



**Camp Gesher**

# GENDERFUL CABIN

At Camp Gesher, our most important goal is to create an open, safe, and loving community. As such, we strive specifically to affirm every member of our community's gender identity to the best of our ability. The use of preferred pronouns, private changing areas, and single stall all-gender bathrooms are a start, but we believe there are additional steps we can take to create an inclusive community. We are responding to the many voices of campers and staff who are gender fluid, non-binary or transitioning and have expressed a desire to live in an all-gender cabin within the greater Gesher community. This allows us to further strengthen our commitment to campers to enable them to be the best version of themselves while they are at camp.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be piloting an all-gender cabin in the Summer of 2022. This Genderful cabin will be an opt-in experience for those of all gender identities and allies who are prepared to live in a thoughtful, intentional multi-gender cabin.

Campers completing Grades 7 and up, and their families, who are interested in learning more are invited to inquire about this opportunity. (Campers in younger grades may also inquire, but our starting point will be the creation of an older-aged cabin.)

We have already begun to work on the right staffing, set-up, clear expectations, and training. We are confident that campers and staff who participate in this living arrangement, and the camp community that supports them, will have an incredibly rich, supportive, and meaningful experience. This includes providing campers the opportunity to be full members of their *kvutza* (age group), while also providing programs that all those participating in the Genderful cabin will be able to participate in together.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Campers currently in Grades 7-9 who wish to live in an all-gender cabin. This includes campers who are non-binary, gender fluid or transitioning, friends who are allies, or someone who simply wants to live with all genders.

For grade 10 and Madatz, there will be a genderful cabin option in Madatzland during their programs.

### **HOW CAN I LET YOU KNOW WE'RE INTERESTED?**

Reach out to Shoshi Lipschultz at [shoshi@campgesher.com](mailto:shoshi@campgesher.com) to set up a call to discuss further. Space is limited!

### **WHEN DO YOU NEED TO KNOW BY?**

We hope to have a critical mass of people signed up for this option by March 1 to know if we are able to move forward. We know this might inform your decision about attending

Gesher and would want you to know as early as possible in case you need to make alternate plans.

### **LEARN MORE**

Join us for a family workshop on Gender and 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion on **Wednesday, February 9 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM.**

This workshop is holistic and will focus on learning about gender, consent, 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion, and will give parents the opportunity to become familiar with terms and subjects that young people are exploring. We will touch on the specifics of the Genderful cabin for summer 2022, however the goal of this workshop is to explore the issues universally and to engage our community in education around this critical issue.

We have partnered with CANVAS Arts Action Programs (CANVAS) established by Gesher Alumna, Miriam Selick, in 2014.

CANVAS Arts Action Programs (CANVAS) is a registered non-profit organization founded in 2014 to prevent gender-based and sexual violence, homophobia and transphobia. Based out of Toronto, Canada, CANVAS uses interactive, arts-inspired training programs to educate on gender equity, consent, and 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion in schools, summer camps, community centres and workplaces. Through creative and compassionate workshop facilitation, participants critically examine harmful norms, learn about the struggles of marginalized groups, and recognize their capacity to affect positive change. Together, we can work towards a more empathetic, equitable and kinder world-view.

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