

GIBORIM

*Ben and Dorothy Spencer
Special Services Division*



GIBORIM, meaning “Heroes,” is a special needs camp serving over 100 children and young adults between the ages of 3 to 21 with autism, learning disabilities, intellectual, emotional & physical handicaps, developmental and language delays. We offer a traditional camp environment filled with innovative activities and creative surroundings.

GIBORIM ‘S GOALS:

- Create a climate of acceptance
- Focus on abilities and possibilities
- Explore through hands-on activities
- Provide opportunities to grow



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STAFF

GIBORIM’S staff consists of a director, assistant director, teachers, teacher assistants, senior counselors, junior counselors, C.I.T.s and volunteers. The staff is dedicated, mature and educated about children with special needs. All staff is committed to ensuring that every child has a rewarding summer where they can develop self-confidence and socialization through peer interaction. The ratio of camper to staff in each of the seven groups is different depending on the age and needs of the children. All staff is required to undergo an FBI background clearance.

FACILITIES

Each of the seven GIBORIM groups has their own room. Each room is equipped with tables, chairs and cabinets. Throughout the week the rooms are used for many group and individual activities such as sing - a - longs, cooking, craft projects and activity centers. The JCC facilities are available to GIBORIM all summer long including: gymnasium, playground, Dell computer lab, softball fields, auditorium and three pools.

SERVICES

Inclusion - GIBORIM offers a limited number of campers the opportunity to be included with the “general camp population.” This is based on the child’s needs and abilities, as well as, input from parents and staff. The goal is to provide an optimal camp experience to practice appropriate behaviors and social skills.

Activities - Camp activities include all programs that are offered at the JCC. Each group in GIBORIM participates in different activities depending on the age and ability of the campers. Campers participate in numerous activities such as: arts and crafts, music, sports, swimming, mini-golf, karate and science. Many times campers participate in activities several times a week. In addition, the GIBORIM staff provides well-organized programs that allow for whole group and independent activities.

Field Trips – Twice a week children ages 5 and up travel on field trips that are age - appropriate and rewarding to the campers. Favorite trips are bowling, movies, museums, and boat rides. In addition, the Teen group participates in a day trip to Orlando. Buses used are modern coach-type with air-conditioning.

COMMUNICATION

Daily - Programs and behaviors are monitored to assure that campers are succeeding with all activities being offered. Staff meets with parents each morning and afternoon in carpool.

Weekly - The GIBORIM staff collaboratively works together to effectively plan and design trips and activities. Staff members also discuss parents' and campers' concerns to best meet everyone's individual needs.

Monthly - At the end of each session the campers and their parents are asked to evaluate the staff and camp programs.

MONITORING

Parents are an important part of GIBORIM and help ensure that all children are having a memorable and rewarding summer. They are informed of current and upcoming camp activities and field trips. Schedules of upcoming activities and field trips are given to every camper and parent once a week.

Informal notes and reminders are given to each camper and parent on a weekly basis. In addition, camp information is also sent via email and found on the David Posnack JCC's web site.

SUNDAY SOCIALS

A recreational, social program for special needs children, teens and young adults is scheduled throughout the school year on alternating Sunday afternoons for three hours. Club Sameah is for children between the ages of 6 – 12. Yom Rishon is for teens and adults 13 years and older. Activities include indoor and outdoor fun, social discussions, parent meetings, Judaic programs and field trips. Many of the staff that work this program are also part of the GIBORIM summer camp.

WINTER/SPRING BREAK

During selected holidays, a limited number of campers enjoy fun-filled days of activities at the JCC. Activities include field trips, swimming, arts and crafts and sports. It is required for campers to complete a summer session prior to registering for the holiday programs.

OTHER INFORMATION

Financial assistance is available and based on individual family needs. An intake interview is required prior to registering for programs. Children are excluded who require one-to-one supervision and exhibit continuous aggressive behaviors. Campers must be potty trained above the age of five.

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PROGRAM DATES AND FEES

GIBORIM is based on an eight-week program with the option of selecting a minimum four-week session.

Camp hours are: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the option of adding morning care from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and afternoon care from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. For fees and camp dates, refer to the JCC web site for the most current information.