

**2008 GUIDELINES
FOR THE CAMBERSHIP PROGRAM OF CHICAGO**

For the Summer of 2008, the Campership Program of Chicago will provide gifts of \$1250 to a “1ST YEAR CAMPER”, and \$750 to a “2ND YEAR CAMPER” (individually, a “GRANT”) who live in the “GREATER CHICAGO REGION” and who are attending an overnight camping program at a “JEWISH CAMP” during the Summer of 2008 (see definitions below).

The Campership Program is a “Keruv” (outreach) incentive program meant to attract new campers primarily from families that are unaffiliated or associated with liberal synagogues, regardless of financial need, who are not getting an intensive daily exposure to Judaism and who might have otherwise chosen a secular summer program for their summer experience. Its mission is to significantly increase the number of Jewish children attending “Jewish Camp”. Synagogues and Jewish organizations are encouraged to help to seek out Jewish youth, who would otherwise not be attending Jewish summer camps next summer, to apply for Grants. Rabbi Dennis Katz of Cong. Shaare Tikvah B’nai Zion (the “Trustee”), continues to lead the program in Chicago.

- If a camper’s family is not a member of a congregation then a signature from any congregational Rabbi or Executive Director of a JCC in the Greater Chicago Region will be accepted.
- Grants will be approved on a rolling basis based on application by the first day of December, February and April, with a final deadline of September 1st for 2 week campers that decide during the summer to extend their camp stay to a total of 3 weeks or more.
- Children who are affiliated with Orthodox, Chabad or Traditional synagogues typically receive an intensive daily exposure to Judaism and therefore are generally ineligible. However, they will be considered on a case by case basis if they can provide evidence to the contrary or attend a Public school.

Details of the Grant guidelines are shown below:

- 1) **NOT BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED:** The Grant is available regardless of need or whether the camper or camper’s family (collectively, the “Grantee”) has received other scholarship or financial aid (subject to the cap on the overall “Aid Package” described below).
- 2) **DEFINITIONS:**
 - a) “1ST YEAR CAMPER” is defined as a camper ages 8 to 16 as of June 1, 2008 who has not previously spent 3 consecutive weeks or more as an overnight camper at a Jewish Camp in a previous Summer.

- A camper who, prior to 2008, has only attended day camps, Jewish Camp summer programs of less than 3 weeks, or summer programs of any length at non-Jewish Camps shall be considered a 1st Year Camper in the first year that they attend an overnight summer program of 3 consecutive weeks or more at a Jewish Camp.
- b) “2ND YEAR CAMPER” is defined as a camper ages 8 to 16 as of June 1, 2008 who has previously spent 3 consecutive weeks or more as an overnight camper at a Jewish Camp during only one previous Summer.
- c) “GREATER CHICAGO REGION” is defined as the area which is: (i) in the State of Illinois or in Lake, Porter or LaPorte Counties in Indiana and (ii) located within 100 miles of the City of Chicago.
- d) “JEWISH CAMP” is defined as a Jewish overnight summer camp anywhere in North America where Judaism or Zionism is a primary focus of the camp program, as determined by the Foundation for Jewish Camping (if the camp in question is not listed on their web site, www.jewishcamping.org, please forward requests solely regarding classification as a Jewish Camp to questions@jewishcamping.org).

3) **APPLICATIONS AND ROLLING APPROVALS:**

- a) Grant Application forms for Grantees are available at www.jewishcamping.org or by www.campership.net.
- b) Multiple campers from a single family are each eligible to receive a separate Grant and will, with their families, be considered as separate Grantees for purposes of these Guidelines
- c) Grant Applications, completed and signed by each Grantee, must be turned in to the congregation of the Rabbi who co-signed the application or the JCC whose executive director co-signed the application. Each synagogue or JCC will be responsible for administering the Campership Program for the applications they have received and should periodically turn in all Grant Applications which they have received to the Rabbinic Trustee Applications will be considered on a rolling basis typically within 30 to 60 days of receipt. For 2008, the Campership Program will make payments to the applicable Jewish camps, for the benefit of the Grantees (e.g. to offset the Grantee’s tuition, fees or other camp expenses), based on qualifying applications. In the event that the camper does not attend that Jewish Camp in 2008 then that Jewish Camp will return the Grant funds for that Grantee to the Campership Program.
- d) If the total of all scholarships, financial aid or other financial support, including the Grant, received by the Grantee (collectively, the “Aid Package”), would be greater than the total cost to the Grantee of the camp program (including tuition, fees and transportation) then the Grant request or the payment of the Grant to the Grantee shall be reduced so that the Aid Package shall be equal to, or less than, the total cost of the camp program.

- 4) **PRIORITY FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.** Grants will be made on a priority basis established by the Campership Program, in its sole discretion, consistent with its mission

described above (it should be noted that for the Summer of 2007 all qualified applicants received grants regardless of priority). .

5) **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- a) Any questions with respect to these Guidelines shall be resolved by the Campership Program, and should be directed to the Trustee, whose determination shall be final. All questions should be forwarded to the Trustee at info@campership.net.
- b) These Guidelines are subject to change without prior notice. A copy of the current Guidelines are available by written request to the Trustee