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EZRA SUMMER CAMPS '09



Dear Parents and Chanichim,

We are delighted to present this year's summer camps brochure. This year we are fortunate to be able to reverse the camp buildings of last year with our girls heading to the beautiful Devon coast and the boys to the picturesque Welsh countryside.

Since last summer we have seen a growth in the activities we've been able to arrange; oversubscribed Shabbatonim, unique Chol Hamoed programmes, varied Shabbos group activities and much more, all of which has seen us growing in numbers and a large number of new families joining us on our activities.

As always our camp schedules are full of the amazing activities and tochniot you have come to expect from Ezra camp! Once again this year we are aware of an overwhelming interest in our summer camps so please make sure to follow all the application guidelines to make sure we can process your application correctly. For the first time ever parents started booking places for their children way before the brochure was even near to completion so we recommend an early application to ensure that your child gets a place at camp!

All the Centres we use are AALA licensed and the adventure activities are supervised and run by fully qualified instructors from the centres.

Apply early - Don't miss out.... Can't wait to see you there!

The Organisers

Summer Camps 2009

Camp	Dates	Year/Age
Intermediate Girls Camp	4 th - 17 th August	Years 7-10/Age 11-15
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Junior Girls Camp	4 th - 17 th August	Age 8-11
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We are often asked why Ezra camps are so expensive. The simple answer is that camps are very expensive to run! Indeed, many youth movements have just abandoned the whole idea. We do not make any profit on our camps - and most years we make a substantial loss. In the past we have relied upon a few parents who have made very generous donations to Ezra to underwrite our losses, but as the costs increase we are finding it a major struggle to run camps each year. To give some idea of the costs involved, we are paying in excess of £55,000 this year for hiring the buildings and another £20,000 just on coaches and transport. When you add in the costs of food, activities, insurance and office administrative fees, the cost to us works out at over £600 per participant.

This year, more than ever, it is essential for us to receive applications for camp as early as possible. Unless we can be sure of a sufficient number of participants to make Camps financially viable we will be forced to cancel Camps before we involve ourselves in irrecoverable expenses. We are therefore offering a discount for early applications.

Fees for applications received by the 31st of May will be £575 per child. There is a discount of £25 for Ezra members (prior camp attendance does not indicate membership).

For applications received after the 31st of May the fees are £595 with a discount of £20 for Ezra members.

We regret we are no longer able to offer any family discounts.

Please note that the camp fees include transport to and from PAI House. If there are a significant number of applicants from Manchester to warrant transport this can be arranged at cost.

In view of the true cost per child, this year we are asking all parents who are in a position to do so to help us subsidise needy families by making a voluntary donation of £100 per child. Please contact our Treasurer, Mr Rafael Neuberger, (07958 430 650 - evenings), to discuss how this donation can be made effectively. Your donations will help us to cover our costs and ensure the future viability of camps.

We will try to help families in genuine need of financial assistance, but we are severely restricted as to the availability of bursaries. Priority will be given to regular attendees of Ezra groups. Please contact the Honorary Treasurer if necessary [in WRITING ONLY] - 35 Golders Gardens, London NW11 9BP. We guarantee that we will handle all enquiries in the strictest confidence.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:

Please enclose a non-refundable deposit cheque of **£100 per applicant** along with a **post dated cheque** for the 1st of July with the balance of fees. Fees must be made by **cheque only** payable to "Ezra". Failure to comply with any of these terms will result in us not processing the application and returning the form to you.

The application form is enclosed separately. For extra copies, please photocopy it, visit www.ezrayouth.org.uk or email camps@ezrayouth.org.uk. We reserve the right to refuse any application; sending an application does not automatically mean that your child has a place in camp. You will receive written notification from us notifying you of acceptance to camp. Under no circumstances will any children be accepted who are not yet 8 years of age by the beginning of camp.

Please complete and return the enclosed application form as soon as possible specifying which camp you are applying for. Last year we were unable to accept everyone on the waiting list; please ensure that you return your application form as early as possible so as not to be disappointed.

Every parent is held fully responsible for the discipline of their child at camp. More details of our discipline policies will be sent out with the final camp details, but we would like to stress that we aim to run camps within a Torah-true ethos and atmosphere. We expect participants to abide by this at all times and we operate a zero-tolerance policy regarding bad behaviour, language, bullying etc.



Junior Boys Camp
Sealyham Activity Centre, Pembrokeshire
4th - 17th August 2009



We are happy to be hosting the Junior Boys camp for the first time at the Sealyham Activity Centre based in the heart of Pembrokeshire. The building is a Georgian Mansion and former country estate with a backdrop of landscaped gardens, woodlands and lakes on a 90 acre plot of land!

As always, the activities at the camp will be of an excellent standard and the boys will experience the best activities and tochniot provided by the greatest Madrichim!

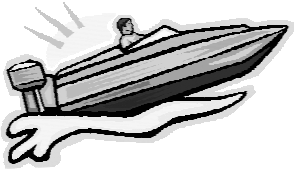
The Rosh of the camp is Benjy Gordon, who will be heading a full staff of Madrichim whose main aim is to ensure that the boys have the greatest summer holiday ever with the best activities and shiurim.

Returning hosts of the camp are Jeremy and Talia Rowe. With many years of involvement in Ezra they will provide full support to the camp and oversee the smooth running of the activities. The boys camps will also be overseen by the Rosh of Ezra, Eli Halberstam and his family.

Whilst on the same site as the Inter Boys camp, the Junior camp will be packed with its own awesome and fun-packed itinerary and will be run as a separate camp with a high ratio of Madrichim to participants.

Traditionally, Junior camp fills up fast so make sure not to miss out on the extra special Ezra Camp Ruach and apply right away!





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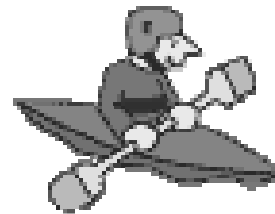
Intermediate Boys camp will be hosted at the Sealyham Activity Centre in Pembrokeshire, Wales, where the girls have enjoyed the last two summers! Camp is situated in a perfect building against a backdrop of unspoiled countryside.

As an activity centre with so much on offer that the girls needed to spend two summers there, the boys can expect to experience a thrilling programme of activities such as rock climbing, swimming, coasteering and so much more!

Mychiel Balshine, with his many years of Ezra camp experience, is the Rosh of the camp. He will be assisted by a team of Madrichim, all of whom are currently in Yeshivas in England and Eretz Yisroel. As well as providing the chanichim with fantastic activities, the camp will be full of terrific tochniot, amazing shiurim and everything else expected at an Ezra Boy's camp!

Once again, the hosts of camp are Eli and Sarah Halberstam and family, who will head up the perfect camp team! They will oversee all aspects of the camp and will ensure that the camp will retain its unique atmosphere in a safe environment.

This camp always fills up fast so make sure to apply as soon as possible and be part of an unforgettable summer experience with the Unique Ezra Ruach in the best Torah environment...!!



Junior Girls Camp
Knapp House Activity Centre , Devon
4th - 17th August 2009



For the first time ever Junior Girls will be hosted at Knapp House in the seaside village of Northam in Devon. The house is surrounded by 60 acres of farm land, which encompasses gardens, woodlands and fields. There is also a pool table, table tennis table, and.... indoor swimming pool!! The building is used all year round as an activity centre for children of all ages and is therefore a most suitable location for an Ezra Camp.

Camp will be run by an experienced Rosh and Sgan. Along with them will be a team of carefully selected Madrichot, all of whom have been trained and are well known to the children. A full programme of activities and tochniot have been arranged for the camp as well as daily shiurim. Campers will receive the full attention of their Madrichot at all times.

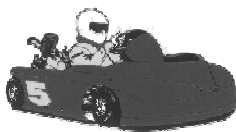
In addition to the Rosh and Madrichot there will be a dedicated host family who will oversee the camp and will ensure that the camp will run efficiently and with the right atmosphere.

Although the camp is on the same site as the Intermediate Girls camp, each camp will run independent schedules and the accommodation is sufficiently large to ensure that Junior Girls have all the advantages of a separate camp.

Junior Girls camp tends to fill up really fast and it is therefore recommended that applications are sent off as early as possible to avoid disappointment as in previous years.



Intermediate Girls Camp
Knapp House Activity Centre, Devon
4th - 17th August 2009



We are excited to announce that Intermediate Girls Camp will be staying for the first time at the Knapp House Activity Centre, moments from the Devon coast. The centre is surrounded by 60 acres of land, has its own lake and is minutes away from the sea side. One of the highlights of this amazing camp site is the indoor heated swimming pool; a perfect way to ensure that there will be no such thing as free time at camp!

Knapp House has accommodated boy's camps twice in the past and has provided our youngsters with amazing activities. As a tempting taster we can tell you that the girls will be learning how to surf, will be challenged by rock climbing and will be doing other activities that only a sea side activity centre can offer!

The camp will be led by a dedicated Rosh and Sgan, who will be assisted by a dynamic team of experienced Madrichot. As well as a full program of amazing activities, the Madrichot will prepare top quality shiurim and evening tochniot set to challenge both the body and the mind.....

We are delighted to welcome for the first time Rabbi Amram and Rachelle Landau and family as camp hosts. Rabbi Landau has attended a record number of Ezra camps over the years and will provide his own unique brand of Ezra Ruach to the camp. As hosts the family will oversee the camps and ensure that the children will be cared for in a safe and comfortable environment.

This year's Inter Girls camp is truly the most exciting camp we have organized in a long time. Bring your towel and get ready for the most fun packed Ezra Summer!!

Intermediate Girls camp is always our most popular camp and fills up the fastest so make sure to apply as soon as possible.....

