

## **Brit Ahm Sukkot Camping Rules**

Camp out with us for the weekend as we continue in our celebration of Sukkot! If you want to camp with us, you **MUST** sign up through the office or whenever you visit the synagogue. The deadline to sign up is Shabbat, September 18th.

### **Set-Up and Take-Down**

All camping sites are on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Early Set-Up** is permitted on Thursday *only* if you cannot come on Friday to set up your tent. All tents **MUST** be set up **BEFORE** sunset on Friday\* (**no exceptions**). The event start time says 5pm, however, this does not mean you cannot set up your tent before that. We encourage you to!

All tents should be taken down by 10pm on Sunday night. If you cannot take care of your tent by then, you may take it down and remove it on Monday only.

### **Camping Rules & Specifications**

1. Your name and the names of those camping with you in your tent must be written on the sign-up sheet by the deadline given.
2. Your tent must be set up before sunset on Friday. No exceptions.
3. No trailers or RVs allowed.
4. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
5. No fireworks allowed.
6. All campers and attendees are responsible for cleaning up after themselves.
7. All campers and attendees are required to attend Shabbat service at 10am. Children ages 5-12 will be required to attend Shabbat School at 9am. Anyone 13+ will be required to attend Foundations class at 9am.
  - a. Anyone who wants to camp at all during the weekend (Fri. night and Sat. night), he or she must set up their tent by the previously prescribed time (before sunset Friday), even if he or she doesn't stay the night both nights.
  - b. All campers are still required to attend Shabbat service and classes, even if he or she does not stay the night on Friday.
8. All campers and attendees must wear modest clothing at all times, as determined by an elder or rabbi.
9. Campfire: Any campfires **MUST** be lit and started *before* sunset on Friday. No exceptions. If the fire goes out during Shabbat, it may *not* be re-lit until after sunset on Saturday.
  - a. A responsible adult may be allowed to keep the fire from going out on Shabbat if he or she is available.
  - b. A responsible adult must supervise the campfire at all times during the camping weekend.
10. Campers:
  - a. Couples who wish to camp together (i.e. share a tent) must be married. No exceptions.

- b. Minors (under 18) must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult (18+) while camping. The responsible adult must sign for the minor(s) that he or she will take responsibility for them (i.e. safety, whereabouts, foolish or dangerous behavior, etc.).
- c. Any camper who does not adhere to any of these Camping Rules & Specifications and the ones that follow here may be asked to leave the campus at any time by either an elder or rabbi.

#### 11. Camping Etiquette:

- a. Cooking:
  - i. Campers are responsible to bring their own food and drink.
    - 1. Community “Hobo dinners” are allowed only on the basis of signing up on a sheet to bring a certain item. A sign-up sheet will be provided at time of signing up to camp.
    - 2. “Hobo dinner” food can be stored in the refrigerator with permission given by the office staff or rabbi prior to the start of camping. All food brought for this must be written down on the sign-up sheet before the specified deadline. The synagogue’s refrigerator may not be used for personal items at any time. Personal items stored in the refrigerator are liable to be thrown away.
    - 3. Campers who wish to partake of the “Hobo dinners” choose to eat at their own risk. Campers should take their own allergies into consideration. Brit Ahm Messianic Synagogue or the office staff or elders or rabbis are not liable for any allergic reactions to food or otherwise.
  - ii. Campers are responsible to clean up after themselves.
  - iii. Campers are not allowed to bring unkosher food on the campus nor to cook it on campus.
  - iv. Campers may share their own food or drink at their own risk.
- b. Conversation:
  - i. We ask that all campers refrain from discussing topics of a “fringe nature” or divisive issues. All such topics are to be determined by an elder or rabbi. An elder or rabbi will ask a person to stop talking about such a topic as a warning. Anyone who continues to talk about such topics after being asked not to will then be asked to leave the campus.
- c. Quiet Time:
  - i. Quiet Time is from 10pm until 7am each day of camping (per city ordinance). This includes all campfire conversations during this time to cease or be monitored by an elder or rabbi. This also means tent noise must be kept to a minimum and not disturb other campers.
  - ii. If someone is disturbing campers, please notify an elder or rabbi.
  - iii. Anyone who continues to be a disturbance during Quiet Time will be asked to leave the campus.

#### 12. Youth Area

- a. A youth is a person within our BAY (Brit Ahm Youth) age range, which is 13-21. This area is meant for only this age range as a general rule. People who are outside of this age range are not restricted from this area, as long as the Youth Leaders allow it.
- b. The Youth Area will be closed from 12:00am until 7:00am. The Quiet Time (10pm) still applies for this area and ought to be followed, as it is a city ordinance. However, youth are welcome to continue hanging out while being supervised by a responsible adult (i.e. Youth Leader(s)) until midnight.

### 13. Water Slide

- a. Minors (under 18) who use the water slide must be supervised by a responsible adult (18+) at all times.
- b. The water slide will be closed and off limits at sunset (6:45pm) and until 9:00am.
  - i. The only exception to this rule is on Shabbat. The slide will be closed on Saturday until 2:00pm. After that, it may be turned on and used.
- c. A sheet of responsible adults will be signed.
- d. All responsible adults will be responsible for taking turns at supervising the water slide during the camping weekend.
- e. All responsible adults may be asked at any time to supervise the slide.
- f. Any adult who turns on the water slide will be the supervisor of the slide until he or she gets a replacement supervisor.
- g. The responsible adult who supervises until closing time is responsible for turning off the slide.
- h. The water slide may be turned off at any time when there is not a responsible adult available to supervise the slide.
- i. Any minor or adult who uses the slide must follow the safety rules for using the slide:
  - i. One person goes down the slide at a time.
  - ii. Each person must wait for the person who slid down before them to get completely off the slide before sliding down. (This includes the pool at the bottom.)
  - iii. No one may push someone down the slide.
  - iv. No one may cut in line on the slide.
  - v. Everyone must abide by the rules on the slide at all times.
  - vi. Anyone who does not abide by all of these rules may be asked to get off the slide and stay off until a time determined by the responsible adult who is supervising the slide.
- j. Swimwear
  - i. Anyone who uses the slide must have modest swimwear which will be determined by a responsible adult or elder or, ultimately, a rabbi.
  - ii. Anyone who does not have a modest swimsuit will be asked to get off the slide and stay off until he or she has a modest swimsuit to wear.

### 14. General Behavior

- a. All campers and attendees are expected to treat others the way they would like to be treated.

- b. If anyone is behaving inappropriately or in a harmful way towards others, he or she will be asked to leave the campus.
- c. Each situation will be handled by an elder or rabbi on a case by case basis.