

FAQ'S ABOUT FALL KADIMA KALLAH

IS THERE BUS TRANSPORTATION TO THE KALLAH? Yes, transportation is provided for all Kadimaniks! Buses will depart from central areas in the region (ie; Rockville, Baltimore, Herndon, etc.) on Friday and will return on Sunday.

WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO MISS SCHOOL ON FRIDAY? Hopefully not! Or at the very worst, your child may have to leave school a little earlier on Friday in order to meet the bus. On Friday, buses will be departing at *approximately* 2:30 pm from Montgomery County and Baltimore, 1:30 pm from Northern Virginia, 11:45 am from Richmond, and 9:45 am from Tidewater/Virginia Beach and Raleigh/Durham. Exact bus schedules will be mailed to you prior to Kadima Kallah.

WHERE WILL MY CHILD STAY FOR THE WEEKEND? We will be sleeping and holding all of our activities at Sandy Hill Camp & Retreat Center in North East, MD. Participants will be sleeping in heated cabins with 8 bunk beds (16 total beds) and we do our best to honor all rooming requests. Boys and girls are housed in separate cabins. All participants will need to bring sleeping bags (or linens for a single bed), pillows and towels.

WHAT IS THE ADULT SUPERVISION LIKE FOR THE WEEKEND? We have a wonderful and highly-qualified team of staff that will be with us for the weekend. Most of the staff are synagogue Youth Directors and Kadima Advisors and some are USY/Kadima alumni. Staff must be at least college-age, however the majority of our staff have finished college and are in their 20's and 30's. All staff have also passed a background check. Staff sleep in the bunks with the Kadimaniks and help us to run our fabulous programming! We have a ratio of at least one staff for every 7 Kadimaniks.

WE ARE NOT OBSERVANT AND DO NOT CELEBRATE SHABBAT – HOW WILL THAT AFFECT MY CHILD? The majority of our program occurs over Shabbat. No matter how much or how little exposure your child has had with a traditional Shabbat experience in the past, Kadima provides a special and unique opportunity to enjoy and participate in the enhancing of Shabbat through interactive, age-appropriate prayer, spirited song and fun educational programs. On Shabbat, we refrain from the following: traveling, writing, handling of money, playing radios or musical instruments, and using telephones. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD LEAVE THEIR CELL PHONES AT HOME. IF YOUR CHILD USES THEIR PHONE DURING OUR PROGRAMS, OR ON SHABBAT, THE PHONE WILL BE TAKEN AWAY UNTIL CONVENTION IS OVER.

HOW CAN I GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY DURING THE WEEKEND? In case of an emergency during the weekend you will be given a cell phone number if you need to reach us. This cell phone will be on all weekend and will be checked for messages even on Shabbat. Of course we ask that you only use it for a true emergency.

WHEN WILL I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE KADIMA KALLAH? About two weeks before the Fall Kadima Kallah, you will receive a mailing with the packing list, bus schedule, emergency contact phone number, and other important information about the weekend. Of course, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!