

CAMP BILUIM CANADA

2024 HANDBOOK

CONTACT INFORMATION & IMPORTANT DATES

CAMP PERSONNEL

Camp Director

Associate Camp Director

Administrator (Off season)

Office Manager (Summer)

Guy Korngold – guy@ckb.ca

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IMPORTANT DATES

MTL & GTA camper baggage loaded onto truck

June 23

VAN & INT'L campers fly to Montreal & stay in airport hotel

July 1

Departure to Camp

July 2

Camp ends

August 13

SUMMER ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Camp Biluim Canada

184 Rue Harrison

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Email office@ckb.ca

OFFICE HOURS AT CAMP (Voicemail is checked regularly even when the office is closed)

Sunday to Thursday

10:00am – 5:00pm

Friday

10:00am – 3:00pm

Shabbat

Closed

OFF SEASON

Camp Biluim Canada

4600 Bathurst, 4th Floor Library

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Tel (416) 781-5156 x221

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WEB SITE

<https://www.biluimcanada.ca>

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/campbiluimcanada/>

INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/campbiluimcanada/?hl=en>

PACKING

Campers can each bring one trunk, one duffel bag, and one set of plastic drawers. Typically, clothing is packed in the drawers and trunks, while bedding and towels, toiletries and shoes are packed in the duffel. Please label everything with your FULL NAME (Initials are not enough). We suggest simple serviceable clothing. Social and Shabbat functions are also simple and informal. Laundry is done once per week, with a one-day turn around. Here is our packing list:

<https://www.biluimcanada.ca/packing-list>

BAGGAGE

All **GTA & MTL** camper baggage must be dropped off on **Sunday June 23rd** following the schedule below. If you have campers in more than one unit/camp, please choose the time that is most convenient for you. All camper medication **must** be dropped off at this time as well and handed to a staff member upon arrival at the truck so please do not pack the medication in your camper baggage for ease of access. To keep things moving we ask that you do **not** exit your car. Our staff will be there to unload!

TORONTO BAGGAGE TIMES ON JUNE 23 – BETH EMES BAIS YEHUDAH 100 ELDER ST. M3H-5G7

Staff	9:00-9:30
Kinneret	9:30-10:00
Biluim	10:00-11:00

MONTREAL BAGGAGE TIMES ON JUNE 23 – WAGAR HS 5785 PARKHAVEN, CSL. H4W-1X8

Staff		9:30-10:00
Giborim/Goshrim	Campers currently in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5	10:00-10:30
Kochot	Campers currently in grades 6 & 7	10:30-11:00
LITs	Campers currently in grades 8 & 9	11:00-11:30
Biluim	Campers currently in grades 10	11:30-12:00

VANCOUVER/INTERNATIONAL

Pack your belongings in two duffel bags for your flight. The camp will provide shelving and plastic drawers for every camper that will fly to camp. All camper medication must be handed to a staff member upon arrival at the airport so it is best to pack them in your campers' carry-on baggage for ease of access.

ELSEWHERE: All families from outside of Montreal and Toronto that are travelling to camp with our coach bus service are asked to bring their baggage with them on their day of departure to camp.

TRAVEL TO CAMP

MONDAY JULY 1st

VANCOUVER/INTERNATIONAL

Campers will be picked up at the airport in Montreal. Their staff, wearing their royal blue sweatshirts, will be waiting for them at the arrival area. Once all campers have arrived, they will walk with their baggage through the terminal to the Airport Hotel where they will spend the night. The following day, they will leave the hotel following lunch and travel by chartered bus directly to camp. Only campers that fly to Montreal are allowed to bring their cell phones with them to camp. Upon arrival to Montreal, they will be allowed to speak with their parents before handing their phone to our staff.

TUESDAY JULY 2nd

MONTREAL / OTTAWA – WAGAR HIGH SCHOOL 5785 PARKHAVEN, CSL. H4W-1X8

Please arrive to the parking lot by 1:00pm. We will begin loading the busses at 1:10pm and depart at 1:30pm. Please be on time.

TORONTO (GTA) – BETH EMES BAIS YEHUDAH 100 ELDER ST. M3H-5G7

Please arrive by 7:15. We will begin to load the busses at 7:30 and our busses will depart at 8:00. All GTA campers must pack a nut-free lunch for the day of travel. Please be on time.

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

Campers being driven up to camp are asked to arrive at 3:00PM. All passengers are asked to remain in their vehicle at all times and leave the camp as quickly as possible.

CAMPER TRAVEL HOME – TUESDAY AUGUST 13th

MONTREAL/OTTAWA Busses will arrive to Wagar HS in CSL at about 10:00am.

TORONTO Busses will arrive to Beth Emes Bais Yehudah 100 Elder St. M3H-5G7 by 4:00pm.

AIRPORT Campers will arrive at the airport by 11:00. Flights should be scheduled for 1:00pm or later.

PRIVATE Please pick up your camper at camp at 8:00am.

AT CAMP

TENT PLACEMENT Our campers hail from across Canada, the USA, Europe and Israel. Our goal is to foster the development of new friendships and create a strong camp wide community as quickly as possible. To this end, almost every tent at camp will include a camper from these different regions and the different CYJ camps. We do not accept tentmate requests but we do want to know if there is a concern or special circumstance that may arise if your camper is placed with someone specific. This information must be received by email to guy@ckb.ca by April 30th and it will remain confidential. Once camp begins, it will not be possible to make any changes to our tents.

LAUNDRY is done weekly. Clothing should be colorfast as it is machine laundered and every item should be well labeled/marked. Labels are available for purchase through our website via the CampMinder login. All campers will have the opportunity to claim lost and found articles during the summer and at the end of the season.

TUCK SHOP & SPENDING MONEY A portion of the camp fee is allocated to cover expenses such as tuck (treats), the camp t-shirt, and the Biluim sweatshirt. We will bill you for any medical expenses (prescriptions) incurred over the course of the summer and send you the receipts so that you can make a claim with your insurance company. Personal spending money is necessary as we will be taking our campers out of camp on excursions where they will have the opportunity to buy themselves snacks. We recommend \$150-\$250, the amount largely dependant on your campers' spending habits and appetite. Spending money can be held by the camper in their tent or it can be stored in our office and given to them prior to each departure. This spending money can be submitted when dropping baggage off as long as it is in a clearly labelled Ziploc bag.

BIRTHDAYS Each camper with a birthday during the camp season will receive a freshly baked cake at lunch that is large enough to share with their table. If you wish to send a gift, please refer to our package policy. Parents are given the opportunity to speak with their child on their birthday. Arrangements for this can be made by emailing office@ckb.ca the day before the birthday so that we can arrange the time for the call to be made. *Usually*, the ideal time for this call is around 10:15am.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON CELL PHONES Campers are **NOT** allowed to have a cell phone with them at camp. Having a phone will undermine all of the work that we do to nurture the growth in self-confidence and independence of our campers. The introduction of even one cell phone into a tent can negatively affect the experience of the entire group which would not be fair to those campers and their families. Camp Biluim has a duty to ensure that our campers are given every chance to benefit from the Camp Biluim experience and that no one is taking that away from anyone else. For this reason, if a camper is found in possession of a cell phone or any device that can do more than just play music, the device will be confiscated and donated to a local shelter. We thank you in advance for working with us to ensure that you have all of your campers' cell phones in your possession as they board the bus to camp.

Only campers that are flying to Montreal, that will not be under the immediate supervision of our camp staff until they land at the airport, are allowed to bring a cell phone with them on the day of travel to camp. Upon arrival at the airport these campers must willingly give their cell phone to our staff. The camp will store the phone and return it to the camper (fully charged) immediately prior to departure at the end of the season.

MUSIC Campers can bring a device that plays music as long as this device cannot be used to connect to the internet, watch videos or play games. The i-pod touch is not allowed even if the SIM card is removed as there are many unprotected WIFI signals around our camp. If a camper is found in possession of any device that can do more than just play music, the device will be confiscated and donated to a local shelter. Here is an example of an MP3 device that is acceptable at camp <http://surl.li/qbejm> and here is a link to help your camper convert their Apple or Spotify music files to the MP3 format <http://surl.li/qbeme>.

INFIRMARY Our Nurse, Doctor or Infirmary Manager will contact a parent/guardian if:

1. A prescription has been written for that camper.
2. A camper experienced trauma (concussion, fracture, sprain, etc..).
3. A camper has a visible bandage or is using crutches.
4. If a campers' condition worsens or remains unresolved longer than originally anticipated.
5. A camper must spend the night at the infirmary or the better part of the day (unless this is something that was already established with the parent).
6. The camp will not call if a camper just needs to rest, has a mild illness or a non-significant injury.

MEDICATION Our infirmary is fully stocked. Please DO NOT pack over the counter medications like Tylenol and Advil. Campers also have access to Lactaid tablets that are kept in our dining hall. The only medications that campers should bring to camp are those that have been prescribed to manage an existing medical condition. Prescription medication must be blister packed by your pharmacist and each 'blister' must indicate the name of your camper, the medications being taken, and the date and time of day that the medication should be administered. The majority of pharmacies will blister pack medications at no cost. They may

require a week or two to prepare the blister packs so please be sure to inquire with your pharmacist and plan accordingly. Please only send the amount of medication needed for the season (July 2-Aug 13). Please drop these medications off at 'Baggage Drop Off' above or, if flying to Montreal, when your camper lands at the airport.

EPIPENS If a camper needs an EpiPen, they must either carry one EpiPen with them at all times or bring two EpiPens (one to be kept in our infirmary, and one to be kept in their tent). Campers with Epipens will not be allowed to participate on our optional canoe camping trips.

CANOE TRIPS are optional for Biluim campers. The camp provides all of the necessary camping equipment. Campers who carry epipens are not able to participate and will remain at camp. Groups always consist of campers from different tents and are limited to 25% of our camper population so these campers will never remain alone at camp.

VOLUNTEER HOURS At the end of our season, all Biluim campers will receive a letter specifying the service hours that they have accumulated over the course of our season. If campers have specific school forms that need to be completed, they can send them to sierra@ckb.ca **in September** and they will be promptly completed and returned.

CAMPMINDER When you registered your camper(s), you established a CampMinder Login password. Parents can use the same password to access the **Camp Intouch** feature which allows parents to submit forms, view photos, and send to & receive emails from their camper. The system works best with Google Chrome. To Log In, simply click on the Log In button which is found on the top right corner of our website <https://www.biluimcanada.ca>. The system has a security feature that will only grant access to recognized email addresses. If the system does not recognize your email address, you will be able to update your account.

CAMPMINDER GUEST ACCOUNTS By clicking the "Guest Accounts" icon you will be able to create accounts for family members and friends so that they can view photos and send emails. After creating each account your guest will receive an email similar to the one you received when first creating a password and security questions. They will be guided through the same process to log in securely. You do not need to create guest accounts for parents/guardians of the child(ren) as that information is already stored in our system.

SENDING & RECEIVING SNAIL MAIL You can send snail mail to your camper at the address listed on the first page of this booklet. Please include the words CAMP BILUIM on the address as this will make it easier for our office staff to ensure that the mail is delivered to your camper in a timely manner. If your camper will prefer to respond by snail mail, please provide your camper with stationary and pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelopes so that it is easy for them to write you back.

SENDING EMAIL TO YOUR CAMPER You can send emails to your camper via CampMinder. To send emails, click on the Log-In button at our website <https://www.biluimcanada.ca> and then click on 'Camp InTouch' and then click on the email link. The system will guide you through the process of purchasing "CampStamps" (in US currency). We batch print the emails once each day at 10am from Sunday to Friday and the emails are delivered to our campers after lunch.

RECEIVING E-LETTERS FROM YOUR CAMPERS: E-Letters offer an easy way for your child to send letters from camp back to their parents. Each page of eLetter stationery has a unique, printed barcode. Parents can attach an eLetter reply request to an individual camper email. This option is found below the email body and will request a single eLetter reply from the camper. Please note: CampStamps will not be deducted for the eLetter until a reply is received by the parent. It is recommended that campers use blue or black ink pens to ensure the eLetter PDF is legible. Parents will receive an email notification as each eLetter is returned. They will not be charged a CampStamp until the recipient opens the eLetter. Once viewed, an eLetter may be opened, saved, or forwarded by email an unlimited number of times at no additional cost.

NOTE: You will see that the printing of an E-stack where you can pre-print a stack of blank e-letter response sheets and send them to camp with your camper is an option but WE ADVISE AGAINST THIS because they become wrinkled or soiled or forgotten. The best option is to attach an e-letter reply request whenever you send your camper an email.

PACKAGES Campers are not allowed to receive any packages at camp unless they are celebrating a birthday while at camp. Only one package is allowed on your campers' birthday and we ask that you inform family and friends of this policy. If your camper has forgotten something or has run out of anything, we are pleased to provide many essential items like toothbrushes, deodorant, and shampoo at no charge. Other essential items that we may not stock at camp, like clothing, can only be mailed to camp with the pre-authorization of one of our office managers. Our office managers can be reached at office@ckb.ca. Without exception, all unauthorised packages will be returned to sender. Again, please inform your relatives and friends of this policy.

PHOTOS are posted two days each week on Wednesday and Sunday at 8:00 am. The CampInTouch system allows you to view all of our camp photos. At the end of the season, we will upload all of our photos to Pixiset so that your campers can view and share them with their friends and on social media if they like.

VIDEOS will be posted to our social media channels throughout the summer and available on our Vimeo page: <https://vimeo.com/campkinneretbiluim>

SIERRA'S WEEKLY UPDATE is our Associate Directors' activity report which we will send to you by e-mail each Friday by 6:00 pm.

FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM: Please be sure to 'like' and 'follow' us for updates throughout the summer and especially on the first and last day of camp as this is how we will be able to provide you with up to the minute updates regarding bus arrival times.

<https://www.facebook.com/campbiluimcanada/>

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