

# Camp Kanfei Nesharim Camper Agreement

## **Read Carefully!**

Camp Kanfei Nesharim is a unique program committed to providing a very special life experience and adventure in the context of a deep commitment to Torah spirit and Halacha. Our goal and hope is that the Camp Kanfei Nesharim experience will deepen the campers appreciation of Hashem's world, of their own particular and unique *neshama*, and intensify their love of and commitment to Torah and Judaism. The opportunities the camp provides also pose some unique challenges to the campers and staff members. It is the belief and experience of the Camp that the campers who participate in Camp Kanfei Nesharim must possess and express:

- **A strong sense of responsibility and common sense.**
- **Sensitivity for other participants (both campers and administration).**
- **A respect for authority and rules.**
- **A deep respect for Judaism, Halacha, and the ruach the Camp expects to maintain.**

These qualities are the key to a successful summer. Failure to maintain these standards **will result in dismissal from the program** and an early return to the U.S.

In such an eventuality, CKN will arrange for return passage but **will not** be able to provide an escort. Campers will have to travel alone. There will be no refunds issued.

Some of the major areas of concern as well as some important perspectives for campers to keep in mind are outlined below.

Please read these guidelines carefully and make sure you are comfortable with all that is expected. After you have read it, please sign it and return it to CKN. Campers and parents are asked to sign this document.

### Camp Kanfei Nesharim Guidelines

1. **Kashrut** - All campers are expected to observe the standards of Kashrut outlined by the Camp. These guidelines will be clearly explained and may be stricter than participants accustomed standards..
2. **Minyan and Torah Study** - There are many daily Torah activities. These include **minyan three times a day** and Torah study **for one hour a day**. All campers, both men and women, are expected and required to follow this schedule. It is the foundation of our camp experience.
3. **Kedushah** - The sacredness of the relationship between men and women is one of the most profound and powerful tenets of Torah life. Camp Kanfei Nesharim provides a unique challenge and the guidelines that are set must be strictly adhered to:
  - **Physical Contact** - The halachot governing *Negiah* (prohibition of physical contact between sexes) are fully observed.
  - **Dress Code** - There is a dress code requiring Knee length shorts and colored (non-white) T-shirts with sleeves at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  to the elbow at all times.
  - **Swimming** – As we are not usually in secluded areas, both men and women are required to wear shorts and (non-white) t-shirts on top of their bathing suits at all times.
  - **Separate Seating** – Separate seating is required for all overnight plane and bus rides.
  - **Separate Areas, Etc.** - Other guidelines in terms of hotel areas, swimming, bus rides, plane rides etc. will be explained as needed.
5. **Headcovering** - All men must wear a **kippah** or hat **at all times** (including during skiing and on the bus).
6. **Shabbat**
  - **Ruach** - Creating a beautiful and meaningful **Shabbat** is one of the primary goals and highlights of CKN. It is not just a day to hang out, although there is plenty of time for that as well. Campers

are expected to respect and contribute to this ruach. This includes **wearing Shabbat clothing throughout Shabbat** as well as other less tangible items, which will be explained.

- **Observance** – Complete Shabbat observance is required of all campers. Any Chillul Shabbat will result in immediate dismissal.
  - **Dress** - Girls are expected to dress in **knee length skirts** on **Shabbat** in accordance with the kedusha of a Bat Torah. Boys are required to wear **white button down dress shirts and wool dress pants throughout Shabbat**. Please bring long and short sleeve white dress shirts for both cold and hot Shabbat climates.
7. **Cursing** – Cursing of any kind in any situation is not acceptable.
  8. **Promptness** - It is imperative that campers understand the importance of being on time. This goes for religious, as well as, fun oriented activities. The camp is really one close knit group and we are all dependent on each other's consideration.
  9. **Toranut** - Kitchen duty and other maintenance responsibilities are a very important part of the CKN experience. All campers are expected to participate in this responsibility in a full manner and with a positive attitude.
  10. **Middot** - The group dynamics of Camp Kanfei Nesharim is intense and close knit. In a summer that has so many variables, it is important to realize that not everyone is always perfect and that not everything works out exactly the way you want. Please be patient with the administration and with your friends.
  11. **Camp Schedule** - CKN cannot run 20 separate programs each day. Campers are expected to adhere to the camp schedule.
  12. **Curfew** - There is a **curfew**, which will be announced nightly.
  12. **Free Time** - Campers will have limited free time in various places. The guidelines for this time will be explained.
  13. **Refunds** - There are no refunds issued for unused activities (lift tickets etc.) irrespective of the reason for missing the activities (disinterest, illness, suspension).
  14. **Unauthorized Departure** – Campers must never leave a hotel or separate from the camp without permission.
  15. **Drugs, Alcohol, Cigarettes** – **Use, possession, or purchase of alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes will result in immediate expulsion. There will be no exceptions made!**
  16. **Body Piercing, Tattoos**(permanent or temporary), **Hair Dyeing, Buzz Haircuts** – None of these cosmetic changes in any form are allowed.
  17. **Nine Days and Tisha B'Av** - The halachot of the 9 days including the prohibition concerning eating of meat, washing of clothing, bathing for pleasure, and public music(live or taped) are strictly observed.
  18. **Cell Phones, DVD Players** – These devices are not allowed on camp.

**I have read the above and am fully aware of what is expected of participants on Camp Kanfei Nesharim. I realize that failure to abide by these guidelines will result in dismissal from the program. In case of dismissal, I agree that my son/daughter may be sent home unescorted to Los Angeles and then onto New York. I understand that in such an eventuality there will be no refunds issued.**

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Parent Name (Print)

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Camper Signature

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Date: