

ROCKS RUNDOWN

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Camp energy is in the air! The days are getting longer, the trees are blooming, and there's that unmistakable buzz of anticipation that feels a whole lot like camp! This season feels especially meaningful as we step into an exciting new chapter. Our newly acquired neighboring properties are buzzing with activity, and by June, those spaces will transform into fresh fields filled with campers and staff playing, exploring, and thriving. More space means more opportunity—for creativity, for connection, and for deeper, more impactful experiences. As we head into our 35th summer, the sense of possibility is everywhere, and we're embracing it with open minds, excitement, and intention. And yet, even as we grow, what grounds us remains unchanged. Camp Yachad has always been built on a foundation of belonging, joy, and values that guide everything we do. Our ROCKS values are more than just words—they are our compass, keeping us rooted through expansion. Growth doesn't mean becoming something different; it means becoming more fully who we are. As Summer 2026 approaches, I feel incredibly grateful to be part of a community that leans into change while holding tightly to the spirit that makes Camp Yachad so special. The best is still ahead, and I can't wait to experience it together.

Here's to a spring of preparation, possibility, and promise!



Shira

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSE!

All campers must have completed Health History Forms on file prior to the start of camp. If you haven't done so already, [please log into the camp dashboard](#) and complete them under the "Forms" section for your camper. Unless your camper will be taking prescription medication at camp or needs emergency medication stored, no healthcare provider signature is required. [Click here to email our camp nurse with any questions!](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE JCC

There's Something for Everyone!
Click below for more information:

- [Kids Night Out - April 11](#)
- [Real Life Teen Money Series - April 15](#)
- [Grandparent & Grandchild Event - April 26](#)

Can't wait to see you there!

A FEW SPOTS LEFT...

With camp hiring just about complete, we're still looking for awesome people to join our camp team in the following roles:

- **Senior Counselors:** For college grads & educators who love camp & want to lead a group of 3 & 4 year olds!
- **Lacrosse Specialist:** Perfect for a college player, rec coach, or gym teacher looking for a fun summer gig!
- **Facilities Specialists:** Help the day-to-day operation of camp run & support all the behind the scenes aspect of keeping our campsite in tip-top shape!
For more info, [reach out to Shira](#) today!

LET'S GEAR UP!

Did you hear? We've got all new shirts this year to celebrate our new camp logo! Check your email for all the important info around designs, pricing, and ordering. Camp will provide 2 new shirts this year, but remember - as a uniform camp, campers are required to wear a camp t-shirt every day! Place your order by Friday, 4/17 to guarantee delivery before camp begins.
[For more info & to order - click here to email Cathy!](#)

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