

KALLAH Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the mailing address?

Participant's Name
BBYO/Kallah
B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp
661 Rose Hill Road
Lake Como, PA 18437

2. How can I reach the camp by phone or fax?

Camp Phone Number: 570-798-2400 office hours 8am – 6pm (please leave message if emergency)

3. What are the accommodations of the camps?

You will be staying in the cabins at Perlman Camp in the Leadership Village. The cabins are set up with 6 rooms and 3 bathrooms. Every 2 rooms share a bathroom. Each room has between 4-6 participants. Each cabin will have a staff member living in it.

4. Will I be able to have outgoing and incoming calls?

Outgoing phone calls are permitted only during free time each day (approximately 4:30-6:00 pm EST). Incoming calls are only accepted through the camp office in the case of an emergency due to limited phone lines. Cell phones may also be used during free time and just before bed each night. Be aware that if cell phones at any other time during the program they may be taken away for the remainder of the program. Please also note that cellular phone service is very limited at Perlman Camp.

5. If phones are limited how will I know when my teen arrives at camp?

We will email all parents to notify them when their teens arrive at camp, which is generally after 5:00 pm EST due to the travel time from Newark to camp.

6. Is email access available?

There will be minimal email access for the participants, and participants are strongly discouraged from bringing their personal computers, as they will NOT have access to the internet through the wireless network (plus, they get lost sometimes).

7. What types of scholarship funds are available?

BBYO International offers financial aid scholarships. The deadline for this program is March 1, 2011. This financial aid scholarship is based on your family's income and requires a copy of the first two pages your taxes. Community synagogues, Jewish Federation, and your regional offices may also provide scholarships when inquired.

8. What is the refund policy?

Cancellation Fees:

No Risk – Cancel before May 1, 2011 and receive a FULL refund
After May 1, 2011 – Full Refund, less \$250 Registration Fee*

**If you have extenuating circumstances a full refund may be requested by contacting Sabrina at smoore@bbyo.org and filling out the required form*

A written notification of your cancellation must be sent to Sabrina Moore at smoore@bbyo.org

9. How much money will I need?

Don't carry too much cash. It is highly suggested that each participant store their valuables (cash, travelers' check, passport, etc.) in the valuables safe, which is accessible to you each day (except Shabbat). **BBYO will not be responsible for lost valuables.**

When planning how much money to bring to camp consider that you will need money for the following:

- Occasional snacks, etc. Our past participants have said to tell you to figure of at least \$10 - \$15 per week.
- Some extra money for outings (BBYO will generally cover meal costs, but participants often like to purchase extra items, souvenirs, etc.)
- Money for dorm sweatshirts—approximately \$35 per person.

10. Will laundry service be available?

Laundry service is provided. Laundry will go out one time in the middle of Kallah. We recommend that you bring a two-week supply of clothing. **Please make sure that your clothes are marked with your name and BBYO in laundry marker.**

11. How many staff will be on-site?

We will have a ratio of approximately 1 staff to every 5 participants. Staff will include BBYO staff, Jewish educators, Rabbis, creative arts specialists, Madrichim (usually college students), a nurse and office administrators.

12. Does BBYO provide transportation?

Bus transportation is provided from Newark Airport only on the day that the program starts. Specific travel times can be found online www.bbyo.org or under your teen's b-linked account. **It is not possible to meet you at other airports.** A bus will also take you back to Newark airport after your program ends.

If you need to stay overnight in Newark the night before the program begins (usually for West Coast teens that may have difficulty arriving on time the day of), BBYO will make reservations at a hotel near the Airport. Staff will be present in the hotel that evening. If you choose to stay at the hotel the night before, please make your flight arriving to Newark in the late afternoon or early evening (please no arrivals after 7:00 pm). These arrangements are made on a reservation only basis at the **participant's cost of \$75.** You must notify Sabrina Moore that a hotel is required smoore@bbyo.org or 202-857-6549.

13. Are visitors allowed?

No visitors are allowed to our programs. If there is an emergency, special arrangements can be made for participants to leave camp with approved chaperones or parents.

14. If we are attending multiple programs do we need to fill out separate enrollment forms?

That is not necessary. One form can be used for all programs.

15. Handling of Healthcare at camp?

We will have a medical professional on-site to deal with all health issues. **Be sure to return all required health forms—you will not be allowed to come to camp without them—this will be strictly enforced.** For other concerns please refer to your orientation manual.

16. Can I bring a musical instrument?

If you play an instrument, please bring it with you. Besides guitars, we would also love violins, clarinets, flutes, oboes, trumpets, banjos, harmonicas, etc. We also have a piano at camp and a drum set, and rent sound equipment! Don't forget your sheet music!

17. What should I pack?

You need enough clothing to be able to dress according to the weather for about two weeks, but ***please remember that you will be sharing quarters with others, and space is limited.*** Participants should plan on bringing clothing for cold weather, warm weather and rain. Northeastern Pennsylvania can get very cold at night and in the early morning. **Towels, sheets, pillows and pillowcases are not supplied. Bring a backpack to carry all of your supplies to program and class sessions.**

The complete packing list can be found in the orientation manual.

18. Who can attend Kallah?

Any BBYO member that has completed the 9th, 10th or 11th grade prior to the start of camp may attend. Please note, while Kallah is a great deal of fun, it is also an intense learning program. Its primary focus is to help you grow Jewishly and to expose you to new ideas about your Judaism. It brings together Jewish learning through amazing educators, with art, dance, drama, song, deep discussions, and wonderful guest lecturers. **Kallah is NOT for teens looking to simply see friends from previous programs. You must be willing to commit yourself 100% to the learning and self-discovering journey, have an open mind, and a willingness to ask questions.**

19. What forms do I need to submit to complete my Kallah 2011 application? Where can I find them?

Forms that must be completed on line: travel information, parent release, teen release,

Forms that must be completed and sent to Sabrina Moore at the National office: Medical Form with Dr signature

All registration forms can be found under your teen's b-linked account or at www.bbyo.org

20. Registration includes what?

The registration fee includes housing, 3 meals per day, programs and activities, roundtrip bus transportation from airport.

21. How can I make payments and view my invoices?

Each applicant will receive a billing statement automatically on the 15th of each month by email. Invoices can be viewed and payments can be made through you teen's b-linked account. **All fees must be paid by April 30, 2011.**

22. Are birthday's recognized at camp?

Yes birthdays are celebrated at camp. **DO NOT** send cake or other food items they will be taken. Please contact the Kallah staff if you'd like to do something special for your teen's birthday and we will help you make arrangements.

23. How can I get the orientation manual?

The orientation manual is only available online at www.bbyo.org or under your teen's b-linked account.

Make sure you make copies of all forms before you mail them into the International office.