



## Eligibility & Registration

Located on the Jack and Moishe Horn Campus, Camp Simcha Special is the international pioneer in kosher summer camping for children and teens with chronic illnesses. Dedicated in memory of Zvi Dovid Obstfeld, Camp Simcha Special is the only camp capable of meeting the medical and social needs of children with more than 60 different medical diagnoses. All buildings and facilities on the Horn Campus are fully handicapped-accessible.

- Camp Simcha Special is open to children diagnosed with serious chronic illnesses. Camp Simcha Special's medical staff must receive approval from the child's physician prior to acceptance.
- Applications are available from Chai Lifeline's national and regional offices. Full medical and psychosocial information must be submitted by the child's medical provider.
- The deadline for application submission is mid-May.
- All applications are subject to review and approval by Camp Simcha staff.
- Camp Simcha is offered to all families free of charge. However, a nominal registration fee is required.
- Transportation to and from the camper's home is arranged and paid for by Camp Simcha.
- Transportation arrangements are confirmed one week prior to the start of the camp session.

For information and applications, call (212) 699-6693 or (888) 8-SPECIAL  
e-mail [simchaspecial@chailifeline.org](mailto:simchaspecial@chailifeline.org).

"I love my counselors. I love the people in my bunk. I love everything about Camp Simcha Special."



## National Office

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Helping the Child, the Family and the Community



IN MEMORY OF ZVI DOVID OBSTFELD

The camp designed especially for your child

If you thought your child's medical needs were too complex to allow for overnight camping, think again. Camp Simcha Special has changed the world of kosher camping for children with serious and chronic illnesses.

Camp Simcha Special offers children whose health needs cannot be accommodated in any other camp setting a unique, medically supervised camping experience. During our two sessions, which accommodate boys and girls ages 5-21, they will frolic on the 125-acre Jack and Moishe Horn Campus, breathe the fresh, clear mountain air, thrive on activities that focus on enhancing abilities, and bask in the love that is synonymous with the Camp Simcha experience.

At Camp Simcha Special, each child is unique, but it is not sickness that defines our children. Our campers love feeling that at Camp Simcha Special they are normal. They share the triumphs and challenges, hopes and fears of serious pediatric illness with their bunkmates. They are free to talk about their illnesses – or to forget about them – while at camp. Finally, they are surrounded by the love of their counselors, the other staff and their friends, helping them to grow and gain confidence in themselves from year to year.

"At Camp Simcha Special, everyone cares who I am inside, not what I look like on outside."



## On-site 24-hour Medical Supervision

- Under the direction of Stuart Ditchek, MD, acclaimed pediatrician and author
- Infirmary staffed by highly trained pediatricians, pediatric specialists and pediatric nurses
- Staff confers with each camper's physician before camp if necessary
- Each camper's program follows an agreed-upon protocol for health care and nutrition
- Fully staffed ambulance on site for acute transport. Medical helicopter on call.

## Phenomenal Food + Plenty of Activity = Great Nutrition and Hearty Appetites

- Nutritionally balanced meals
- Special requests always accommodated
- Special diets accommodated
- Free canteen with a variety of healthy and tasty snacks

## Counselors That Are Best Friends—And More!

- Specially trained counselors, ages 18 – 30, chosen from a large pool of applicants
- Camper-counselor ratio of 1:1 or higher, depending on camper's needs
- Counselors undergo rigorous pre-camp orientation
- Strong camper-counselor bonds; ongoing relationships are facilitated through Chai Lifeline's "Big Brother" and "Big Sister" programs

"I wait all year to come here!"



"Even if I could go to other camps, I'd rather go to Camp Simcha Special"



## For Kids, It's Fun, Fun, Fun!

- Camp activities include mini-golf, pottery, photography and videography, drama, boating, and more
- Swimming pool and sports facilities are handicapped-accessible and designed to accommodate wheelchair-confined children
- Special activities include riding in hot air balloons, motorcycles and helicopters
- On site arcade, library and video screening room
- Fantastic, medically supervised day trips
- Concerts and other performances at camp

