

CAMP KOOLANU

The logo for JCAMPS, featuring a stylized white 'J' inside a blue square, followed by the word 'CAMPS' in white capital letters on a blue background.

Summer is right around the corner and camp Koolanu is preparing for the best summer ever with their **NEW CAMP DIRECTOR, RABBI URI MEYERS.**

Rabbi Meyers is a longtime educator, currently teaching in the lower school at the Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville, Maryland and comes with a strong and well-rounded camp background working as a camp counselor, division head and learning Rebbe. With his humor, enthusiasm, and a passion for working with children, Rabbi Meyers is looking forward to joining the Koolanu family and sharing an amazing summer with all the Koolanu Campers! Get to know Rabbi Meyers better, below!

Q: Why is camp so important to you?

A: Camp offers children a safe and comfortable place where they can have fun and develop valuable cognitive and social skills, away from the typical school structure. Camp is a place for every kid, offering different activities to peak each child's interests. I have seen campers find their internal strength and build self-esteem and believe every kid deserves the growth and learning opportunities camp gives.

Q: What do you hope kids will gain from this summer?

A: By the end of camp, I hope each child will remember having fun, trying new activities, gain new friends, and create memories they will remember for the rest of their lives. Camp Koolanu will be a place to spend time da'avening, learning, and take time to just have fun. With the adventures and activities planned, our campers will learn more about themselves and gain valuable team building, leadership, and communication skills to take with them into the new school year.

Q: What are you most looking forward to about taking over this position as Director of Camp Koolanu?

A: Camp Koolanu is one of a kind, with state-of-the-art facilities and a fun enriching atmosphere. New additions are already happening with us opening a 4th grade bunk and the sky's the limit in creating new ways to ignite our camper's excitement and a love for learning. I look forward to bringing fresh and creative ways to make this summer the best one yet!

Q: What is Camp Koolanu's plan for the expanded outdoor programming being advertised?

A: Our goal this summer is to be outdoors as much as possible and we will be taking our special activities like baking, art, and science outside with us! There will be lots of water play with sprinklers and swim time in the pool. We will have tents setup around camp to provide our campers with shaded areas while they enjoy playing and learning.

Q: What is your plan for replacing field trips?

A: We understand field trips provide children with an adventure, learning and exploring the world around them, which is why we will be bringing the field trips to the JCC. Our campers will still get the fun, excitement and entertainment of a field trip with the health and safety precautions of staying in our facility.

Meet Rabbi Meyers and learn more about Camp Koolanu at an upcoming Info Session, Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30pm. Details and registration at www.jcc.org/koolanu. For questions or to apply, contact the Camp Koolanu office at 410-500-5948 or campkoolanu@jcc.org

