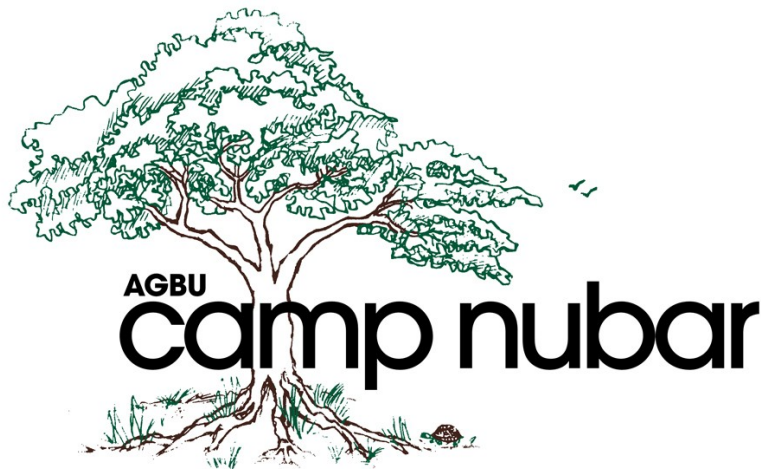


Parent Handbook 2017



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Welcome to Camp Nubar!

Dear Parent,

This handbook will provide all the information you need to prepare for your child's summer with us at AGBU Camp Nubar. Your first step is to fill out the Camper Application Form and send it to us along with payment to reserve a spot in your preferred session(s) or **apply online**.

As a reminder, food is **not permitted** to be brought into Camp for primarily safety as well as sanitary reasons, and therefore parents and friends should refrain from sending packages containing any type of food or gum. We take safety very seriously at Camp and no snack is worth putting the welfare of a camper at risk.

CELL PHONE POLICY

To ensure campers' focus is on activities and each other, cell phones are prohibited at Camp, and therefore should not be packed. Any camper who needs a cell phone for traveling purposes (i.e. traveling by plane or bus) will turn in their cell phone to the Director, who will keep it in the camp safe until the camper's departure.

We look forward to another season of fun, learning and friendship, while providing an engaging, enriching experience for our campers. The members of the Camp Nubar Committee and our year-round staff have been hard at work to ensure another safe and memorable summer. We are proud to present a well-rounded staff who are eager to welcome campers to our wonderful home away from home.

We would like to invite you and your family to join us for a visit at Camp Nubar this summer for our Open House on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

Many thanks,



Sarah Partin
Committee Chair
AGBU Camp Nubar

As part of the A.G.B.U., our goal is to develop an interest in and knowledge of Armenian culture, history and language in our campers and staff. Our environment nurtures the development of a positive self-image, spiritual awareness, friendships, a sense of belonging, individual creativity, leadership potential and a sense of responsibility not only to one's self but to fellow man. On our beautiful grounds surrounded by the majestic Catskill Mountains, we strive to offer an atmosphere of fun and fellowship while helping to improve fitness and overall well-being.

The following forms may be found in your application packet and on our website. **All forms must be completed and submitted by June 1st to avoid a \$100 late application fee.**

CAMPER APPLICATION

The Camper Application must be completed in full.

You must attach a photocopy of your child's insurance card and your insurance prescription plan to the application.

HEALTH FORMS

In order to attend Camp, all children must have a physical examination by a licensed physician within 12 months of their arrival at Camp that includes a health history and a record of immunizations. The form **must be signed by your licensed physician**. It is important that you and your physician provide complete information regarding any physical, mental, emotional or psychological condition or recent illness that may require our attention while your child is at Camp. These forms and the information contained in them are kept in strict confidence by the Camp administration.

CAMPER PROFILE FORM

The Camper Profile should be completed by you and your child. This profile will help us make your child's stay at Camp Nubar as comfortable, enjoyable and safe as possible. All information supplied in this form is held by Camp Nubar in confidence.

CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

Please review the enclosed Camper Code of Conduct with your child and have him/her sign this document. Camp should be fun for everyone and these guidelines will help ensure camper safety.

All payments and final balances, including horseback riding and transportation fees, and canteen monies, must be received by AGBU Camp Nubar in advance. All payments must be received prior to June 1st.

A \$100 late registration fee will be applied to any application or payments received after June 1st.

TUITION

The complete list of tuition prices is available on the back cover of this handbook.

DISCOUNTS

A \$100 discount will be applied for each additional child from the same family.

A \$100 discount will be applied for every **completed** application received before May 1st (**Full Payment Required to received discount**).

HORSEBACK RIDING FEE

We offer horseback riding classes for campers at an additional cost of \$190 per camper, per session.

TRANSPORTATION FEE

As explained on page 6 of this Handbook, transportation by bus is provided at an additional fee.

CANTEEN

Camp Nubar operates a small camp store known as the “Canteen” where campers may buy beverages and snacks in limited quantities at designated times. The Canteen also sells Camp Nubar clothing, stamps, batteries, toiletries and stationery items. We suggest that each camper be given \$60 per two-week session as “Canteen money” (more or less at your discretion). The Camp office will keep track of the money your child spends, and any unused portion will, at your election, either be returned to you at the end of the Camp season, or will be donated to the Camp Nubar Building Improvement Fund.

All canteen payments should be made before your child arrives at Camp.

TRANSPORTATION BY PARENT

DRIVING TO CAMP

Parents who are driving their children to Camp should arrive between 1pm and 3pm. Children should be picked up from Camp between 10am and 12pm. This will help us prepare the cabins for our incoming campers. Your cooperation with this schedule is very important and appreciated. Directions to Camp Nubar can be found on our website. (www.campnubar.org/nubar/directions/)

TRANSPORTATION BY CAMP

If you plan to use our transportation services by bus in either direction, you must coordinate arrangements with the AGBU Camp Nubar office (212.319.6383).

ARRIVING TO AND DEPARTING FROM CAMP BY BUS

Camp Nubar provides bus transportation to and from Camp for an additional fee of **\$75 per trip per child (\$150 round-trip)**. The bus leaves from St. Thomas Armenian Church in Tenafly, NJ at approximately 12pm on the first day of each session (with the exception of first session – leaving at 10am). There is no bus transportation returning to St. Thomas at the end of the 1st-half session. For directions to St. Thomas please visit our website (www.campnubar.org/nubar/transportation/). A Camp Nubar Committee member and staff will be present in Tenafly to answer any questions you may have.

Campers who take the bus to/from Camp will be limited to bringing 1 trunk, 1 duffel bag or small suitcase and 1 small personal bag of belongings. Please clearly label your child's luggage.

Payment must be made no later than two weeks prior to camper's arrival.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER

We encourage parents and friends to keep up with campers by checking our website for daily pictures and blog entries, as well as keeping up with our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

MAIL

A letter with pictures from home or a postcard is worth more than a phone call. Campers love to receive mail and are encouraged to write home often. Pack pre-addressed and stamped postcards and pens for your child.

Address letters and packages to your camper as follows:

(Your Child's Name)
AGBU Camp Nubar
5939 Fall Clove Road
Delancey, NY 13752

Please remember, due to camper safety and sanitary requirements; **do not send any food, beverages, candy or gum.** Any such items will be confiscated and not returned.

EMAIL

All campers are given computer access once per week to receive and send emails. Campers will be able to access their **personal email accounts** during these email sessions. You may obtain a free email account from various email providers.

When you do write or email your child, ask them what they are doing and tell them what you are doing. Refrain from statements like "I miss you so much" or "I can't wait for you to come home". As well-meant as they are, these statements can cause a camper to become homesick.

TELEPHONE POLICY

The two phone lines at Camp Nubar must be kept open for emergency and office use only. **Please do not call your child except in the case of an emergency.** In addition, we believe that telephone calls often intensify feelings of homesickness and disrupt campers' schedules.

Again, cell phones are not permitted at Camp, as stated on page 3 of this handbook.

VISITING CAMP NUBAR

Parents are welcome to visit Camp on changeover days and on Open House. Visits on other days are disruptive to the Camp schedule and is not allowed. If you wish to take a camper off the Camp grounds for the day, please remember that campers must be signed out and will only be released to a parent or legal guardian unless prior, verified, written authorization is given by the parent.

Please be advised that for the sake of our campers' health, and to preserve our beautiful grounds, there is **no smoking at Camp.**

Dogs and other pets are not permitted.

CAMPER MEDICAL CARE

Every precaution is taken to assure the health and safety of our campers. The Camp Nurse and American Red Cross Certified First Aid responders are available 24 hours a day to attend to your child. Our modern infirmary is well-stocked with all the health, safety and first-aid needs of the campers. The closest hospital is 12 miles away and in the unlikely event that your child requires transportation to the hospital or immediate medical care, you will be notified as soon as possible. We will contact you within 24 hours of any illness or serious injury that requires an overnight stay in the infirmary.

All camper medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must be given to the Camp Nurse upon check-in at Camp. **Please make sure to pack your child's medication somewhere easily accessible.** Medicine will be kept in the infirmary and administered only by the Camp Nurse. No medication of **any kind** should be left with the campers or their counselors. Prescription medication must be in closed containers labeled with the camper's name, medicine identification, dosage and prescribing physician's contact information. We recommend that you fill all prescriptions in full prior to arriving at camp to ensure there is an adequate supply for your child's stay. Over-the-counter medicines must be in original manufacturer's container with the label intact.

You are responsible for the payment of any doctor or hospital fees and/or the cost of any medicine incurred by your child.

SAFETY

Our top priority remains providing safe surroundings within the context of an active summer camp. Safety rules are reviewed at length with all campers upon arrival and throughout their stay. The camp is checked annually by state inspectors and maintained throughout the year by our caretaker. Buildings are furnished with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, and fire drills are held regularly throughout the summer.

Furthermore, Camp Nubar is the only Armenian summer camp to be accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), a national organization that identifies camps which offer a solid foundation of health, safety and program quality. The ACA standards program is the result of collaboration and review by experts from many fields, including child development, aquatics, risk management and health care professionals, to name a few. Accreditation is a distinction that only one in every four camps seeks and earns. To earn accreditation, Camp Nubar complies with up to 300 health safety and quality standards, and the ACA has reviewed every facet of our operation.

CAMPER DIET AND ALLERGIES

Camp Nubar can accommodate some dietary restrictions and food allergies. However, it is imperative that you indicate any such condition on your child's health form. In addition, please include a letter from your child's physician detailing the dietary restriction or allergy and the proper dietary protocol. Please note that we cannot accommodate any conditions unless we have advance notice.

OUR STAFF

Camp Nubar counselors have been selected based on their background, experience, and training. They have completed a comprehensive training session on safety and activities procedures as well as counseling and sensitivity training to fully understand how to care for the welfare of campers. Most of our staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR.

Our staff consists primarily of Senior Counselors (ages 18+) and Junior Counselors (ages 17), many of whom have evolved from campers and counselors-in-training. We also employ international counselors through Camp America, an organization dedicated to providing camps with highly qualified staff from countries around the world. These staff members provide campers with exposure to a variety of cultures and a fresh and unique perspective on the world around us.

We often welcome specialized staff to conduct intensive workshops and clinics. Past visiting staff members have included certified sailing instructors, tennis professionals and Armenian dance instructors. Each summer brings new talents and perspectives to our Camp.

SUPERVISION

Campers are under the constant care of our staff. Camp Nubar adheres to New York State Law, which requires 24-hour supervision by a senior counselor in cabins and all activities. In addition, our Director, Assistant Director, Waterfront Director, Boys' Head Counselor and Girls' Head Counselor all oversee the ongoing operations of Camp. Our waterfront program is managed by a certified Water Safety Instructor and certified lifeguards who are on duty at the lake during all waterfront activities.

We maintain a 3:1 camper-to-counselor ratio throughout the summer. Campers are never left unattended.

Camp Nubar offers a wide range of daily activities for our campers under the supervision and instruction of our staff. Campers prepare their daily schedule and choose 8 activities. They participate in 4 different activities a day, and each activity meets every other day. In addition, campers may explore a new activity during our elective period each afternoon. The entire camp participates in daily recreational swim and special evening activities. Participation in instructional swimming and Armenian class is mandatory.

Campers may choose from a variety of activities this season including:

Archery	Canoeing*	Tennis
Armenian Dance	Field Events	Armenian History
Ceramics	Sailing*	Performing Arts
Armenian Language	Camping	Hiking
Photography	Hiking	Tubing*
Swimming	Rowing	Waterskiing*
Arts & Crafts	Fishing	Horseback Riding**
Lifesaving*	Sports	Basketball

*For advanced swimmers only. **Additional fee required.

ARMENIAN TRADITION

We embrace our Armenian heritage in all our daily activities at Camp Nubar. Campers and counselors are regularly educated in history and current events, language and culture through fun and unique ways. Campers are encouraged to explore their Armenian identity through class, camp-wide events, daily prayer and weekly church services.

Camp Nubar is proud to welcome visiting clergy throughout the summer to preside over our weekly church services. Campers and counselors participate together in the Divine Liturgy and benefit from the weekly reflection.

Please note that camper laundry is done once a week by a staff member. All belongings must be labeled appropriately.

CLOTHING

- Warm jacket (i.e. fleece) (1)
- Raincoat or Poncho (1)
- Sweater/Sweatshirt (3-4)
- Dresses/Skirts – girls (2)
- Slacks – boys (1)
- Jeans (3)
- Long sleeve shirts (5)
- Dress shirt or blouse (1)
- Shorts (7)
- T-Shirts (7)
- Bathing suits (4)
- Underpants/shirts (10)
- Sweatpants (2-3)
- Socks (10)
- Belt
- Pajamas (4)
- Sneakers (2)
- Flip-flops (or slip on shoes) (2)
- Waterproof/Hiking boots (1)
- Dress shoes (1)
- Hard-soled boots with heel (for horseback riding) (1)

OTHER NECESSITIES

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Pillowcase (2)
- Flat, twin bed sheet (1)
- Laundry Bag
- Flashlight and batteries
- Bath towels (3)
- Swim towels (3)
- Face/hand towels (3)
- Hair accessories
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Nail clippers
- Pens/pencils
- Stationery and stamps
- Pre-addressed postcards

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Trunk or footlocker
- Tissues
- Q-tips
- Deodorant
- Bug repellent
- Shower caddy
- Books
- Tennis racket
- Baseball glove
- Fishing tackle
- Musical instrument
- Inexpensive/disposable camera
- MP3 players (permitted during designated times)

DO NOT BRING

- Cell phones
- Fireworks, sparklers or firecrackers
- Laptops, tablets
- Food or gum
- Weapons of any kind (including B-B guns, sheathed/pocket knives)

All prohibited items will be confiscated.

Note: While Camp operates a “lost and found”, we are not responsible for items lost during the summer.

SUMMER CALENDAR

Below is a list of our session dates and tuition for summer 2017:

2-week sessions:

1 st Session: July 1 - July 15	\$ 1,600
2 nd Session: July 15 - July 29	\$ 1,600
3 rd Session: July 29 - August 12	\$ 1,600

3-week session:

July 1 - July 23	\$ 2,400
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4-week sessions:

July 1 - July 29	\$ 3,200
July 15 - August 12	\$ 3,200

6-week session:

July 1 - August 12	\$ 4,400
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JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE VISITING DAY:

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017