

HARLAM

A URJ CAMP

ABOUT US

Nestled in the foothills of the magnificent Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, Camp Harlam provides the finest in Jewish Camping. Established in 1958, Camp Harlam has developed a strong tradition of success and excellence based on a highly skilled staff dedicated to the spiritual, physical, social, and emotional well-being of each child, while building relationships that last for life.

Camp Harlam has a +300-acre facility, a population of approximately 400-450 campers each session, and a staff of over 225 exceptional role models.

The mission of Camp Harlam is to create a vibrant, fun, and caring camp community that enriches and strengthens Reform Jewish identity and values while cultivating lifelong friendships.



OUR COMMUNITY

The Camp Harlam family consists of smaller communities within *Rishonim*, Junior/Middle Camp, and Senior Camp. These camps are further broken down into units based on a child's school grade to create a socially and developmentally appropriate experience for our campers.

RISHONIM

Rishonim, meaning the "First Ones" in Hebrew, is designed to provide an introduction to the Harlam experience and highlights the best of what our community and program offers in a shortened 12-day stay! We hope they leave feeling more confident and ready for the full session the following summer. *Rishonim* is only offered in our 2nd session.

JUNIOR / MIDDLE CAMP

Participants in Junior/Middle Camp are divided into five units, based upon grade level: *Carmel*, *Sharon*, *Kineret* make up Junior Camp; *Arava* and *Galil* are Middle Camp. Each unit is named after regions in Israel! All activities are designed to guide children in an exciting summer of growth and opportunity.

SENIOR CAMP

Campers live in their own community villages in camp. Senior Camp campers experience a challenging and fun summer featuring some of the elements of Junior Camp Programming, as well as facets of youth group programming that focus on team-building, group decision-making, and leadership training.

GESHER (COUNSELORS IN TRAINING)

Camp Harlam's Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) program is for entering twelfth graders and is designed to bridge the gap from being a camper to being a staff member. The program combines leadership training, education on how to be a staff member, hands-on experience working with campers, and separate activities just for the participants in the *Gesher* program. A select group is accepted into this program based on their applications, personal interviews, essays, and recommendations

STAFF LEADERSHIP & SUPERVISION

Approximately 50% of our staff are former Camp Harlam campers. Our staff come from throughout the United States and around the world, including Israel, the United Kingdom, and Eastern Europe. We pride ourselves on strong supervision and programmatic excellence. Our camper to staff ratio is 1:4 (Junior Camp) and 1:7 (Senior Camp).



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ACTIVITIES

We offer a balance of group and individual activities. Our activities focus on skill development and personal enjoyment. We are constantly working to make our programs fit the needs and interests of our campers and to fulfill the values-based mission of Camp Harlam.

Here's a sample of the types of activities we offer:

ADVENTURE: Climbing Wall and Tower, Giant Swing, Goobies Obstacle Course, High Ropes Course/Zipline, Low Ropes Challenge Course, Mountain Biking

ARTS: Arts and Crafts, Audio Production, Ceramics, Cooking, Dance, Digital Photography, Drama, Music/Guitar, Podcasting, Science, Videography, Wood Shop

ATHLETICS: Archery, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Frisbee Golf, Gaga, Gymnastics, Nine-Square, Pickleball, Roller Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga

JEWISH LIFE: Experiential Programming, Hebrew Integration, Immersive and Interactive Services, Israeli Dancing, Jewish Music, *Tikkun Middot* (Character Building)

TEVA (NATURE): Campouts, Gardening, Hiking, Scouting

WATERFRONT: Free swim, Instructional Swim, Lake Play, Water Polo, Zumba/Water Fitness

SPECIAL EVENTS: Artists in Residence, Camp Play, Carnival, *Maccabiah* (Color War), Cookouts, Inter-Camp Sports Competitions, Out-of-Camp Trips, Sports Clinics



SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 am - *Boker Tov* (Wake-Up)

8:00 am - Breakfast & S'Morning Camp Harlam (Morning Ritual)

8:45 am - *Nikayon* (Cabin Cleanup)

9:30 am - Two Morning Activity Periods, including Morning Nosh (snack), group programs & individual choice programs

12:30 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - *Menuchah* (Rest Period)

2:30 pm - Three Activity Periods, including Free Swim & afternoon snack

5:30 pm - Shower Time

6:30 pm - Dinner

7:30 pm - Evening Program

8:30 pm - Milk Squad (Milk & Cookies)

9:00 pm - *Lilah Tov*/Good Night



THINKING ABOUT CAMP?!

SET UP A TOUR: We offer summer and off-season tours of camp! You'll get to meet staff, see our beautiful grounds, and get a feel for the Harlam experience.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT: Check out our day-long Rookie Day programs and our Taste of Camp overnights in the summer and off-season! Plus, we offer open houses, and virtual events throughout the year.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: Visit CampHarlam.org for even more info, including a virtual tour, camp videos, and online brochure.

GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP: Camp Harlam is constantly growing and innovating - and the generous gifts of our camp families, alumni, and greater community help more children have the lifechanging experience of a summer at Harlam.