

# Dear Jewish Outdoor Escape Participant,

This year's Jewish Outdoor Escape will have just over 80 participants. More than 80% are returning attendees, and 14% are attending for the first time. The gender split is nearly even. Six participants are from Canada, and other attendees come from fifteen different U.S. states, including CA, FL, GA, MI, and WA.

Your planning committee has worked hard to ensure you will have an enjoyable experience. Now, if we can get your attention, we would like to share some vital information as you prepare for your trip.

Expect to receive three to six informational emails over the next two weeks. We recommend reading all of them from start to finish. We suggest printing out some of the emails, such as the packing list and driving directions, and placing them on top of your "going to camp" pile that you will soon be organizing. You can find copies of these emails on the Attendee Page of the event website.

#### **Activities**

LAST CHANCE to select or modify your activities. You will NOT be able to make any changes yourself after August 14th. Scroll to the <u>bottom of the event website's registration page</u> for instructions on how to update your registration. If you have trouble updating your registration online, email <u>Event@MosaicOutdoor.org</u>.

Below is your registration receipt. Please confirm that everything is accurate. Finalize all choices by August 14th, as <u>changes after this date incur a fee</u>. See our website for details. Note that late changes require extra processing and cost.

Many have indicated "On My Own" full day or "Have not decided,' especially on Saturday. Please update your registration for all in-camp activities. Note that any activity requiring staff will only be offered if enough people sign up. We also need counts for prayer books and Torah portions, so please register for Shabbat services and Torah study if you plan to attend. If you selected "On My Own" full day or "Have not decided,' you WILL NOT be able to join staffed activities at the last minute. Help us plan for the event by registering ahead of time for all your activities, both in and out of camp.



## **Attendee Info Page**

A LOT of the information you will be looking for about the logistics of the event is currently listed on our Attendee Info Page. PLEASE look at this webpage BEFORE asking us questions. We will be adding more information to this page as needed. Here is a bullet list of the information you can find there:

- Copies of the informational emails like this one
- Other Items of Interest for Participants
- Maps
- <u>Directions to camp in various formats</u>
- Info on Airport / Hotel Captains
- Volunteer Position Descriptions
- Leader Documents

## An Informed Participant is a Happy Participant

Considerable effort was made to give you the full details of each activity. Please spend the time to read all the information provided for the activities you plan to attend. Go to Daytime Activities, pick a day, and look at the listing. You will find "Click HERE for more info" at the bottom of each activity. This will contain very detailed information that we provide to your leaders. Click on this link and READ the info packet. NOW is the time to make any changes if you decide the activity you signed up for is not for you. NOT after August 14th or at the event!!!

#### **Packing List**

Please find a packing list on the What to Bring page of the event website.

## **Evening Activities**

We will be posting changes to the evening activities page soon. The 'final' schedule is still being worked on, but note that there will be a talent show on Sunday. It is not too late to volunteer to lead your own workshop.

#### **Airport Shuttle**

Thanks to the Cormans, our volunteer shuttle drivers, we will be using two 15-passenger vans to drive everyone between the airport and camp. Philip Jacoby has volunteered to be your Airport Captain.

Please take a moment to log in to the system and update your flight information. It is essential to know this information. We can assist you with updating your flight information, but it would be preferable if you could take the time to do it yourselves, allowing us to focus on other tasks.



Below is a list of people registered for the shuttle from the airport to camp (everyone round-trip except where indicated). Let us know if your name needs to be added:

- Frank Berk
- Linda Brockman
- Brianna Caplan Sayres (one way to camp)
- Bruce Corman
- Jenny Corman
- Irene Friedland
- Ishay Friedman
- Philip Jacoby
- Michael Marks
- Alan Wind

Below is a list of people registered to be on the shuttle FROM the hotel to the camp and back to the airport on Monday:

- Denise Cohen
- Janis Crystal
- Lisa Levin
- Brian Shade

Mosaic is an all-volunteer group with over 30 years of experience putting on events like this. While we do not claim to be Club Med, our volunteers are passionate about delivering an event free from drama, difficulties, and, with any luck, Sasquatch abductions. If at any point an activity does not exactly go as planned, we ask for your patience. Remember: we are all in this together.

You can expect tasty meals, great daytime activities, and a fun evening program, including speakers and musical guests. Breakfast will include a make-your-own lunch station so that attendees will have food for their day trips. Remember that no outside food is allowed in the dining hall since the camp keeps Kosher.

As always, please ask us questions (but check the website and FAQ first) and consider stepping up to volunteer. Volunteering is a terrific way to meet new people and make new friends! We can always use additional committee members.

Mosaic Outdoor Clubs of America

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