



The Aaron and Marjorie Ziegelman Campus • South Sterling, PA

PARENT AGREEMENT — Summer 2010

Please return by **April 20** to: Camp JRF • 101 Greenwood Avenue, Suite 430 • Jenkintown, PA 19046 • FAX: 215-885-5603

Camp JRF has successfully been providing a variety of safe, age appropriate and memorable experiences for children for many years. We have been pleased to be able to serve many families and we look forward to serving future generations for years to come. We, as well as our staff, are grateful for all your letters of appreciation and expressions of satisfaction with our efforts. We look forward to continuing to care for your children with the same concern, interest, and energy as we move into the future.

The success of Camp JRF is based, in part, on:

- High standards of care for your children;
- High expectations of ourselves and our staff;
- A values system explained to staff, campers, and families; and
- Boundaries clearly defined for campers and staff.

Camp JRF is a thoughtful community. The well-being of your children, both physically as well as emotionally, is of the utmost importance. In order for us to continue to be successful, we would like to share with you some observations and experiences we have dealt with in the past.

We believe that many children have been heavily influenced by explicit song lyrics, television programming, movies, books, computer games, and internet sites. Our society appears to be increasingly focused on sexuality, violence, and destructive behaviors. Our young people cannot avoid seeing, hearing, and absorbing that which influences a substantial part of their young lives. However, what may unfortunately be acceptable in some homes and communities is not acceptable at Camp JRF if we are to continue to care for our campers on the same high level as we have in the past.

One can see by our *Brit Kehillah* (Community Covenant of Behavior) that we are most thoughtful about the behavior of all members of our camp community.

Camp JRF attempts to teach our campers:

- To recognize that they have responsibilities for themselves and those around them;
- To learn to make choices that are good for themselves and others, and to take responsibility for the choices they make;
- To respect oneself and others; and
- To accept that they are accountable for their actions and the consequences, both positive and negative, of their behavior.

It is essential that you communicate to your child(ren) that we will not accept behaviors such as **bullying, violence, possession of weapons, repeated profanity, disrespect, bigotry (including, but not limited to: racism, sexism, and homophobia), sexual behavior (as defined by Camp JRF), drug and alcohol use, or any other unsafe behaviors that are potentially harmful to themselves or others.** They must understand that a consequence of their behavior may be removal from camp.

Camp JRF is intended to be a comfortable, welcoming, and inclusive community for all. It is our intention to include every child to the best of our ability. It is important to discuss with your child(ren), in detail before camp, the expectations camp has set for your child(ren), and that we – both parents and camp staff – are a team and work together on maintaining and upholding these expectations.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION. RETAIN THE TOP FOR YOUR RECORDS.

I have read and understand the information contained in the Parent Agreement. I agree to the guidelines set forth by the Camp JRF professional staff both in the document above and throughout the summer, and trust – and expect – that they will use their best judgment when working with my child(ren).

Name(s) of child(ren) attending Camp JRF: _____

Names of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____