

# CAMP BBYO: The Centennial Edition

# Find Your Home at BBYO

We're delighted to tell you about BBYO's Summer Camp - CAMP BBYO: The Centennial Edition. Camp BBYO is also known as Shorashim, which means roots, and it truly does represent the roots of what BBYO UK is all about. It's where many teens begin their journeys with us and/or solidify their commitment and love of BBYO. Teens really do Find their Home at Camp BBYO!

#### What is BBYO?

BBYO is the world's largest Jewish youth movement, connecting 80,000 young people from over 60 countries. Our mission is to build leaders who will embody and strengthen our values within the Jewish and wider community through inspiring, developing and empowering Jewish youth. We are a peer-led organisation, based on local 'Chapters' (local groups) where the members are empowered to take the lead in organising their own activities.

Our local Chapters are based in Edgware, Borehamwood, JW3, Manchester & Glasgow. If your child decides to come along to Camp BBYO we would love them to come along and try out our local Chapters! To find out more please email office@bbyo.org.uk to request information on our Chapters.

#### Why choose Camp BBYO?

We won't just aim to give our participants an amazing camp experience – we go further. We aim to give participants a life-changing experience. BBYO creates an environment at Shorashim that enables all participants to feel welcome, supported and part of a wonderful community. That's why our participants tell us that when they attend Shorashim they Find their Home at BBYO.

We will also of course provide a non-stop, exciting, and fun programme and more details of our programmes can be found below!

Age Groups - Camp BBYO is for Year groups 7 - 11. Please note that the majority of programming for participants will be with other participants in their age group!

Financial Assistance - we believe that nobody should miss out on our experiences due to finance, so if you want your child to attend our Camp BBYO but you would require financial assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ricky via rkaplan@bbyo.org.uk

**Wellbeing** – the wellbeing of our participants is our top priority and Shorashim is designed to help build confidence and resilience. To ensure that your child is supported BBYO will have



support staff on site to look after their needs including a trained Welfare Officer and our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Moreover, our volunteers will receive mental health and wellbeing training prior to delivery.

#### What will your child get up to on Camp BBYO?

During Camp BBYO we will be offering a range of activities and experiences, including elective tracks, a traditional shabbat experience, themed activities and games, outdoor adventure activities, evening events and separates activities. Below are brief summaries of what some of these programmes entail.

**Elective tracks** – these are programmes that focus on a particular skill or theme. Examples from previous camps include Dance, Sport, Israel, Wellbeing and much, much more. Before camp participants are asked to rank their choices and we do our best to give everyone their first or second choice.

A traditional Shabbat experience – our leaders will run a number of services to choose from, as well as leading plenty of songs, a Havdallah to remember and more! As a pluralist organisation, these services will have different levels to them, one may be a traditional service whereas one may be discussion based.

**Themed activities & games** – these are programmes planned and delivered by our volunteers designed for everyone at camp to take part in and enjoy. Examples of these programmes from previous camps include a Charlie & The Chocolate Factory game, Escape Rooms, Sports day and much more!

**Evening events** – these are either run by our site leaders or our volunteers and examples from previous camps include Money Drop (as seen on ITV), Talent Show, Pyjama Movie Night, Gameshow Night, Last Night Disco and much more!

**Separates activities** – these activities split the group based on gender identity and provide a safe space to express themselves, learn traditional chants and more! Please note a safe space is provided for all gender identities.

# How will participants travel?

BBYO will organise travel for participants to and from our campsite. For the majority this will likely be a coach, however for some this could involve other forms of chaperoned travel depending on your location.

### How do I sign my child up?

Please visit www.bbyo.org.uk/campbbyo to sign up, or if you have questions see below!



# What if I have questions?

You can contact our professional team by emailing <u>office@bbyo.org.uk</u> or calling 020 8202 6698. Ricky (Executive Director), Luke (Head of Programmes) and Michelle (Programme Administrator) will be back in touch as soon as possible.

# And finally...

A BIG SHOUT OUT to our amazing team of volunteers who will plan LOADS of programmes to make this experience possible. Every year our volunteers work tirelessly to plan multiple camps and BBYO are lucky to have them.

We look forward to seeing your child this summer!

Warmest regards

### The BBYO Team

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