

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Castor Camps*

Year: 2023

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: Summer Camps 2023

Year of activity: 2023

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Number of active participants in the program: 250

Estimated number of impacted participants: 250

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

2023 has been a very successful year for Hameirim as we managed to organize a number of events around the celebration of 100 year of our sister movement EEIF in France. This drew a lot of attention from many olim in Israel and enabled us to attract more people to our summer camps.

Thanks to a specific effort on leaders training, we also have been able to for a strong leadership team and improve the content of the activities we have organized.

As a consequence, we have been able to organize team activities, mini-camps and summer camps for young EI based in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Netanya and Raanana.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

In 2023, we managed to organize monthly activities in 3 cities (Raanana, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv) gathering about 200 to 250 kids each month.

Our mini-camp organized during Chol Hamoed Sukkot and just before Pessach also attracted about 200 kids.

And this past summer, we organized the CASTOR SUMMER CAMPS in July. (in addition to summer camps in France and in Spain/Portugal)

Our Castor summer camps gathered about 150 young kids in the region of Keshet Yonathan (Golan), split in 2 different age groups: 8-11 year old (“bâtisseurs” / builders) and 12-16 year old (“eclaireurs” / scouts)

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

For each of our camps, we have had an upstream preparation with the various camp leaders and their respective teams.

During these preparations we established the educational objectives to be achieved and distributed the different roles and responsibilities.

A concluding activity was done on the last day with the children in order to get their feedback and assess the goals achieved vs our objectives.

Finally, a review meeting was also held between the directors and the madrichim team, as well as between the directors and the association's executive committee.

We were able to observe a real satisfaction of the participants and the directors for this year.

The educational objectives were achieved, and we managed to reunite a record number of children.

On top of it, we have successfully passed the inspections of the misrah hachinuch who came a number of times to our campgrounds to check if the organization was in line with the legal requirements.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

For 2024 we want to continue with the same development dynamic, while emphasizing the training of madrichim, team leaders and camp director.

In addition, in order to retain our children and further professionalize our animators, we are setting up more training and certified training activities.

Given the situation, we will also pay even more attention to the security level and to the location of the 2024 CASTOR SUMMER CAMPS.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (**as PDF documents**)
(see attached documents)

Please join photos – as **JPG files** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seem to you relevant – as **PDF document**.

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