YOU BELONG HERE

Surprise Lake Camp (SLC) is a special place – a home away from home for generations of young people. We believe in a foundation of community and friendship. We've created a welcoming environment where campers feel safe stepping outside their comfort zone. SLC is dedicated to helping young people develop confidence and skills to last a lifetime.

At SLC, we help campers unplug, connect, and grow. Fun, fresh air, and friendships fill each day. Skills, maturity, and independence emerge. Connections flourish: to others, to nature, and to our shared Jewish values.

"I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING SLEEPAWAY CAMP EXPERIENCE! IT JUST GETS BETTER EVERY YEAR, I BELIEVE IT'S THE BEST EXPERIENCE I CAN BE GIVING MY KIDS."



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WHY CHOOSE SLC

Surprise Lake Camp has been providing life-changing summer experiences since 1902.

Steeped in Jewish humanistic values, we are committed to nurturing tomorrow's leaders. We care deeply about campers and teach campers to care about the world around them. We believe this is the key to a brighter future.

SLC is an inclusive environment welcoming families of all backgrounds. Campers build relationships based on meaningful interactions, yielding long-lasting connections.

Once campers become a part of SLC, they are a part of a lifelong community of active, engaged alumni spanning the globe. Alumni gather regularly throughout the year.

SLC is committed to tuition assistance, making sleepaway camp possible for each family, regardless of ability to pay.

FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Surprise Lake Camp is only 60 miles from NYC and in a setting like no other. Our 360+ acres of grounds are situated on a private spring-fed lake, surrounded by mountains and state parkland. Round this out with a heated pool, sports courts, organic farm, and adventure course — and you have the makings for the summer of a lifetime.

A wide array of activities and electives build campers' confidence and skills. Whether campers are interested in sports, the arts, or nature activities, we have something to engage everyone. Our program is designed to progress as your camper grows, from Mainside to Teenside. Each side of camp has its own age-tailored approach.

ACTIVITY SAMPLING

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Baking/Cooking
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Boating
- Camping Overnights
- Ceramics
- Climbing Tower
- Dance
- Farm
- Fitness
- Fishina
- Gaga
- Hiking
- Hockey
- Instructional Swim

- Jewish Culture
- Kayaking
- Kickball
- Music
- Nature (Teva)
- Paddleboarding
- Photography
- Picklehall
- Pottery
- Ropes Course
- Soccer
- Softball
- Special Events
- Tennis
- Theater
- Windsurfing

• Ziplining

GET CONNECTED!

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