym, cafeteria and fields. We appreciate Dekalb County renting us these facilities. This entails a great responsibility and opportunity for Kiddush Hashem or, chas v'shalom, Chilul Hashem. We hope to create a Kiddush Hashem by returning all property and equipment in the same condition we found it, and behaving in an exemplary

manner at all times. Please discuss this with your child(ren), as our counselors will in camp. By checking the consent form and waiver on the website, I am indicating my acceptance to pay for any property or equipment that my son damages or destroys as shall be determined by the camp administration.

Arrival

Drop off time is between 8:50 and 9:00 a.m. every morning at Briarvista Elementary School - 1131 Briarvista Terrace, Atlanta, GA 30324. Drop off prior to 8:50 a.m. will incur the full before care fee of \$5 a day. Please be prompt, because late arrivals will disrupt the davening/learning groups, and it will be harder for your child to adjust in the middle of a session.

Dismissal

Dekalb County's summer schedule necessitates our dismissal to commence promptly at 3:15. Please allow us to work together with them in an efficient manner by being on time and following their traffic regulations. Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. Monday - Thursday. Dismissal on Friday will be at 2:15 p.m. Campers will not be allowed off camp grounds during camp time. We cannot allow a camper to leave camp by himself if we do not have a parent's permission. Please see enclosed dismissal form. Campers with bikes should always have a proper helmet.

Food

Please send your son with a bag lunch every day. You may also send in a snack for him to eat later in the afternoon. Pirchei discourages sharing of food, but please be aware that this does take place. Pizza will be available on certain days for purchase. Pizza information will be emailed before camp begins. Pirchei also has a canteen with snacks available for purchase during lunch.

Trips

Pirchei Day Camp offers awesome weekly trips!!. Please dress your son in his camp T-shirt and send a water bottle or extra drinks. Sunscreen is recommended. If your child is under 6 years old and not 40 lbs. or 4'9" it is required by law that he travel in car/booster seat. Please drop off your car/booster seat at morning carpool clearly labeled with your name. If your child does not have one we can not take him on the trip and you will need to pick him up.

Supplies

Each day the following items should be brought to camp:

- 1) towel
- 2) bathing suit
- 3) sunscreen
- 4) hat
- 5) lunch

Please wear comfortable clothing, tzitzis and sneakers every day. All items should be labeled with your child's name. Please note that even on overcast or rainy days, your child should bring his swimming gear as the weather can change very quickly here in Atlanta!

Phones/Electronics

With the advent of so many sophisticated methods of communication and entertainment an entire new dimension of challenges are put in front of our precious youth. Many different approaches are taken by parents, educators and child advocates. In order to "level" the playing field, Pirchei has adopted a no cell phone/electronic device policy. This means that campers may NOT bring cell phones or other electronic devices (with or without internet capability) to camp at any time. This includes devices that will remain in a camper's back pack and not be used. Please help us maintain this policy by discussing this with your son.

Communicating with Parents and Campers

Parents who need to reach their children in an immediate situation may call in the following order:

Rabbi Moshe Hiller	404-271-0828
Mrs. Goldberger (9 AM-1PM)	678-788-4457
R' Mordy Birnbaum (PTX)	404-991-8295
R' Mordo Robinson (Tween Division)	773-368-1608
Mr. David Jaffe (Lower Division)	404-394-7269

We appreciate your helping us ensure the maximum camp experience for all our campers.

Lost and Found

We gather lost items in camp! The boxes will be available for claiming in the camp office after morning carpool. If you are looking for an item, or want to check the lost and found, please park in a parking space and enter the Pirchei office where the boxes will be. All items not claimed by the end of camp will be donated or discarded.

Special Situations

If there is any reason your son cannot participate in any of the activities, please make sure to send a note specifying so. If your child is on a special diet please make sure to notify us. If your child has any special social/emotional requirements we would love to hear from you so we can make his experience as positive as can be!