



Field Trip Information

Dear Camp Shalom Families,

We carefully plan and organize all of our field trips with the safety of our children as our top priority. We consider the age of the children when selecting the destinations, activities, and length of the trip. The length of the trip may vary depending on the trip itself, but typically, we are gone for most of the day and won't be able to accept late drop offs and early dismissals.

Each unit goes on the field trip with their counselors, unit head, and support staff. The unit head is responsible for overseeing the trip and is briefed on each trip individually. They bring with them any necessary medications, emergency contacts, and a first aid kit. Our staff is also trained on trips and policies during our training days to ensure they are equipped to handle any situation and manage their groups while away from camp. During the field trip, the staff break into small groups or monitor a section of space, depending on the trip. We continuously take headcounts to ensure the safety of all children. Sometimes our trips do overlap with other camps, but that is why we ask our campers to wear their camp shirts on trips, as to be easily identified. We normally do not overlap in the activities, but do sometimes share space, like at a museum while walking around.

Children who normally purchase lunch from camp will receive their purchased lunch on the trip. Those who normally pack lunch should do so as usual. We ask that children only bring personal items that are needed depending on the trip, and that unnecessary items stay at camp. We normally do not go swimming on these days unless it is a water field trip.

We usually travel to and from our destinations on charter buses. We make sure that all transportation is provided by licensed and reputable companies, and that all vehicles are regularly maintained and inspected for safety.

I hope this information provides you with the reassurance you need regarding the safety of your child during our field trips. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to camp,

Summer Sweetall

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