Youth Programs Coronavirus Safety Guidelines 2020–2021

Guidelines for life at home before and during the Youth Program season
These are the current guidelines for B’hootz and B’naiture as of July 15, 2020. They are subject to change and evolve depending on government regulations and program design. Each B’hootz Pod and B’naiture Cohort will review these guidelines as a parent and mentor group before the beginning of each season. Parents and mentors in each pod will discuss their own practices and lifestyles to ensure families and mentors feel as safe as possible.

What to Bring
- Face Covering: Face coverings are essential for indoor socializing and any time physical distancing (6 feet) is impossible to maintain. Our programs are 100% outdoors and will be designed for safe spaciousness, however there will be many times when we will use face coverings. Your kid must bring their own face covering. Please make sure their face covering is secure and comfortable prior to arrival. We encourage you to talk to your children about the importance of this step to keep everyone safe; if there's anything we need to know about your kid’s ability to comply, please let us know.
- Water: Water fountains will not be available. Youth must bring their own full water bottles. Wilderness Torah recommends that your child brings TWO full water bottles.
- Snacks/Lunch: All youth must provide their own food. Please bring enough snacks and lunch to sustain your child throughout the day. You will be notified if anyone in your child's pod has a severe allergy that will limit what foods you can prepare.
- Backpack: Please put all above materials in a backpack. For B’hootz, label the backpack with your child’s name.
- Cell phones, tablets, and other unnecessary belongings will not be permitted.

☐ I agree to send my child with the required items. ______ (Initials)

Physical and Safety Requirements Needed For Entry
Wilderness Torah reserves the right to turn away any youth they believe has not met the physical and safety requirements outlined below.

- Youth must arrive freshly bathed and have freshly washed hands. Bathing can happen the night before a session.
- Prior to arriving at a B’hootz/B’naiture session you must conduct daily health screenings of your kid. This includes taking your child’s temperature. If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, they may not attend the session:
  - Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Vomiting

- Prior to arriving at a B'hootz/B'naiture session, you must complete a google form confirming your health screening.

You MUST notify Sylvie or Daniel if your child AND/OR anyone else in the family unit exhibits any of these symptoms. In this circumstance, youth will not be permitted to attend B'hootz/B'naiture without a doctor’s note.

☐ I understand there are requirements my child must meet before being permitted entry to B’hootz/B’naiture. ______ (Initials)

**Drop Off & Pick Up**

- Parents or caregivers must wear face coverings if unable to maintain physical distance (6’) at time of drop off and pick up. Please do not bring any pets.

- Upon arrival, parents will be asked for their child’s morning temperature readings and if their child is experiencing any symptoms of illness. These verbal reports will be recorded by mentors and/or parent volunteers.

- If a mentor notices that a youth is exhibiting signs of illness at drop-off, they will immediately follow up with parents onsite.

- If a youth experiences symptoms of illness at any point after drop-off, mentors will contact parents and require immediate pick-up. You must be ready at any time to pick up your child.

- Parents may call, text, or email mentors beforehand.

☐ I agree to the Drop Off & Pick Up procedures. ______ (Initials)

**Safety Measures During the Day**

- Mentors will self-screen prior to arriving at each B’hootz/B’naiture session.

- Youth and mentors will practice physical distancing (6’) whenever possible.

- Mentors will sanitize high touch surfaces, including but not limited to bathroom door handles and sinks after each use.

- Youth will use hand sanitizer and/or soap with mentor supervision at multiple points throughout the day.

- Any first aid will be administered by mentors wearing gloves.

- For B’naiture camping trips, a special page of guidelines and safety measures will be sent out to families in the weeks leading up to the trip.

☐ I understand the safety measures being taken during the program day. ______ (Initials)
If A Youth Becomes Sick
A youth exhibiting symptoms will be isolated from the group and supervised by a mentor. Parents will be notified and expected to immediately pick up their child. The child will not be permitted to return to the program in the following 2 weeks without a doctor’s note. The session may be cancelled for everyone.

☐ I understand that I may have to pick up my child at any time in the case that my child becomes sick, or that the program session needs to be cancelled due to sickness. ______ (Initials)

If A Mentor Becomes Sick
If a mentor is exhibiting symptoms, the session may be cancelled, and a make-up session will be scheduled.

☐ I understand that I may have to pick up my child at any time in the case that a mentor becomes sick, or if the program session needs to be cancelled due to sickness. ______ (Initials)

If Your Child Does Not Comply With Safety Guidelines
Any intentional non-compliance with safety guidelines will be met with the following:

• First time: A mentor speaks to a youth about the non-compliance and why it is important to follow guidelines. A mentor also calls parent(s) to make them aware of the non-compliance.

• Second time: A mentor calls parent(s) for immediate pick-up. Youth will not be permitted to return to the program for the next session. Following the incident, families will have a conversation with Wilderness Torah’s executive director Zelig Golden.

☐ I have read each section of this letter, initialed it, and furthermore accept all risks surrounding the current COVID-19 pandemic.

I recognize that both I and Wilderness Torah will do everything in our power to reduce risk of transmission.

______________________________ (Signature) _______________________ (Date)

Please contact Youth Programs Director Daniel Schindelman Schoen with any questions (daniel@wildernesstorah.org).