



EZRA Summer Camps

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Dear Parents and Chanichim,

We are delighted to present this year's summer camps brochure. This year our boy's camps will be based by the seaside in Devon and the girls will be based in the beautiful Pembrokeshire countryside, so it's time now to get ready for the perfect summer holiday!

This year has seen Ezra continue to go from strength to strength. Last year over 250 young people experienced an Ezra summer holiday, whether in the countryside close to home or on Tour in Eretz Yisrael. Throughout the year our groups and activities have flourished under the guidance of our Madrichim and Madrichot

The 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. Unfortunately last year we were unable to accept everyone who applied and despite arranging extra accommodation this year, no guarantees can be made so please apply as soon as possible!

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

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Camp	Dates	Year/Age
Intermediate Girls Camp	12 th - 25 th August	Years 7-10/Age 11-15
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We are often asked why Ezra camps are so expensive. The simple answer is that camps have recently become very expensive to run and many youth movements have just abandoned the whole idea. We do not make any profit on our camps - indeed 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 around £600 per participant.

Despite this, we are maintaining the cost at the same level as last year, ie £525 per child. There is a discount of £25 for Ezra card-carrying members (prior camp attendance does not indicate membership). There is also a family (not per child) discount of £30 off the total price if more than one child is applying for any camp. Please note that Israel Tour participation by a sibling does not entitle a family discount for the camps.

In view of the true cost per child, this year we are asking all parents who are in a position to do so to also make a voluntary donation of £100 per child. This donation may be made by charity voucher or cheque. Your donations will help us to cover our costs and ensure the future viability of camps.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:

Places will primarily be given to members and regular group attendees (please fill in the name of Madrich/a on the enclosed application form) until 22nd June.

Please enclose a non-refundable deposit cheque of **£50 per applicant** along with a **post dated cheque** for the 11th of July with the balance of fees. Fees must be made by **cheque only** payable to "Ezra". We are unable to accept any charity vouchers or cash for payment of camp fees. 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.

In case of financial hardship, assistance may be available. Please contact the Honorary Treasurer if necessary [in WRITING ONLY] - 35 Golders Gardens, London NW11 9BP. We must point out that there is only limited availability for such assistance and it is therefore important to contact the treasurer as soon as possible. Priority will be given to regular attendees of Ezra groups. All enquiries will be handled in strict confidence.

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 Girls Camp
Sealyham Activity Centre, Pembrokeshire
12th - 25th August 2008



We are happy to once again be hosting the Junior Girls camp 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!

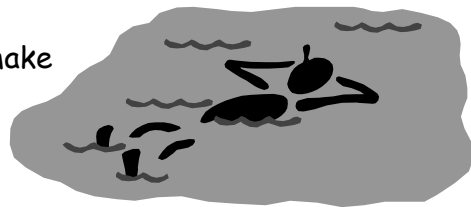
As always, the activities at the camp will be of an excellent standard and the girls will experience the best activities and tochniot provided by the greatest Madrichot!

The Rosh of the camp is Gila Stahl, who will be assisted by Naomi Rosenhead as Sgan. They will be heading a full staff of Madrichot whose main aim is to ensure that the girls have the greatest summer holiday ever with the best activities and shiurim.

Returning hosts of the camp are Ellie and Daphna Bergin and family. With many years of involvement at Ezra they will provide full support to the camp and oversee the smooth running of the activities.

Whilst on the same site as the Inter Girls 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 Madrichot 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!



Intermediate Girls Camp
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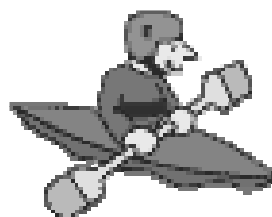
Intermediate Girls camp will be returning to the Sealyham Activity Centre in Pembrokeshire, Wales. Camp is situated in a perfect building against a backdrop of unspoiled countryside.

As an activity centre with so much on offer we realised that we hadn't even seen the half of the activities on offer and so the girls can expect to experience a thrilling program of activities such as rock climbing, swimming, coasteering and so much more!

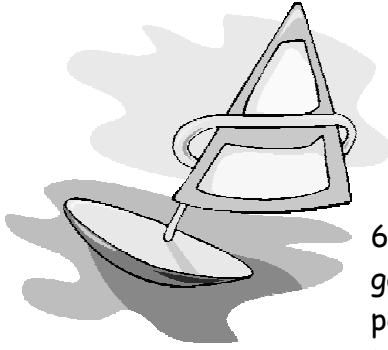
Abi Birnbaum is the Rosh of the camp and Mihcal Blumenfeld will be her Sgan. They will be assisted by a dynamic team of experienced Madrichot. As well as providing the chanichot with fantastic activities, the camp will be full of terrific tochniot, amazing shiurim and everything else expected at an Ezra Girl's camp!

Once again, the hosts of camp are Ellie and Daphna Bergin and family, who we welcome back as hosts of girls camp to 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.

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



Junior Boys Camp
Knapp House Activity Centre , Devon
12th - 25th August 2008



After a two year break Junior Boys camp will be returning to 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, football pitch 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.

We welcome back Dovi Colman as Rosh who will be assisted by Daniel Kahan as Sgan. Along with them will be a team of carefully selected Madrichim, all of whom have been trained and are well known to the children. A full program of activities and tochniot have been arranged for the camp as well as daily shiurim. Campers will receive the full attention of their Madrichim at all times.

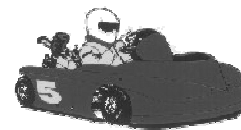
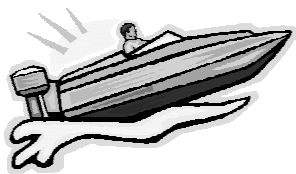
Jeremy and Talia Rowe will be the host family. With many years of camp experience between them they will oversee the camp and will ensure that the camp will run efficiently and with the right atmosphere.

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

We have found over the years that Junior Boys need more attention than any of our other camps and are deliberately limiting the number of places at the camp to 30. It is therefore recommended that applications are sent off as early as possible to avoid disappointment as in previous years.



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We are excited to announce that Intermediate Boys Camp will be staying 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. In addition to the onsite football pitch, table tennis table and pool table, there is an indoor heated swimming pool; all of which ensuring that there will be no such thing as free time!

For those who attended a camp at Knapp House in the past they will recall that camp activities are unrivalled by any others we have offered in the past. As a tempting taster we can tell you that the boys 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!

Rosh of camp is Shimmy Wieder assisted by Mychiel Balshine as Sgan. A veteran of many Junior and Intermediate camps Shimmy is the perfect candidate to ensure that the camp's activities will be the greatest ever! Shimmy will be assisted by a team of Madrichim, all of whom are currently in Yeshivas in England and Eretz Yisroel. As well as a full program of amazing activities, the Madrichim will prepare top quality shiurim and evening tochniot set to challenge both the body and the mind.....

We are delighted to welcome back Eli and Sarah Halberstam and family as camp hosts. They will oversee the camps and ensure that the children will be cared for in a safe and comfortable environment.

This year's Inter Boys camp is truly the most exciting camp we have organized in a long time. Pack your swimming trunks and get ready for a Super Sized Ezra Summer!!

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...!!

