



# 2018 CAMP GUIDE

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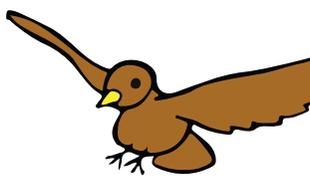


# CAMP DAVIS

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## HISTORY

The Gordon JCC has provided incredible summers for children since 1930. In the early 1960's the Camp moved to its current home, our beautiful 52-acre campus on the corner of Highway 70 and Percy Warner Boulevard. In 2000, our name was officially changed to Camp Davis by Dollar General Founder Cal Turner to honor a beloved employee and her husband, Mildred and Ernest Davis. Currently serving the great-grandchildren of our earliest campers, today at Camp Davis we build upon our strong foundation to create lifelong memories for our ever expanding family year after year.

# Values

Like all Gordon JCC programs, at Camp Davis we apply a Jewish lens to our programming. Our tradition teaches us the importance of welcoming the stranger, and as such our campers and staff members include people of all faiths and backgrounds. We are proud of our ability to connect families from all walks of life and create our own unique community.



## Fun: "Kef"

From the second your child hops out of the car until the last song on the last day of camp, we never miss an opportunity to have a blast. This philosophy of fun encompasses everything we do; from the largest all camp event even to the way we pick up trash. If it's not fun, it's not Camp Davis.

## Righteousness: "Tzadik"

To us, righteousness is using every action as an opportunity for positive change. We define peace not only as the absence of conflict; it's a world where people are free to be their true selves. Our goal is to provide a community of compassionate and conscious individuals who will go on to change the world. To some, these concepts are too abstract for children to grasp. At Camp Davis, we respectfully disagree.

## Nature: "Teva"

Grass, trees, dirt, mud, leaves, flowers, and more all provide an unmatched resource for fun and growth. Having a hands-on experience with the natural world is essential for a child's development. As technology advances further and faster, we see it as our responsibility to provide this for our campers.

## Love: "Ahava"

Love means respect. Love means compassion. Love means connection. Love means understanding that we are all in this together. We believe that inside every soul is the capability and desire to love. Camp Davis fosters a culture where love starts with the self then radiates out to beautify the world around us.



## Holy Community: "Kehila Kedosha"

The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Every individual has a role to play, and each role contributes in its own unique way. Our community is rooted in acceptance and inclusivity. We are incredibly grateful for the diversity of our camp family as it provides us with constant opportunities for growth and self-discovery.

## Growth: "Tz'micha"

It's important to take risks. Surrounded by a culture of support, our campers are equipped with tools to identify, execute, and accomplish their own goals. No matter where a child is, they will be pushed to go just a little bit farther. Part of the process involves failing. At Camp Davis we encourage everyone to "fail fabulously," as it is essential to the growing process.

# CAMP DAVIS 2018

## WEEKLY THEMES

Each week of camp is based on a theme rooted in Jewish values. These themes are interwoven into all aspects of camp including morning activities for Traditional Campers, Dress Up Days, and our legendary all camp Friday parties.

### Special Weekly Events:

Parent Pizza Potluck:  Overnight: 

Late Night: 



## WEEK 1: JUNE 4-JUNE 8

### Theme: "Kehila Kedosha" A Holy Community

The spirit of teamwork, cooperation, and togetherness shine bright during this week. Through games, songs, and hands-on projects campers experience the value of unity and recognize the power of functioning as a group rather than a collection of individuals.

**Dress Up Day:** Wacky Wednesday

## WEEK 2: JUNE 11-JUNE 15

### "B'tzelem Elohim" In the Image of God

From the highest mountain tops of the Himalayas to the tropical islands of the Caribbean, all human beings are said to be created in the image of God. Campers spend this week learning to appreciate diversity and find their own internal piece of the divine spark.

**Dress Up Day:** International Day

**Special Event:** 6/13 

## WEEK 3: JUNE 18-JUNE 22

### "Midah Ohev et Habriyot": Loving All God's Creatures

Starting with the itty-bitty bugs all the way to the most massive of mammals, at Camp Davis we believe every living creature is a gift from God. Campers have a blast as they learn about creatures from the land, sea, and sky- finding connections with our fellow Earth inhabitants.

**Dress Up Day:** Animal Day

**Special Event:** 6/20 

## WEEK 4: JUNE 25- JUNE 29

### "Gimilut Chasadim": Acts of Love and Kindness

This week is all about the importance of helping others and inspiring our campers to take ownership of the task of making the world a better place. At camp our mission is not limited to providing a fun summer experience. We are truly committed to helping the next generation become the catalyst for positive change on a global level.

**Dress Up Day:** Super Hero Day

**Special Event:** 6/28 



## WEEK 5: JULY 2- JULY 6

### "Lahavat HaEretz": Love Your Country

It's time to deck ourselves out in red, white, and blue as we celebrate life, liberty, and the pursuit of all things fun!

*No camp on July 4.*

**Dress Up Day: Patriotic Day**

## WEEK 6: JULY 9- JULY 13

### "Shmirat HaGuf": Protecting Your Body

Let's get up and get active! This week our campers experience just how much fun taking care of their bodies can be. More than just learning about a balanced diet and exercise, campers are inspired to appreciate their bodies for the wonderful unique gifts they are.

**Dress Up Day: Athlete Day**

**Special Event: 7/11** 

## WEEK 7: JULY 16-JULY 20

### "HaEretz Yisrel": The Land of Israel

A love and commitment to the land of Israel is a huge part of Camp Davis. We are joined this week by a group of teenagers from Hadera, our sister community in Israel. These teens provide campers of all faiths with an incredible opportunity to find their own connection to this sacred land.

**Dress Up Day: Blue and White Day**

**Special Event: 7/19** 



## WEEK 8: JULY 23-JULY 27

### Maccabia: Color War

A favorite camp tradition, the Maccabia games is a full week of competition. Above all, campers learn the importance of winning and losing like a champion.

*This week of camp is unlike any other. There are no field trips or specialty tracks. The schedule differs significantly from the previous seven weeks and requires campers to possess a general understanding of Camp Davis culture and operations. We strongly recommend all campers registered for week 8 have previously attended at least one week of Camp Davis.*

**Dress Up Day: Team Spirit Day**

**Special Event: 7/25** 

# TRADITIONAL CAMP OR SPECIALTY TRACK?



## What's the difference?

Camp Davis is split into two main categories for campers in grades 1 through 6: Traditional Camp and Specialty Tracks. Both of these camp experiences are excellent platforms for growth and come with their own set of advantages.

While our Traditional Camp represents the foundation of Camp Davis, Specialty Tracks offer children a more focused opportunity to explore a specific area of interest. Both Traditional and Specialty Campers will participate in each week's theme, dress up days, evening activities, and Friday programming.

For some campers, a whole summer of either Traditional Camp or Specialty Tracks is the way to go. However, many campers hop back and forth between the two schedules each week. With so many options to choose from, every camper has the chance to customize their own summer experience and make it the best ever!

## SPECIALTY TRACKS

Specialty Tracks are for campers who prefer a more focused camp experience. Each week, Tracks are offered in three areas: Sports, Arts, and Brain Builders. While the Specialty Track component takes place in the morning, campers still get to participate in a full day of awesomeness at camp. For camper's enrolled in Specialty Tracks, the day begins with singing with their friends in Traditional Camp in our morning ruach (spirit) sessions. They then break off into their specialty for the morning hours, and rejoin the rest of the camp for lunch, afternoon chugim (free choice activities), and closing circle. Specialty Tracks are open to campers in grades 1 through 6 with specific programs being offered to specific age ranges.

## TRADITIONAL CAMP

This is our time tested program and the cornerstone of the Camp Davis experience.

It is our traditional camp model that keeps campers coming back year after year. Grouped by grade level into smaller bunks, campers spend their mornings transitioning between the five core Camp Davis curriculum components: sports, art, music, nature, and Israeli Culture. A highlight of traditional camp is the opportunity to go on field trips and instructional swim for campers in grades K-3. Traditional Camp is open to all campers entering grades K-6.

ACTIVITY	TRADITIONAL	SPECIALTY
Morning and afternoon ruach sessions	✓	✓
Free swim	✓	✓
Afternoon chugim	✓	✓
Lunch	✓	✓
Am and PM snack	✓	✓
Shabbat/All Camp activities	✓	✓
Instructional swim	K-3 only	
Field trips	✓	
Multiple activities in the morning	✓	
Focus on specific topic in the morning		✓
Age specific groupings	✓	varies by week
Late nights (K-2)	✓	✓
Overnights (3-6)	✓	✓
Dedicated and highly trained staff	✓	✓
Incredibly fun	✓	✓

# CAMP DAVIS TERMS TO KNOW

**Birkat HaMazon:** Prayer recited after meals

**Boker Tov:** Good Morning

**Challah:** Traditional braided bread used during Shabbat

**Chug/Chugim (plural):** A free choice activity, offered to campers in the afternoon

**Compass Awards:** Our system of earning badges for demonstrating Camp Davis values

**Dress Up Days:** Every Wednesday

**Hamotzi:** Prayer recited before meals and over the challah during Shabbat

**Kavod:** Respect

**Kiddush:** Prayer recited over grape juice during Shabbat

**Late Nights:** Campers in grades K-2 invited to stay until 7pm

**Leadership Track:** Campers in Tzofim (grades 7-8) and CITs (grades 9-10)

**Mensch:** Someone who does the right thing without being asked, doing good for good's sake

**Mishpacha:** Family

**Nachshon:** Figure from Jewish folklore used to illustrate courage

**Overnights:** Campers in grades 3 and up spend the night at camp

**Parent Pizza Potluck:** All campers and their families are invited back to camp from 5-7pm for an evening of camp fun

**Ruach:** Spirit

**Shabbat:** Jewish day of rest from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. We celebrate Shabbat on Friday afternoon with a beautiful ceremony open to parents and siblings.

**Shalom:** Hello/Goodbye/Peace

**Shevet Aleph:** Group A- All campers in grades K-2

**Shevet Bet:** Group B- All campers in grades 3-6

**Shi'ga'on:** Crazy and wacky

**Shlichah/Shlichot/Schlichim (f/m/pl):** Emissary- our staff member from Israel



# Traditional Camp

\$267-\$317 PER WEEK



**Age Groups** (all grades reflect the camper's grade in the fall of 2018)

Rishonim- "Starters": Kindergarteners

Chaverim- "Friends": 1<sup>st</sup> Graders

Kochavim- "Stars": 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

Chalutzim- "Pioneers": 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Habonim- "Builders": 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

Giborim- "Heroes": 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

## DRAMA

### NATURE

Now, more than ever, it is essential that we teach our campers to marvel and appreciate the natural world. Taking advantage of our beautiful 52-acre campus we explore trails, study native plants and wildlife, and of course- get very dirty.

## RELAY RACES



## SOCCER

### SPORTS

We love to play. Sports give us an opportunity to learn new skills, stay in shape, and work as a team. Campers are taught not only how to play the game, but how to win and lose like a champion.

## SINGING

## GAGA

### ART

Art is expression. At camp we emphasize process over product, focusing on giving campers the opportunity to find their own creative style. Not only is art beautiful, it is a tool in the kit of individuality and growth.



## Hiking

## 3D MODELING

### FOR SHEVET BET ONLY

Once you hit 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- the party really kicks off! Traditional Campers in Shevet Bet get to experience some of the best that Camp Davis to offer.

- Archery
- Mountain Biking
- Exclusive weekly performances and visitors
- High Ropes Course

## YOGA

### MUSIC

Harmony, rhythm, and multi instrument performance are perfect parallels for life concepts of cooperation, respect, and being a part of something greater than yourself. Sometimes you just gotta get up and boogie.

### GARDEN

### ISRAELI CULTURE

We are so fortunate to have staff members from Israel join us every summer. These staff members offer an amazing opportunity to connect to the culture, history, and people of Israel. The program provides campers of all faiths and backgrounds with their own connection to not only Israel, but all of humankind.



### PERCUSSION

### FIELD TRIPS

Each week Traditional Campers get to go on incredible trips around Nashville! Some of our favorite spots include:

- Nashville Shores
- The Adventure Science Center
- Glow Galaxy
- The Crag
- Horseback Riding
- Ice Skating
- Dave and Busters
- Jump Street



### CRAFTS

### HEBREW

### KICKBALL



### INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM- GRADES K-3

The Gordon JCC is home to the only Olympic sized, saltwater outdoor pool in Nashville, giving our campers the best environment to perfect their strokes. Campers receive three swim lessons a week from our top quality aquatics instructors. All swim students are grouped based on ability, and of course, pushed to challenge themselves a little more each day.

### FORT BUILDING

# LEADERSHIP TRACKS

\$96-\$241 PER WEEK

The Camp Davis experience isn't just for younger campers. Starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and culminating in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, campers partake in the two capstone Camp Davis programs. Here, they are provided with hands on opportunities to flourish as leaders in camp as well as life.

## Tzofim- "Scouts"- Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

The Tzofim program is a hybrid combining the best parts of Traditional Camp with a strong foundation in camp leadership. Tzofim campers participate in their favorite Camp Davis activities at a specialized and more challenging pace. As the summer progresses, our Tzofimers are provided with opportunities to create their own schedules and take ownership of their camp experience. Additionally, they are able to journey out on exclusive field trips, offered only to Tzofim campers.

Tzofim campers are an integral part of our camp operation as each summer they select, design, and construct a service project for the camp. This allows them the opportunity to create a permanent addition to our camp, adding their own chapter to our constantly evolving story.



# C.I.T. - Counselor in Training- Rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

The last step in a camper's journey- the C.I.T. program is a highly engaging curriculum that actively challenges participants to discover their own voice as a camp professional.

C.I.T.s split their time between shadowing camp staff and participating in multiple leadership seminars throughout each week. These seminars include tangible and practical skills such as CPR and activity outlining as well as bigger picture ideas- like what it means to be a role model or how to connect to those who are different. Additionally, the seminars provide C.I.T.s with concrete goals and objectives designed to aid them in their growing process.

Separating our C.I.T. program from other camps is our ability to draw from Jewish tradition. Utilizing the lessons and values of our over 2,000-year-old tradition we provide our C.I.T.s of all faiths with a curriculum that is rich in depth and universal in application.

Graduates of our C.I.T. program have gone on to not only become phenomenal counselors, but are equipped with the skills needed to excel in both college and professional settings.



# SPORT TRACKS

\$299-\$325 PER WEEK



## Week 4: June 25-June 29

### WATER SPORTS (GR. 3-6)

It's time for a week in the pool playing games like splash ball, polo, sharks and minnows and more. For skilled swimmers only, this track is guaranteed to fill up quick!

## Week 5: July 2-July 6

### TENNIS (GR. 1-5)

Another popular track, our tennis program is focused around developing the core skills of the sport. We will work on our racket skills and agility while having a blast striving to be King or Queen of the Court.

## Week 6: July 9-July 13

### SURVIVOR (GR. 4-6)

It's back! Survivor track is a rugged experience where campers spend the week engaging in wilderness based athletics. Archery, obstacle courses, and more all come together for this camp favorite.

## Week 7: July 16-July 20

### DANCE AND CHEER (GR. 2-4)

Get ready for a full week of spirit as we dance and cheer our way to victory. A combination of cheerleading, gymnastics, and dance all come together for this high energy track!

## Week 1: June 4-June 8

### FLAG FOOTBALL (GR. 3-5)

Down, set, hike! Spend a week on the field learning and practicing the skills and drills needed to be a champion Flag Football Star. One lucky team will be crowned Camp Davis Super Bowl Champions!

## Week 2: June 11-June 15

### SOCCER (GR. 1-3)

From passing and shooting to weaving and dribbling, our soccer track is designed for the young soccer fan. A combination of skill building and game playing come together for an amazing week!

## Week 3: June 18-June 22

### ALL SPORTS (GR. 2-4)

Can't choose which sport is your favorite? Why not play them all? All Sports is exactly what it sounds like- all sports, all the time. If you love the thrill of competition and teamwork, this is the track for you.

# ART TRACKS

\$299-\$325 PER WEEK

## Week 1: June 4-June 8

### ALL ART (GR. 1-4)

This week is all about getting our creative juices flowing. Campers will utilize a variety of mediums from the traditional to the exotic to create their very own masterpieces!

## Week 2: June 11-June 15

### COOL CRAFTS (GR. 1-3)

Bird houses, jewelry boxes, bedroom signs, and the list goes on! In Cool Crafts campers construct unique personalized objects they can love and be proud of.



## Week 3: June 18-June 22

### DRAWING AND CARTOONING (GR. 2-4)

Not only will campers learn valuable sketching skills, this track focuses on the importance of creating characters and developing storylines. Each camper will finish the week writing and illustrating a brand new comic strip!

## Week 4: June 25-June 29

### CLAY CREATIONS (GR. 2-5)

If two dimensions just isn't enough for you- we've got you covered. Our clay track has campers creating a wide range of finished products from bowls and cups to statues and jewelry.

## Week 5: July 2-July 6

### ART OF THE EARTH (GR.1-4)

Some of the best art supplies can be found in nature. Twigs, leaves, grass, and of course mud can all be used to create amazing works of art. Be sure to pack some old clothes- this one is going to get dirty!

## Week 6: July 9-July 13

### PROJECT RUNWAY (GR. 3-6)

A Camp Davis staple- Project Runway turns 15 regular campers into fashion moguls. Campers engage in the full process of design, from concept to fabrication and finally modeling their finished products. This camp will fill up fast!

## Week 7: July 16-July 20

### PAINTING PALS (GR. 2-4)

If you like adding happy little trees, you'll love Painting Pals. Campers in this track learn valuable techniques and create many masterpieces worthy of not only the fridge- but the museum!

# BRAIN BUILDER TRACKS

\$267-\$317 PER WEEK

## Week 1: June 4-June 8

### PREHISTORIC PARTY (GR. 1-3)

Let's get digging! This brand new track is a partnership with Little Scholars and creates a whole team of budding paleontologists. Campers will explore dinosaur history, biology, and discover how we know so much about these extinct giants.

## Week 2: June 11-June 15

### WACKY WIZARDS (GR. 1-3)

Another new partnership with Little Scholars, this track is full of spells, potions, flying objects, and big pointy hats. Prospective wizards will spend the week honing their mythical abilities and sorcery skills. Fantasy fans should not miss this!

## Week 3: June 18-June 22

### SPACE! (GR. 1-5)

We're going on a trip in our favorite rocket-device which we made ourselves at camp! Along with our friends from Mr. Bond and the Science Guys, campers will learn about the heavenly bodies and marvel at what we know, and don't know, about our universe.

## Week 4: June 25-June 29

### KID'S KITCHEN (GR. 4-6)

It's time to get cooking! Kid's Kitchen is a week of slicing, dicing, churning and not burning our favorite foods. Campers will learn valuable kitchen skills as well as nutrition information. This fills up quick!

## Week 5: July 2-July 6

### KIDS KITCHEN JR (GR. 1-3)

All the awesomeness of Kid's Kitchen, but at a level more appropriate for our younger campers.

## Week 6: July 9-July 13

### LEGO MASTERBUILDER'S ACADEMY (GR. 1-4)

This is not just any old LEGO camp where you build stuff out of a book. Our Masterbuilder's Academy teaches campers to find their own identity in the LEGO universe, creating an entire city of LEGO wonder.

## Week 7: July 16-July 20

### NASHVILLE CSI (GR. 2-5)

Another partnership with Mr. Bond and the Science Guys, this is certainly not your standard "whodunit." Nashville CSI offers campers a sneak peek into the world of crime investigation. Using a scientific lens, our investigators work together to solve crimes and have a blast!



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## HOW TO REGISTER

Camp Davis 2018 registration can be filled out by visiting the "Register" section of our website, [www.campdavisnashville.com](http://www.campdavisnashville.com). Be sure to register by March 16 to lock in the Early Bird Discount of \$20 per week.



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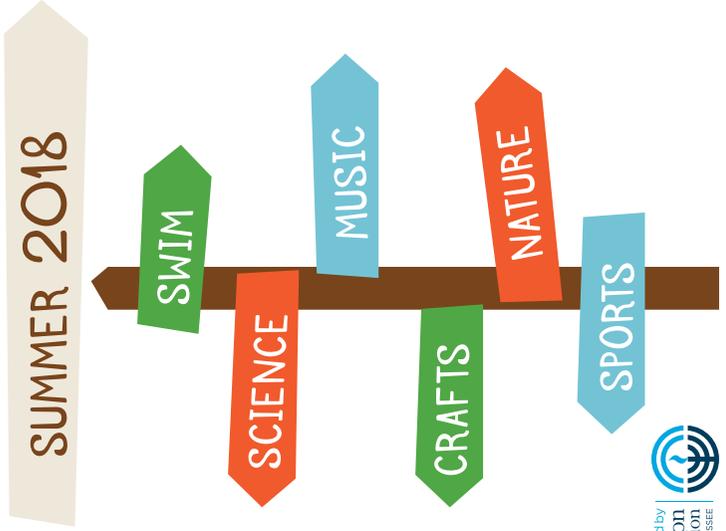
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