

Summer 2015

Dear Circus Camp Families,

Welcome to Circus Camp! Circus Camp was a huge success last summer and we know it will be even better this year. We have been working with Circus Camp for nine years, and it is truly an amazing experience; we can't wait!

Circus Camp is a different camp experience than other camps at the JCC, so we wanted to take the time to explain to you how Circus is going to work:

- On Friday, June 19 at 2:00pm there is a mandatory parent meeting at the Palm Beach Gardens building. At this time the campers will be placed in their acts. Most campers will be finished between 4 and 4:30 however, some campers may be asked to stay longer for callbacks.

-Sometime after the placement meeting and before Monday, June 22nd the cast list and practice times will be posted on the website. (All of this will be discussed during the meeting)

-Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (6/22-6/24) Campers will arrive to the Boynton Beach building by 8:30 AM so they can travel up to the Palm Beach Gardens building. They can have up to 3 or 4 one hour practices each day. While campers are not practicing they will be participating in traditional Camp Shalom activities in PBG. They will not go back to their camp groups that week. Some practices might go past 4:00 each day, but that will be unknown until the schedule comes out. Parents are encouraged to stop by and watch practices. It is really amazing how much they can learn in an hour!

-Performances: There are 2 performances (all in Palm Beach Gardens) that are open to the public. Performance times and dates are Thursday, June 25th at 7:00pm, Friday June 26th at 10:30am. You can go to www.circusofthekids.com to order your tickets (lower right hand side of their website). -There is also a registration form online that must be filled out for the Circus staff. If you know of any scheduling conflicts during the week of Circus, please put that on the form. The Circus staff will make every effort to work with you and accommodate you with any conflicts. It is easier for them to plan in advance than juggle schedules at the last minute. The campers learn so much in each one hour practice; it is often hard for campers to catch up if they miss rehearsals, which is why it is very important to put all conflicts. The form can be filled out at <u>www.circusofthekids.com</u> on the top right hand side of the page.

We know this week can be a hard one to plan because the schedules come out at the last minute, but we promise you it is worth it. We can't say enough about how great this program is, and we am so excited to get it started!

Please don't hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions; for Rachel Fox by phone at 561-712-5279 or by email at <u>rachelf@jcconline.com</u> and Elinor Josephson by phone at 561-736-4753 or <u>elinorj@jcconline.com</u>

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