



Dear Circus Camp Families,

Welcome to Circus Camp! Circus Camp was a huge success last summer and I know it will be even better this year! I have been working with Circus Camp for ten years, and it is truly an amazing experience; I can't wait!

Circus Camp is a different camp experience than other camps at the JCC, so I wanted to take the time to explain to you how Circus is going to work:

-Thursday, June 13th during the camp day all Camp Shalom campers except for Kochavim and Tzofim will participate in an open house to try out the equipment. If you aren't registered for camp week 2, your child is still welcome at the open house.

-On Thursday, June 13th at 4:00pm there is a mandatory placement and parent meeting. At this time the campers will be placed in their acts. Most campers will be finished between 5-5:30pm however, some campers will be asked to stay longer for callbacks.

-Sunday June 16-there will be one rehearsal per group this day-schedule will be given on Friday.

-Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (6/17-6/19) Campers will come to camp as usual and can have up to 3 or 4 one hour practices each day. While campers are not practicing they will be participating in traditional Camp Shalom activities. They will not go back to their camp groups that week. Some practices might go past 4:00 each day, but that will be unknown until the schedule comes out. Parents are encouraged to stop by and watch practices. It is really amazing how much they can learn in an hour!

-Performances: There are 2 performances that are open to the public. Performance times and dates are Thursday, June 20 at 7:00pm, Friday June 21 at 10:30am. You can go to www.circusofthekids.com to order your tickets (lower right hand side of their website).

-There is also a registration form online that must be filled out for the Circus staff. If you know of any scheduling conflicts during the week of Circus, please put that on the form. The Circus staff really does take into account the conflicts and do their best to schedule around them. It is better that you put more conflicts down now, than at the last minute tell them your child can't be there to rehearse. The campers learn so much in each one hour practice; it is often hard for campers to catch up if they miss rehearsals, which is why it is very important to

put all conflicts. The form can be filled out at www.circusofthekids.com on the top right hand side of the page.

I know this week can be a hard one to plan because the schedules come out at the last minute, but I promise you it is worth it. I can't say enough about how great this program is, and I am so excited to get it started!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions by phone at 561-712-5279 or by email at rachelf@jcconline.com

Sincerely,

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