



Gesher Gan

June 12 - August 11, 2019

We are delighted to invite you to apply for the Gesher Gan 2019 program. Gesher Gan is open to entering 12th graders. It is a challenging eight-and-a-half week leadership program that offers participants the opportunity to develop skills as interns at Gan Alonim Day Camp. Prior Alonim experience is helpful but not necessary, and we welcome applications from a variety of individuals.

There will be **up to 36 total positions** available in the Gesher Gan 2019 program. We expect to receive more applications than the number of available spaces, meaning we will need to turn away a number of applicants. If you or your parents/guardians are not prepared to accept the possibility that you may not be selected for this program, please do not apply.

Gesher Gan is not just “another year at camp.” Gesher Gan requires a great amount of commitment from participants. It is animated by the philosophy of learning through experience. Participants spend weekdays with campers, receiving ongoing practical training and guidance. All Gesher Gan Interns will be guided and supported by the Gan Alonim Day Camp Administration, as well as by experienced staff members serving as Gesher Gan Mentors. Participants focusing in specialty areas will also work closely with the Alonim staff members who head up those areas for camp. All Gesher Gan Interns will have time regularly set aside for training, collaborating, program development and execution, and reflecting. Just as the Camp Alonim staff is “One Staff,” with people performing a variety of roles that each require caring for kids and leading activities, all Gesher Gan Interns will work together as one Gesher cohort to help create the Gan Alonim Day Camp experience.

Below are various potential Gan Alonim Day Camp internship positions for which you may apply:

Art	Music/Songleading
Counselor	Performing Arts
Dance	Ropes
Horses	Sports
Lifeguard/Pool	Teva

When you apply, you will have opportunities to select all of the potential positions that interest you and to indicate if you have any preferences.

All Gesher Gan Interns live together in a separate area of camp. In the evenings and on weekends, the group enjoys recreational activities, cultural programs, and leadership training. Approximately once a week, all Gesher Gan Interns travel together out of camp for fun outings -- past outings have included bowling, visits to Santa Monica Pier, laser tag, and Dodger games. Shabbat is spent with the Alonim community in a shared experience of joyous celebration, rest, and renewal.

Gesher Gan Interns receive one day off each week, except for the first week (orientation) and the last week of the summer. For time off, Gesher Gan Interns leave camp Saturday night shortly after Havdalah and return Sunday evening after dinner. We recognize that making arrangements for time off can create anxiety for some Gesher Gan Interns whose families do not live locally. For 2019, we will solicit volunteer host families and make that information available to all Gesher Gan Interns prior to the

summer. Although it is the responsibility of each Gesher Gan Intern (not Camp Alonim) to make his/her own time-off arrangements in consultation with his/her own parents/guardians, we will also check in with each Gesher Gan Intern each week regarding the status of his/her plans for the upcoming weekend, and the Gesher Gan Mentors will be present when each Gesher Gan Intern signs out each Saturday evening. We are fortunate that an increasing number of families from other geographic areas are choosing Camp Alonim as their “home away from home,” and we are committed to doing our part to support all Alonimers.

In order to support ongoing activities and leadership training throughout the summer, there will be a \$795 fee to participate in Gesher Gan. Room, board, programming, and supplies including the end-of-summer t-shirt are provided. Upon successful completion of the program, Gesher Gan Interns receive 300 hours of community service credit.

Gesher Gan Interns are expected to participate for the entire length of the program. The only exception is for individuals whose academic schedules overlap with the program dates -- if this applies to you, you must inform us when you apply. Other than that, requests to miss part of the program are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and are usually not granted. Any such requests must be made *at the time of application to the program* by emailing agoldberg@aju.edu.

We hope you will consider applying for Gesher Gan 2019. To apply, [click here](https://campalonim.wufoo.com/forms/gesher-gan-2019-application/) or go to <https://campalonim.wufoo.com/forms/gesher-gan-2019-application/>

Applications must be submitted online by **Wednesday, February 20, 2019** to be considered. After we receive your application, you will be instructed on how to set up an interview. Candidates who do not live in Los Angeles, Ventura, or Orange Counties will have the option of being interviewed via Skype. Decisions regarding the Gesher Gan program will be emailed to applicants mid-March.

Finally, please keep in mind that Gesher Gan is a very specific program: a day camp internship experience. Your participation or lack thereof in Gesher Gan will have no bearing on either your existing connection with your Alonim community or your future ability to be considered for jobs at camp. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Aaron at 877-2-ALONIM (877-225-6646) or agoldberg@aju.edu.

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