

GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSTITUTE (GUCI)

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GUCI is a community. Campers and staff create and live in an atmosphere where it is "cool" to be Jewish. Jewish heritage, history, and values are integral parts of the program. Through activities designed to help build friendships within cabin groups and grade-specific units, campers become a part of a greater Jewish community. That community lives on long after camp ends. Friends made at camp are friends all year long. The social and Jewish impact of camp can last a lifetime. Many campers return summer after summer. Many become staff members. The magic of GUCI is handed down from generation to generation.

Ranging in grades from elementary school through college, thousands of young people from across the Midwest have enjoyed the fun and camaraderie of a summer at Goldman Union Camp Institute. Campers are offered a wide variety of activity choices that allow them to exercise their bodies and minds, challenge their creativity, and enhance their Jewish identities. From sports and fitness, to the performing and creative arts; from nature activities to outdoor adventure programs, GUCI has something for everyone. A summer at GUCI is an unforgettable religious, cultural, recreational, and social experience.

Each sisterhood and women's group is asked to contribute at least \$1.00 per member to WRJ Midwest District for our Camp Fund and to designate either OSRUI or GUCI to receive their contribution. These contributions enable WRJ Midwest District to serve the camps that serve all of us so well.



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OSRUI serves over 1,000 campers annually. It is a summer home where our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews are able to experience "living Judaism" in all aspects of their lives. OSRUI also hosts a wide variety of adult education programs, including Hava Nashira (song leading), Lerhaus, Chagigat-Hilulim (Israeli Dance Workshop), Quilting Kallah, leadership retreats, and temple board retreats, as well as numerous other programs. Annually, the women of WRJ Midwest District gather at OSRUI for our very special Kallah and every other year for our Interim Board Meeting and Leadership Training. Through the contributions of the sisterhoods/women's groups and individual members within our district, WRJ Midwest District has been able to assist with renovations and maintenance at OSRUI. We also have been able to purchase much-needed items, including, but not limited to, installation of a new lodge kitchen, contributing \$25,000 toward the construction of the new Dining Hall, an Agua Jump for the water front, and, of course, numerous copies of The Torah: A Women's Commentary. In 2010, the WRJ Midwest District sisterhoods/women's groups and individual members donated a Sefer Torah. In 2011, the donation was a projector system allowing song session lyrics and other information to be displayed. In 2012, the donation went toward the purchase of five new bicycles for Tour La'Agam, the three-week bike tour around Lake Michigan. We completed a three year, \$12,000 pledge to build a greenhouse under the guidance of Kibbutz Lotan. At the 2017 Interim, we gave \$1,400 to purchase much-needed life preservers on the waterfront.

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