



CAMP RODEF SHALOM  
TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM, VA

## ***COLOR WAR***



## ***PARENT'S GUIDE***

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# **What Is Color War?**



**Color War is a week-long competition where the camp splits up into 3 teams: **Red**, **Blue**, and **Green**. Throughout the course of the week, campers compete**

**against each other to earn points for their team, and whichever team has the most points at the end of the week wins!**



# **Color War Etiquette**

**While Color War is fun and all about competing, it's extremely important that as campers, they demonstrate sportsmanship at all times.**



## **Good Etiquette:**

- ☐ Cheering for your team**
- ☐ Celebrating victories**
- ☐ Cheering other teams on**
- ☐ Giving high-fives**
- ☐ Congratulating others on their victories**
- ☐ Doing Silent Cheers**
- ☐ Listening to your captains**
- ☐ Being kind to the villains**



## **Bad Etiquette:**

- ☐ Booing the other teams**
- ☐ Bragging/Boasting**
- ☐ Getting upset after a loss**
- ☐ Pushing/Shoving**
- ☐ Taunting**
- ☐ Trash Talk**
- ☐ Letting your team be rowdy**
- ☐ Not listening to your captains**
- ☐ Attacking the villains**

# **Typical Color War Week**

***Monday:*** **Tie-Dye Day!** You will have a specific time to tie-dye a shirt with your team's colors. Your bunks will go to normal activities with a different schedule.

***Tuesday:*** **GA-GA TOURNAMENT!** During sports, you will play Ga-Ga against other teams to earn major points. Your bunks go to normal activities with a different schedule.

***Wednesday:*** **Carnival!** This is a **NO COLOR WAR** day!!! You will go around with your normal bunks and enjoy the activities brought in for the carnival. This is a break from Color War, you will just act as a normal bunk counselor. There will be one meeting to practice song and cheer.

***Thursday:*** **Bucket Brigade!** Your team will start the day off normally, going to activities. In the second half of the day, you and your entire team will go outside to take part in the Bucket Brigade! (Shaving cream?)

***Friday:*** This is the final day of Color War! We will start with team meetings and then head to the Social Hall for Song and Cheer. Then, we will eat snack and take part in the Relay Race. After the Relay Race ends, we will eat lunch, change into our white shirts and end Color War in the sanctuary.

# **What to Send Your Camper With**

## **(Day-to-Day)**

### **What the Camper** **Needs Everyday:**

- ☐ **Bathing Suit**
- ☐ **Clothes of their team colors**
- ☐ **Change of clothes w/ team colors (especially for younger ages)**

### **Monday:**

- ☐ **Wear old shirt for Tie-Dye day (one that's okay if it gets stained)**
- ☐ **After Camp: rinse Tie-Dye shirts (check backpacks)!!!**

### **Wednesday:**

- ☐ **Costume for Carnival/Purim in July**

### **Thursday:**

- ☐ **Water Shoes & Goggles & Towel**
- ☐ **Shaving Cream (Barbasol Only!)**

### **Friday:**

- ☐ **Tie-Dye Shirt**
- ☐ **White Shirt To Change Into**



# **Major Events**



***Bucket Brigade:*** The goal of this competition is to pass water in cups from camper to camper to overflow a trash can to get a ping-pong ball to drop out. The campers will line up on the driveway by the lobby.



***Song/Cheer:*** Each team performs a long cheer and a Color War parody of a song, typically on theme with your team color/mascot. Your campers will be practicing this song throughout the week.



***Relay Race:*** Campers will be assigned to specific stations to race throughout the camp. Each station is specifically designed for kids' age groups.

# **The Villains**

**Every year, there is a villain who “tries to take over or destroy Color War.” It’s the responsibility of the**



**teams to stop the villain and restore Color War. KEEP IN MIND - this is simply a storyline for the kids; the villain is not actually trying to destroy Color War. The villain is included to give something for the teams to unite against, rather than fighting against each other. Please make sure your campers stay engaged but don’t get physical with the villains.**



**There will be one main villain (an 8th grade counselor) and the entirety of 8th grade will**

**also be villains, as they transition in their last year from being a camper to being a counselor.**



# **Ending Color War**



**The Relay Race is the final event of Color War. After it ends, all the campers change into their white shirts and meet up in the Sanctuary for Friday Shabbat. During this service, the villain's**

**storyline will end (if it hasn't already) and the final point totals will be announced. The winning Color War captain will come up to raise the trophy and the rest of the captains will come up to the Bema for prayers. The captains will light the Unity Candle, signaling the end of Color War. Once this happens, the captains and villains go back to being regular counselors and camp reverts back to normal!**

