



Eligibility & Registration

Camp Simcha, located on the Jack and Moishe Horn campus, is the pioneer in kosher summer camping for children and teens with cancer and other hematological illnesses. Established in 1987 and named in memory of Dr. Samuel Abraham, Camp Simcha runs two sessions for youngsters from North America, Europe and Israel who have encountered life-threatening illnesses.

- Camp Simcha is open to all children diagnosed with malignancies or chronic hematological disorders. Preference is given to children on active treatment or post-treatment, as indicated. Preference is also given to children with disabilities resulting from treatment.
- Applications are available through the child's treatment facility and from Chai Lifeline's national and regional offices. Full medical and psychosocial information must be submitted by the treatment facility.
- The deadline for application submission is mid-May. Admission is determined on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 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) 699-6661 or (877) SIMCHA-4

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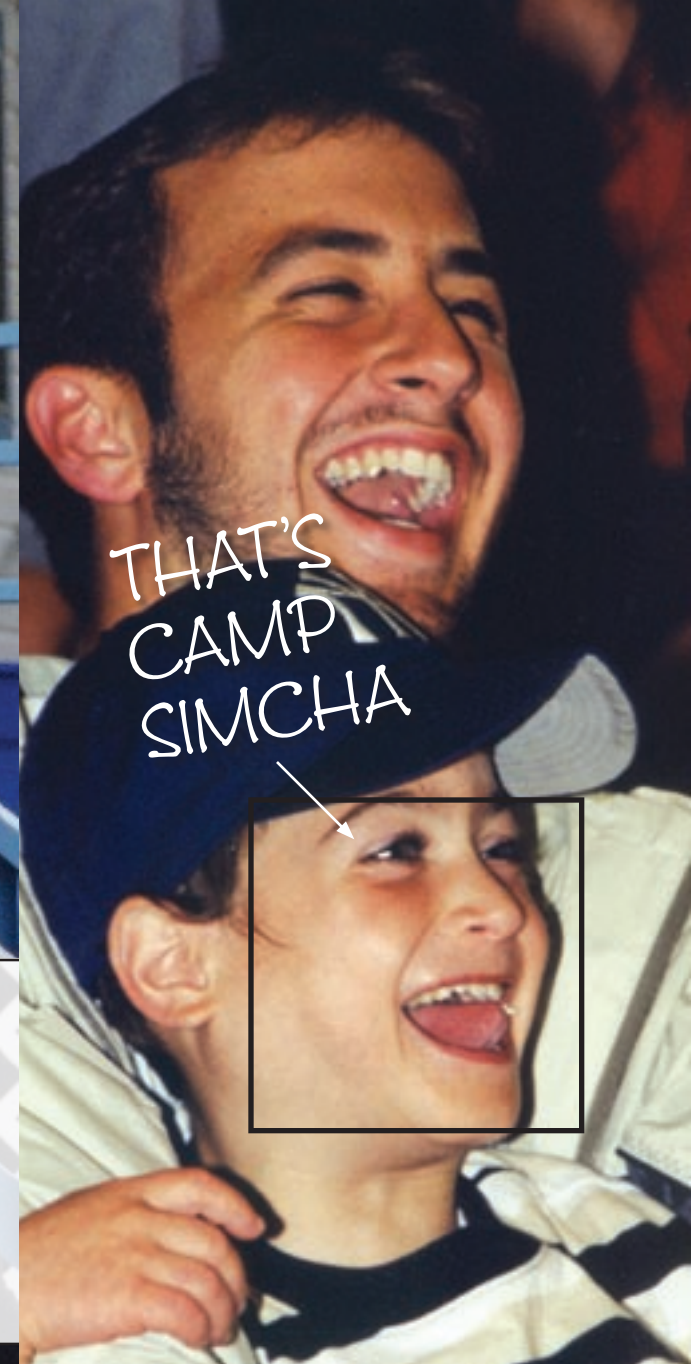
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Helping the Child, the Family and the Community



"Thank you for taking me to Camp Simcha. Thank you for letting me have so much fun. I got to go on the helicopter, hot air balloons, swimming, playing and watching fireworks. People called me from all around the world."



Camp Simcha

IN MEMORY OF DR. SAMUEL ABRAHAM

Imagine a magical environment where children are no longer patients, but kids again...

Where the excitement of non-stop fun mixes with the comfort of knowing that everyone else understands you...

Where activities focus on ability, not disabilities...

Where a kid with cancer can take his hat off.

That's Camp Simcha.

Located on the beautiful Jack and Moishe Horn Campus in Glen Spey, New York, Camp Simcha gives seriously ill children ages 6 to 21 the chance to spend a few carefree weeks of summer fun in a medically supervised setting. Their spirits are rejuvenated and they return home filled with hope and emotional strength to withstand another year of pain and illness.

At Camp Simcha, children shed their identities as "sick" and become normal kids once again. They are free to talk about their illnesses with others who truly understand the triumphs and challenges – or to forget about them while at camp.

"At Camp Simcha, no one asked questions or stared if you didn't have any hair. I thought it was the greatest place on earth."



On-site 24-hour Medical Supervision

- Under the direction of Peter Steiner, M.D. of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
- Oncologists and pediatric oncology nurses in residence
- Social worker and physical therapist on staff
- Fully staffed camp ambulance
- Local helicopter on call



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

- Nutritionally balanced meals
- Special requests always 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

"When I went to Camp Simcha, I had the best time of my life. I made the most special friends."

"You are never sick at Camp Simcha."



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

- Camp activities include swimming, mini-golf, pottery, photography and videography, drama, karate, sports and more
- Ride in hot air balloons, on motorcycles, in helicopters
- On site arcade, library and video screening room
- Fantastic, medically supervised day trips
- Concerts and other performances at camp

"I plan to come back to Camp Simcha until I am a very old man."

