



Camp Shalom



a program of
Jewish Federation
of Madison

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FAQs - Questions On Enrollment

- **When can I register my camper?**
 - Monday, March 2, 2026: Registration opens for returning campers, siblings of returning or former campers, children of camp alumni, and 2026 Gan HaYeled Preschool graduates.
 - Tuesday, March 3, 2026, and beyond: Registration is open for all campers
- **How quickly does camp registration fill up?**
 - Our elementary program, Camp Shalom (K-5th), typically fills within the first two days of registration.
 - Our middle school program, Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (6th-9th), typically fills quickly.
 - It is likely for all sessions to have waitlists.
- **How do I register my camper? When will I know if my registration is confirmed?**
 - Please see the step-by-step registration instructions [linked here](#). If you do not have an account with Active, you will create one during the registration process.
 - After the first days of registration, the director will go through applications and use the enrollment criteria below to assign spaces. Families will be contacted via email ASAP with confirmation of space/s or with a waitlist notice and refund of any funds paid.
- **How are camper placements determined?**
 - Each session has a maximum enrollment. Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim has a minimum enrollment.
 - Day-by-day, the director will go through registration forms and use the following enrollment criteria to assign spaces.
 - 1. The date the registration form is turned in.
 - 2. Space availability in the grade group.
 - 3. If the camper is a returning camper, sibling of a current or former camper, child of camp alumni, or 2026 Gan HaYeled Preschool graduate.
 - When registration exceeds capacity, a lottery system is used to fill spaces still available in grade groups.
 - 1. Returning campers, siblings of a current or former camper, children of camp alumni, and 2026 Gan HaYeled Preschool graduates of the same registration date and same grade group, are randomized and assigned available spaces.
 - 2. New campers of the same registration date and same grade group are randomized and assigned available spaces.
- **What does it cost to be on the waitlist?**
 - It does not cost anything to be on the waitlist. If you initially paid and your camper is then put on the waitlist, funds will be returned to you in full.
- **When does my camper count as a returning camper?**
 - If your camper has participated in at least one session of Camp Shalom, Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, or Winter Camp Shalom or Noar-Bogrim, your camper is a returning camper. Years away from camp do not negate their returner status.

- Previously being on the waitlist does not make someone a returning camper.
- Attending Gan HaYeled or other programs of the Jewish Federation of Madison does not make someone a returning camper. Only Gan HaYeled Preschool graduates of the current school year (2025-2026) receive priority registration.
- **My camper is on the waitlist. Is it likely that space will open up?**
 - As spaces open, the director will contact the next family on the waitlist to offer the space. Guaranteed refunds for cancellations end on 4/13/26. From this time forward, it is unlikely that many spaces will open up.
 - If you would like your camper to be removed from the waitlist at any time, contact Logan (logan@jewishmadison.org).
 - We understand that the uncertainty of the waitlist is stressful, but please do not inquire about where your camper is on the waitlist or whether spaces are opening. Once your camper is on the waitlist, receiving a space is greatly dependent on other families with the same grade-level camper cancelling registrations, which we cannot predict. We will reach out to you if a space has opened up!
- **What are options for transportation and extended care?**
 - Buses
 - We provide a daily bus service from many Madison-area schools and other public locations. A bus stop may be selected during registration, for an added fee. (\$49/family for 1 session; \$98/family for 2 or 3 sessions)
 - For campers using bus service, pick-up and drop-off times vary depending on the stop selected at registration. Pick-up time is approximately between 8:25 am - 9:00 am, and drop-off time is approximately between 4:10 pm - 5:00 pm.
 - We use information given during registration to make the bus routes, and send the routes out to registered families in the spring.
 - Extended care
 - Early care is offered at our campus from 7:30 am - 9:15 am.
 - After care is offered at our campus from 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm.
 - It is the responsibility of the family to drop off and/or pick up their camper within the extended care times.
 - Each morning or afternoon is an added charge of \$15/camper, which is charged in full after each camp session.
 - Families may also drop campers off in the morning (9:15), and pick campers up in the afternoons (3:45), from our campus for no added fee.
- **If our transportation or extended care needs change, can this be changed after registration?**
 - Yes, these services can be added or removed after registration. Please let us know as far in advance as possible so that we can plan accordingly.