



Security Measures for Summer Camps 2015

Dear Parent / Guardian,

In advance of this year's Habonim-Dror summer camps, we wanted to jointly inform you of the continued security measures that we put in place in order to safeguard all participants.

This is something that Habonim-Dror and CST (Community Security Trust) have long treated with the utmost seriousness: as indeed have all UK Jewish youth movements working in conjunction with both CST and UJIA (United Joint Israel Appeal).

Every year, CST security professionals visit Habonim-Dror's main UK site, months in advance of the actual summer camp. A security assessment is made of the site; and if any improvements are required, these are discussed and implemented with the involvement of site owners and the camp organisers.

In the preparatory 'pioneer' stage before children arrive at each camp, all of the leaders and other staff receive a full security briefing and training from CST. This is tailored for the needs of each camp and its specific site. Contingency planning will be fully discussed and understood, including security procedures, roles and responsibilities.

CST is then in regular contact with each camp throughout its duration. In case of emergency, dedicated CST staff are contactable 24hrs a day. Local Police are also fully informed of the camp and have contact details both for leaders and CST.

The arrangements shown above have been standard practise for some years now. They are in place because camp organisers and CST are determined to facilitate Jewish life as best we possibly can. In light of recent events, however, we are now working together to see what further measures and training can be implemented. For many of us, Jewish youth camps are literally amongst the best days of our lives. It is our full intention to ensure that this remains the case.

Thank you.

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