

Dear CTN Campers & Families,

My name is Leah Sheikowitz and I am returning to CTN for my second summer as program director. I had such a great experience last summer, and am looking forward to another amazing summer!

Along with our veteran and treasured staff and all of their talents they have shared over the years, we have some exceptionally talented new staff joining us this year. With them they bring some creative adventures and opportunities for your children. Please look for some new electives in the attached guide. Remember that **all new electives are in BOLD print**. As always, quality instruction, building skills, promoting good sportsmanship, and having fun are central themes for our program!

Selecting electives can be a challenge because there are so many wonderful choices. We urge families to work with their children to make selections based on their interests, but also to include a variety. Our goal is to schedule as many top choice electives as possible. As a reminder, each unit receives a different number of electives based upon their age.

To accompany our electives program, daily swim lessons, athletics, ropes course, arts & crafts, boating & canoeing, Jewish living & learning, and outdoor living & learning represent the rest of our weekly schedule. *All Olim & Olot and Tsofim & Tsofot are scheduled for instructional tennis.*

We are asking each camper to list their top 10 electives in order on the online form. The list should include 10 different electives. This allows us more flexibility in planning as we do our best to give all campers their top choices. These lists will be used for elective placement for Olim /Olot and Tsofim/Tsofot. Bogrim/Bogrot SHOULD NOT complete this online form. Bogrim/Bogrot will select their electives at camp.

The 2010 Camp Tel Noar Elective Guide describes each elective and any eligibility information, including American Red Cross swimming level requirements, parent/guardian permission for participation, and additional fees. When choosing electives, please make take note that some electives are only available for certain age groups. Signed parent permission slips are needed for waterskiing, fitness and biking. Please email me at leahs@camptelnoar.org if you have any questions.

NEW THIS YEAR: REGISTER FOR YOUR ELECTIVES ON LINE! GO TO WWW.CAMPTELNOAR.ORG/ELECTIVES TO COMPLETE YOUR ELECTIVE CHOICES. UPON COMPLETION, JUST HIT THE SUBMIT BUTTON. ALL ELECTIVES WILL BE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

Shalom, and see you at camp!

Leah Sheikowitz

Program Director

2010 ELECTIVE CHOICE INFORMATION

Our 2010 elective choice program is organized around major activity areas including Land Sports, Arts and Crafts, the Great Outdoors, Visual and Performing Arts, and Water Sports. Please use the attached guide to help you make your choices. When making your choices please note requirements and fees. Electives will be assigned for the entire three and a half week session. Full Season campers will repeat this process prior to the start of second session.

- Olim/Olot (3rd through 6th grade) will receive 3 electives per session.
- Tsofim/Tsofot (7th and 8th grade) will receive 4 electives per session.
- Bogrim/Bogrot (9th and 10th grade) will receive 7 electives per session.

Electives are scheduled 3 times per week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

You will find instructions on how to make your choices on the elective form.

ALL CAMPERS SHOULD COMPLETE THE ELECTIVE FORM ONLINE LISTING THEIR TEN ELECTIVE CHOICES. This form will be used for placement of Olim/Olot and Tsofim/Tsofot into their electives. Just a reminder that Bogrim/Bogrot will sign up for electives at camp.

Please note the following:

- New campers will be tested for appropriate swim level on opening day. Returning campers will be placed into swim classes based upon our records from last summer. If your child has a copy of their swim card that shows their progress over the school year we will honor that swim level placement.
- Waterskiing, Sailing, and Windsurfing are limited to campers who have passed **THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIMMING LEVEL 3**. Campers who sign up for these electives and who have not passed level 3 will be assigned to another elective choice. Due to the high demand for water sports, campers who request a water activity will be assigned one, and will be assigned to a second water activity **only** if space is available.
- At Camp Tel Noar, we are concerned about safety. For those choosing land sports activities, Camp Tel Noar requires you to bring and use personal safety equipment including mouth guards, shin guards, appropriate footwear and any other protective gear. Cleats are not allowed.
- All campers will be given their elective schedules on the first day of the session. Season campers will fill out second session elective forms during the first session.
- **NOTE FOR OLIM & OLOT:** All Olim and Olot are scheduled for outdoor living & learning, instructional tennis and boating & canoeing as part of their schedule. They may choose to also sign up for these activities as electives.
- **NOTE FOR BOGRIM & BOGROT:** Tenth graders will be assigned to work on the Banquet for First Session and Ninth graders will be assigned to work on the Banquet for Second Session. Designated work times will be assigned as part of the schedule.

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PERMISSION SLIPS ARE NEEDED FOR WATERSKIING, FITNESS AND BIKING

MAIL PERMISSION SLIPS TO: CAMP TEL NOAR, 30 MAIN STREET, ASHLAND, MA 0172