

# Gan Izzy Ranch Camp Parent Handbook



Includes COVID-19 Prevention Plan

*For all Staff, Campers, Parents and Visitors*

**Safety First! While we are excited to offer day camp, we continue to place safety as our primary concern.**

**Please read this carefully to prepare yourself for the safety protocol.**

Prepared under the guidelines of:  
The CDC and Ventura County Public Health

## Gan Izzy Ranch Camp COVID-19 Quick Resource Guide:

1. Our dedicated staff are trained to keep camp safe and fun. You're in great hands at GI Ranch Camp!
2. Camp dates are June 29-July 31.  
Our camp day will be from 9:30-3:00.  
No before/after care. No trips scheduled as of now.
3. Come to Camp healthy. If you are not feeling well, stay home. We'll check your temperature in the morning when you arrive at camp.
4. Staff are encouraged to wear a mask when together with others that are not in their bunk (group).
5. Share less, disinfect when you need to.
6. Wash hands often.
7. We'll be outdoors whenever possible.
8. This summer, we will be having 6 bunks with up to 12 campers in each, supervised by capable staff. Every bunk will have fun as a unit and will not share indoor space with other bunks.

For more details, continue reading:)



## 1. General Measures

- Gan Izzy Ranch Camp continues to stay current with the ever-changing health environment by continuing to:
  - Be in contact with the Public Health Department of the County of Ventura to monitor local conditions.
  - Regularly review updated guidance from state agencies, including the California Department of Public Health.
  - Update and receive guidance from G.I. Ranch Camp Medical and Safety committees.
- CGI has a plan for the possibility of repeated closures, G-d forbid, if persons associated with the facility become ill with COVID- 19.
- The more people a camper or staff member interacts with, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. To this end CGI will limit both the number of people each camper and staff member interacts with, as well as the amount of time of those interactions. Whenever possible, individuals will be outdoors, and socially distanced from each other. Please read the guidelines below for the specifics of this plan.



## 2. Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Staff, campers and their families need to stay home if they have symptoms of COVID-19, or have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19. They may return to camp after 72 hours of no symptoms, or with a negative COVID-19 test.

Symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Nausea, vomiting, or Diarrhea
- Campers and Staff will be taught and reminded about washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes. We teach campers and staff to:
    - Use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside a tissue or their elbow.
    - Wash their hands before and after eating; after coughing or sneezing; after being outside; and after using the restroom.
    - Campers and staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application, and use paper towels to dry hands thoroughly.
    - Staff should model and practice handwashing. For example, for younger campers, use bathroom time as an opportunity to reinforce healthy habits and monitor proper handwashing.
    - Campers and staff should use hand sanitizer when handwashing is not practicable. Sanitizer must be rubbed into hands until completely dry. Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers.
    - Children under age 9 should use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222.
  - Camp schedule is designed with a handwashing and sanitizing break in between each program time.
  - There will be limited help with sunblock. Parents must apply sunblock before camp and teach their children to reapply on their own.

- Cloth face coverings:
  - CGI will be providing a customized cloth mask to every camper and staff member.
  - Staff members are required to wear masks when interacting with parents, while greeting the campers in the morning by their cars, as well as when in the presence of others not in their bunk while indoors.
  - It is not mandatory for campers to wear a mask, but encouraged as a good safety practice.
  - Camp staff and campers should be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently.
  - Signs are posted to educate staff and campers on the proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings.



### 3. Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

**Every effort will be made to use supplies that do not need to be shared.**

- Each bunk will have its “home base”, an air conditioned indoor space where they will conduct activities, and eat lunch etc.
- Every staff member will have a backpack that they are required to keep with them throughout the day that will include hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray and/or wipes, as well as first aid supplies.
- Water fountain is closed for drinking directly. Disposable cups and garbage cans will be placed near every sink and water fountain. **Each camper is encouraged to bring their own water bottle.**
- Staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at camp. Counselors are required to disinfect any shared equipment before use. We will also have custodial staff who will be sanitizing and disinfecting the campus throughout the day.
- Frequently touched surfaces in the camp include, but are not limited to:
  - Door handles
  - Light switches
  - Sink handles
  - Bathroom surfaces
  - Tables

- Limit use of shared playground equipment in favor of physical activities that require less contact with surfaces.
- Limit sharing of objects and equipment, such as toys, games and art supplies, to the extent practicable. But where allowed, clean and disinfect between uses.



## 4. Implementing Distancing

### ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- Gan Izzy Ranch Camp can only accept up to 12 children per age group, with a maximum of 72 children to enable us to maintain proper physical distancing.
- Arrival procedures:
  - Drop-off time will be from 9:20 am to 9:45 am.
  - Parents pull into the Drop off zone as directed by the security guard. If both lanes are full, the security guard will guide you to the arena area where cars will queue until your turn.
  - Parents are requested not to leave their cars. Only campers exit the car.
  - Staff members wearing masks and gloves will greet each camper by their vehicle. They will ask parents through the open window/door to confirm camper is symptom free from COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours and whether anyone in their home has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test.
  - A temperature will be taken of each camper with a no-touch thermometer. If temperature is below 100.4 and camper is symptom free, the camper is admitted to camp and the parent may leave.
  - Staff member checks in camper on clipboard and records temperature reading.
  - Staff member will place some hand sanitizer on each camper's hands BEFORE they enter the gate.
- Any child, parent, caregiver or staff member showing symptoms of COVID-19 may NOT come to camp. Please indicate on your child's health history form if the child has a history of allergies, which would not be a reason to exclude.
- Staff and campers will be monitored throughout the day for signs of illness; Campers and staff with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough or other [COVID-19 symptoms](#) will be sent home. Parents should be available to pick up campers within 30 minutes if necessary.
- Each bunk will have their own designated area in the arena, about 8-10 feet apart from each other. As each camper arrives, they sit down with their bunkmates in their group's designated area. Once the entire group is together, they will go to their "home base".



#### Dismissal Info:

- Pick-up time will be from 3:00 until 3:15. Each bunk will be in their designated area in the arena. As each parent pull up, your child/ren will be brought to your vehicle.

#### RECREATIONAL SPACE

- Activities have been selected that work for smaller groups, and many of the activities will have minimal contact between campers. Baking and sharing activities will be minimized. We will try to be outdoors, in the shade, as often as practical.
- Campers will be oriented to new social distancing guidelines in a developmentally appropriate manner.
- During camp hours the camp will be closed to any non-essential visitors. All visitors will be screened at the gate for symptoms and a temperature check. Only essential visitors will be allowed in camp, and every effort will be made to maintain social distancing. Masks are required and provided for all visitors and instructors that will be in close proximity to the campers and staff members.

#### LUNCH

- Due to current regulations, we will NOT be offering hot lunches this summer. Each camper should bring their own pre-packaged lunch plus 2-3 filling snacks in a disposable lunch bag.
- \*\*Due to allergies, peanut and tree nut products are NOT ALLOWED in camp.
- Please do not send any type of meat in your child's sandwich/lunch.
- Please send ready to eat foods (we will be unable to provide hot water or use of an oven/microwave to heat up food)
- Lunch will be eaten in each bunk's "Home Base". Disposable lunch bags will be discarded at the end of each day if not taken home.
- Please send disposable food service items (e.g., utensils and plates). All food should be ready to eat and not require hot water or refrigeration.
- Please send adequate snacks for your children so they will not be hungry throughout the day.



## 5. Limit Sharing

- Campers will keep their belongings separated at their "home base."

Belongings will be taken home each day to be cleaned and disinfected (with your help).

- We will ensure that each bunk will have adequate supplies to minimize

sharing of high-touch materials (art supplies, equipment, etc.) to the extent practicable or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between uses.

- We will ensure that the campers avoid sharing electronic devices, clothing, toys, books, and other games or learning aids as much as practicable.



## 6. Train All Staff and Families

- We will train all camp staff and families in the following safety actions:
  - Enhanced sanitation practices
  - Physical distancing guidelines and their importance
  - Proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings.
  - Screening practices
  - COVID-19 specific exclusion criteria
  - At the 2-day intensive staff training prior to camp, we will train and review all protocols and regulations that must be followed.
- Staff training will also take place on Zoom for all training that is not site-specific or using equipment required in camp.



## 7. Plan for When a Staff Member, Child or Visitor Becomes Sick

- We will have an isolation area to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.
- Any campers or staff exhibiting symptoms must immediately wear a face covering and wait in the large tent in the arena until they can be transported home.
- We will notify local health officials, staff, and all families immediately of any positive case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws.
- Any areas used by any sick person will be immediately closed and not used before cleaning and disinfection.
- All sick staff members and campers may not return to camp until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation, including 3 days with no fever, symptoms have improved and 10 days since symptoms first appeared.
- Campers are encouraged not to attend other programs during their Camp attendance to further reduce the number of people interacting with our camp



population.



## 8. Maintain Healthy Operations

- CGI has a roster of back up staff to use if a staff member is unable to attend camp.
- Parents and staff can self-report symptoms and illness to directors. Parents will be notified by email and text message if their child has been exposed to COVID-19 G-d forbid at CGI. Confidentiality of the identity of campers and staff will of course be strictly maintained.
- Please be advised that CGI will continue to communicate with the Public Health Department of the County of Ventura and follow their recommendations regarding future closures or updated policies or procedures. These policies and/or closures may happen with little or no notice.

## 9. Changes and Refunds

- Campers must register for 5 days per week.
- Priority will be given to campers signed up for full season.
- If your plans change less than 1 week before the session begins, you forfeit the charges, unless it is due to illness, with a written note from your PCP. We have substantial increased expenses to run camp this summer with stable groups, and cannot allow last minute convenience cancellations.
- We are unable to offer any refunds for illness of a camper that prevents him/her from attending our program.
- If the camp deems it necessary based on our protocol to cancel or temporarily close a group due to an infection, we will offer a full refund for unused days (prorated) to all campers affected. Only those campers (and siblings) who are directly affected by the closure will be offered a refund.

Rabbi Shimy and Devorah are available for responding to COVID-19 (or any) concerns. They can be contacted by calling 805-242-2232 or at [info@giranchcamp.com](mailto:info@giranchcamp.com)

Looking forward to a safe and fun-filled summer together!  
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