

physical or psychosocial challenges, and it is discovered that information was not fully disclosed on medical or camper forms, no refund will be issued for early dismissal.

- Camp Wise requires all standard vaccines as required for school attendance by the Ohio Department of Health. Additionally, Camp Wise encourages all campers and staff to be fully vaccinated and up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine as determined by the CDC.
- Camp Wise and medical staff are authorized to act on the behalf of a parent or guardian, according to their best judgment.

- If a family chooses to withdraw their camper prior to the end of a session of their own accord, then no refund will be issued.

FINAL NOTES

- Camp Wise is not responsible for loss or damage to camper's property.
- Camp Wise is authorized to take campers out of camp on supervised trips and activities.
- Camp Wise may use any photo, video recording, audio recording, or likeness of campers for promotional purposes.
- Parents will receive a Parent-Camper Handbook prior to camp with additional information, policies and procedures.

SUMMER 2026 DATES

Trip I	June 14 – July 9
Week of Wise I	June 14 – June 21
Rishon Aleph*	June 14 – June 26
Rishon Bet*	June 28 – July 9
Trip II	July 12 – August 6
Week of Wise II	July 12 – July 19
Rishon Gimel*	July 12 – July 24
Rishon Dalet*	July 26 – August 6
Full Summer	June 14 – August 6
ILS (Israel Leadership Summer) (tentative)	June 14 – July 16
Grade 12 SIT	June 9 – August 6

*Rishon and Week of Wise Sessions are for first time campers only.



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POLICY HANDBOOK



2026





REGISTRATION AND FEES

- The application for Camp Wise Summer 2026 opens for returning campers and their younger siblings on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$150 per camper, per enrolled session, is due at the time of the initial application. The camper's application is not complete without payment of this fee.
- A security fee of \$180, per camper, will be added to the total balance of each camper's account.
- Families will be placed on a payment plan with 7 equal payments, each charged on the first of the month beginning October 1, 2025 through April 1, 2026.
- Alternate payment arrangements (such as paying in full) may be made with the camp office.
- All camp tuition must be paid by April 1, 2026. Camp Wise reserves the right to cancel enrollments with unpaid balances.
- Campers in our Staff-in-Training program pay one fee for this 7-week opportunity. While campers may choose to depart after Trip I or after Rishon Gimel, the tuition remains as the program is designed for a full seven weeks and the tuition is already heavily discounted.

CANCELLATION DEADLINES

- Application fee of \$150 is non-refundable.
- Camp tuition and the security fee are refundable for any reason prior to the close of business on December 31, 2025.

- Cancellations between January 1, 2026 and March 1, 2026 will forfeit a \$500 processing charge for each session cancelled (if full summer cancelled this will total a \$1000 processing fee).
- After March 1, 2026, all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- We recommend that families consider purchasing third party camp insurance such as Purchase Protection from CampIn Touch, in case of unexpected changes in plans after the refund period.

FINANCIAL AID

- Application requests for financial aid must be submitted at the time of application.
- Financial aid applicants are also required to pay the \$150 application fee.
- The Financial Aid application process will be shared upon application to camp. (This is an online application). Financial Aid is based on demonstrated need and awarded in order of received applications until all funds are dispersed.

DISCOUNTS, PROMOTIONS AND REFERRAL BONUS

- **Cleveland Mandel JCC Members:** To be eligible for the Mandel JCC member's tuition rate, you must have an annual Cleveland Mandel JCC membership for a period of one year. Anyone is welcome to join the Mandel JCC of Cleveland, including families out of town who wish to receive the member discount.
- Families who hold active membership at other JCC's will receive a discount of \$200

- per camper on tuition. Memberships must be in good standing and will be verified prior to confirming the discount.
- **Early Enrollment Promotion:** All campers who enroll prior to the close of business on September 30, 2025 will qualify for the early enrollment SWAG promotion and will receive a special one-time edition clothing item as advertised.
- **Sibling Discount:** Families applying for more than one child will receive a sibling discount for each additional child, after the first, of 5% off of tuition for the younger sibling. The Staff-in-Training and Israel Leadership Summer (ILS) programs do not qualify for this discount.
- **Referral Bonus:** Refer a new camper to Camp Wise, to earn a credit towards your camp tuition for Summer 2026 and a special gift. To qualify, the referring family must be named by the applying family at the time of their application. The new camper must be a first-time camper, and not a sibling of the referring family. (1st referral: \$200 off, 2nd referral: additional \$300 off, 3rd referral: additional \$400 off (maximum of 8 referrals for \$2900 off).)

REASONS FOR DISMISSAL WITHOUT REFUND

- The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss any camper without refund whose behavior or actions are incompatible with successful inclusion in the Camp Wise community. This includes but is not limited to:
- willfully disregarding camp rules or endangering the safety of themselves or others

- physically, psychologically, or verbally abusing another member of the camp community
- destroying camp property or the property of another member of the camp community
- requiring greater supervision than can reasonably be provided by camp staff
- possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs while at camp, or on a camp trip

LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY DEPARTURE

- It is the expectation that all campers will arrive on arrival day, stay at camp for the full session, and depart on departure day.
- Any requests for arriving or departing on dates other than the designated start and end date of sessions must be submitted via email, to the camp office for approval by the Camp Director prior to the start of the session.
- There are no tuition reductions for a camper arriving late or leaving early, including a late arrival due to illness.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

- Prior to a camper's arrival, Camp Wise requires full disclosure of all medical and psychological treatments (past and present), a complete medical form signed by a physician, as well as immunization records. Camp Wise reserves the right to postpone or cancel camp attendance for any camper based on their physical or mental health condition. If Camp Wise is unable to serve a camper due to

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