# **ROAD TRIP TO SUMMER 2017:** YOUR GUIDE TO PLANNING SLEEPAWAY CAMP TOURS

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMP One happy Camper JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER METROWEST NJ **TIME FOR TOURS** If you're looking for the perfect sleepaway camp, now is the time to check them out. Take a tour of camps this summer to see the fun, action, and magic of camp firsthand.

Touring while camp is in session is the best way to get a feel for the summer environment, see camp in action, and decide if it's the right place for you! Some camps may not offer tours or have modified schedules on Shabbat. Be sure to contact the camps in advance to arrange your visit — some have set tour dates and others are by individual appointment.

150+ amazing Jewish overnight camps and teen programs - One Happy Camper knows them all. Contact me directly for free personalized guidance on selecting camps to visit and for additional camp options.

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### **SPOTLIGHT: PRIMARY AREA CAMPS**

<b>NJY CAMPS</b> – Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, Cedar Lake Camp, Teen Camp	973.575.3333 / 570.296.8596	njycamps.org nahjeewah.org campcedarlake.org teencamp.org
NJY CAMPS – Camp Nesher	973.575.3333 / 570.798.2373	campnesher.org
NJY CAMPS – Camp Shoshanim	973.575.3333 / 570.798.2551	campshoshanim.org
NJY CAMPS – Round Lake Camp	973.575.3333 / 570.296.8596	roundlakecamp.org
Camp Harlam – A URJ Camp	570.629.1390	CampHarlam.org
Camp JRF	877.226.7573	campjrf.org
Camp Moshava	212.465.9021 / 570.253.4271	moshava.org
Camp Ramah in the Berkshires	201.871.7262 / 845.832.6622	ramahberkshires.org
Camp Tel Yehudah	800.970.CAMP / 845.557.8311	telyehudah.org
Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake	917.595.1500 / 845.677.3411	cyjsproutlake.org

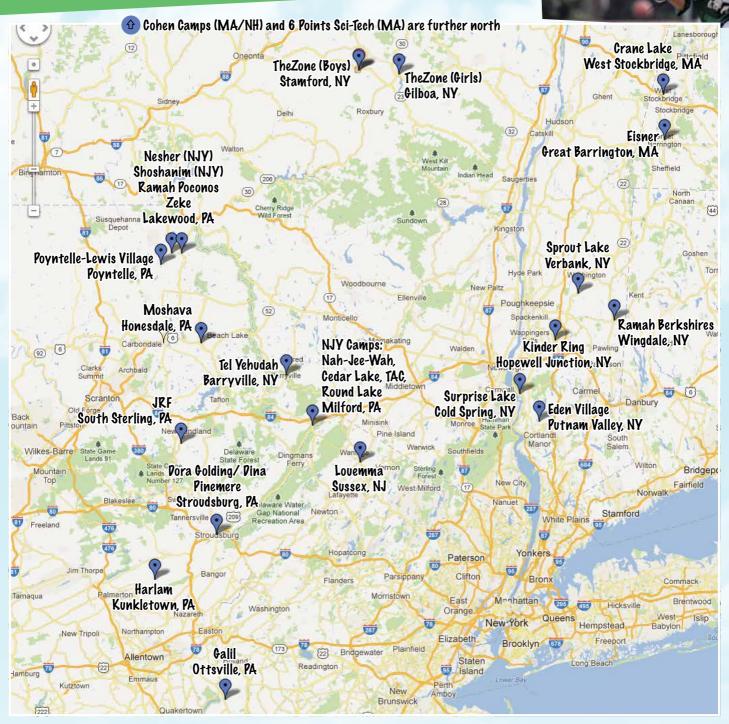
## **ADDITIONAL CAMPS**

Camp Dora Golding/Camp Dina	718.437.7117	campdoragolding.com campdina.com
Camp Galil	215.832.0677	campgalil.org
Camp Kinder Ring	845.221.2771 x105	campkr.com
Camp Louemma	973.287.7264 / 973.875.4403	camplouemma.com
Camp Poyntelle-Lewis Village	718.279.0690 / 570.448.2161	poyntelle.com
Camp Ramah in the Poconos	215.885.8556 / 570.798.2504	ramahpoconos.org
Camp Zeke	212.913.9783	campzeke.org
Cohen Camps (Camp Pembroke, Camp Tel Noar, Camp Tevya)	781.489.2070	cohencamps.org
Eden Village Camp	877.397.3336	edenvillagecamp.org
Pinemere Camp	215.487.2267 / 570.629.0266	pinemere.com
Surprise Lake Camp	212.924.3131 / 845.265.3616	surpriselake.org
TheZone	866.843.9663	thezone.org
URJ Eisner Camp	201.722.0400 / 413.528.1652	eisner.urjcamps.org
URJ Crane Lake Camp	201.722.0400 / 413.232.4257	cranelake.urjcamps.org
URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy	857.246.8677	scitech/urjcamps.org

**NOTE:** If two phone numbers are listed, the first is generally the office number and the second is the camp number that should be used from mid-June through the summer.

# ROAD TRIP START PLANNING TODAY.

Use this map of camps that are popular with Greater MetroWest families to help plan your summer camp tours. Many can be visited as a day trip.



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#### **STAFF**

Who is the director and how long has s/he been in this position?

What is the camper-to-staff ratio? How many counselors are in a bunk with the campers?

What kind of training does staff receive?

What kind of relationship does the camp have with international staff?

#### FOOD

Is the camp food kosher-style, or does the camp have a kosher kitchen?

Does the camp cater to individual food needs, such as allergies, dietary restrictions, etc.?

#### **ELECTIVES/CHOICE**

What kinds of activities are available on a daily basis?

What kinds of activities are special?

How do campers decide what activities to do? To what extent do cabins move together and to what extent do campers have individual choice?

#### **SPORTS**

What is the camp's philosophy about sports competition?

Is there instructional sports time? Swimming lessons?

Do all campers participate in sports or only those who choose to?

#### FACILITIES

What major improvements to the facilities have been made, or are planned?

Where are the camper bathrooms?

How many campers are in each bunk?

What kind of space does each camper have?

How far away are bunks from other areas at camp?

What's the most special asset of the camp's facility?

#### **SHABBAT**

What is the Shabbat schedule? Is there special Shabbat programming?

Are there Shabbat services? Are they mandatory or optional?

Can visitors come on Shabbat?

#### JEWISH PROGRAMMING

What kind of and frequency of Jewish programming is there?

How would one describe the Jewish culture and community of the camp?

Is the camp affiliated with any particular movement? How does this affect daily programming?

#### CAMPERS

Where do campers generally come from?

Are there many New Jersey campers?

How does the camp respond to issues of bullying or exclusion?

What is the interaction like between campers of different ages? Between boys and girls in the same unit?

What is the camper retention rate?

What skills and values do campers gain during the summer?

How does the camp make sure that first-time campers succeed?

#### **OFF-CAMP TRIPS**

What kind of off-camp trips are there?

How often do campers go off camp?

Are there any added costs for off-camp trips?

#### LOGISTICS

What sessions are offered? What duration do most campers attend?

Is transportation provided to/from camp?

What is the cost of one session? Of an entire summer?

What kind of scholarships/financial assistance are available?

What kind of intersession programming is available for campers staying the entire summer?

Are parents permitted to visit?

How does communication work between families and campers?

