

Jewish Outdoor Escape 2019: Delaware River Ramble
At Cedar Lake Camp in Milford, PA
First Informational Email

Dear Participant,

We are happy that you will join us for this year's Jewish Outdoor Escape! We have over 120 (about 40% Male / 60% Female) people attending the event this year. Approximately 75% of the attendees are "old friends" who have come to previous events and 25% are new faces which we are happy to welcome! Your planning committee has been hard at work to ensure that you'll have an enjoyable experience. Now, if we can have your attention, we would like to give you some essential information as you prepare for your trip.

In this email, we want to give you an overview of what to expect during this extended weekend. Expect three to six group emails over the next few weeks. They will be dealing with food, packing lists, transportation, housing, leadership information, and other vital details that will help make this weekend a success.

We recommend you read them all start to finish. Some of the emails -- packing list and driving directions, for instance -- we suggest you print out and put on top of your "going to camp" pile that you will soon be, no doubt, organizing. You will be able to find copies of these emails listed on the [Attendee Info Page](#) of the event website.

Activities

Have you finished filling out registration? Are you signed up for all your activities? Did you fill out your transportation plans? Have you signed up for the Mosaic shuttle if you plan to take it? If not, please update your registration by clicking Register Now on the Registration Page of the event website to get back to your registration. If you have difficulty updating your registration online, email Event@MosaicOutdoor.org

Please double check that you are registered for what you expected by checking the information within this email. Do NOT ASSUME ANYTHING double-check to make sure your registration is correct.

Please make sure to finalize your choices by August 13!!! Remember, we have instituted a change fee for registration changes which occur after August 13th! Please see the "[Change Fee](#)" on our website details. Many decisions are made based on the data we have at that time. Changes after August 13th causes us more work and you more money.

Attendee Info Page

A LOT of the information you will be looking for about the logistics of the event is currently listed on our [Attendee Info Page](#). PLEASE look at this webpage BEFORE asking us questions. We will be adding to this page more information as needed. Here is a bullet list of what is information you can find there:

- Copies of the informational emails like this one
- Other Items of Interest for Participants
 - Maps
 - Directions to camp in various formats
 - Info on Airport / Hotel Captains
- By-Laws Liability Release and Code of Conduct
- Volunteer Position Descriptions
- Leader Documents:
 - Reimbursement Forms
 - Leader Debrief Form
 - Incident Report
 - Activity Leader Guidelines

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Considerable effort was made to give you the full details of each activity. Please spend the time to read all the information provided for the activities you plan to attend. On the [event website](#), there is “Click HERE for more info” on the bottom of each description. Open the info-packet for activity by clicking on the link attached to “HERE.” CLICK on the link and READ the info-packet. It will give a detailed description of the activity. NOW is the time to make any changes if you decide the activity you signed up is not for you. NOT after August 13th or at the event!!!

You can find a full listing of all info-packets by going to the [Attendee Info Page](#) and scroll towards the bottom under Leader Documents. Look for the links for the MS Word or Adobe PDF versions of all Info-Documents broken up by the day.

Water activities on the Delaware or Hackensack River (Pre-Trip)

Please pay special attention to the Info-Packets for these activities. There is A LOT of info within them — especially the sections about a Paddler’s Wallet, what to wear and not to wear.

You may be restricted from participating from any activity with no refund if not properly equipped.

- Click [HERE](#) for Thursday Meadowlands Kayaking
- Click [HERE](#) for Friday Rafting on Delaware
- Click [HERE](#) for Saturday Tubing on Delaware
- Click [HERE](#) for Sunday Canoe/Kayaking on Delaware

Travel Plans

We need your travel plans ASAP!!! Please make sure to let us know how you plan to travel to and from the event. This is especially true if you are flying and planning to use the Mosaic Shuttle. DO NOT WAIT. PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW if you need transportation from Mosaic and have not already paid for it.

We will be sending out rideshare information very soon, just working out the plan on how to distribute the information to you.

Volunteers

Jewish Outdoor Escape is an all-volunteer event. During registration, you had the opportunity to volunteer for different things. We are trying our best to contact you about these positions. There are 65+ positions for activity leaders and 35+ drivers for this event alone. It takes some effort to coordinate everything. Here are some people doing their part:

- [Edward Schafer](#) Event Chairperson, Monday Clean-Up Committee
- [Mindy Turmarkin](#) Event Chairperson, Registration Desk/Check-In, Advance Crew Staffing
- [Marlise Marcus](#) Pre-Trip Chair and Main Event Evening Activities and In-Camp Daytime Activities
- [Peter Small](#) Pre-Trip Chair
- [Terry Auspitz](#) Activity Leaders, Drivers, and Bus Captains
- [Ellen Flax](#) Religious Coordinator
- [Brian Horowitz](#) Transportation Chair, Out-Of-Camp Activities
- [Marsha Zellner](#) Housing Coordinator
- [Jill Franklin](#) Conservation Committee
- TBD Welcoming Committee

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Workshops

We are still looking for people to volunteer for in-camp workshops/evening activities. Please [contact](#) us if you are willing to put together something to add to our event schedule.

Advanced Crew

Still looking for a few people to arrive Wednesday Night and then help set up everything for the event on Thursday. Plan to be busy on Thursday. It takes a lot of WORK to prepare before the crowds arrive at 3:00 pm. You will be helping to set up the registration desk, checking all the cabins for issues, deploying the bedding packages, cleaning out any areas that still need cleaning and putting up all the signs on the doors and any else required.

Have Fun

Mosaic is an all-volunteer group with over 25 years' experience putting on events like this. While we don't claim to be Club Med, our volunteers are passionate about delivering an event free from drama, difficulties and, with any luck, Sasquatch abductions. If at any point an activity doesn't exactly go as planned, we ask for your patience. Remember: we're all in this together.

You can expect tasty meals, great daytime activities, and fun evening program, including speakers and musical guests. Breakfast will include a make-your-own lunch station so that attendees will have food for their day trips. Remember that no outside food is allowed in the dining hall since the camp does keep Kosher.

As always, feel free to ask us questions (but check the website and FAQ first) and consider stepping up to volunteer. We can always use additional committee members. Remember, volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make new friends!