

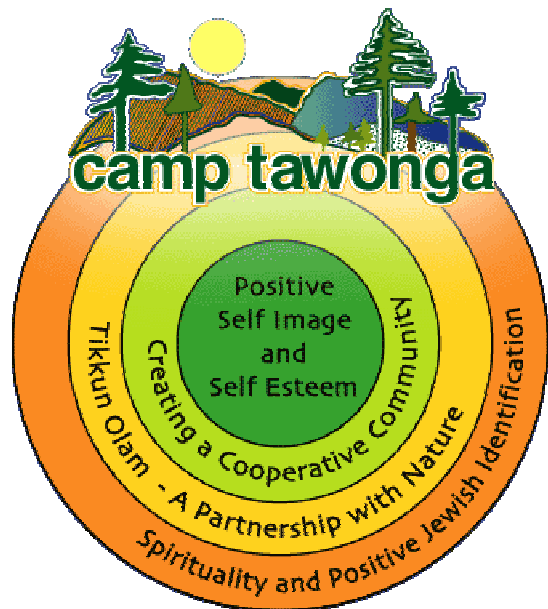
What is Tawonga Sports?

Tawonga + Sports = Tawonga Sports

Tawonga Sports provides an opportunity for children who enjoy sports to experience all the best that Camp Tawonga has to offer with a positive, fun sports focus. Like any other session at Camp Tawonga, the Tawonga Sports program includes a backpacking trip, celebrating Shabbat, a day at the Challenge Course, unit activities, floats, free swim, and Israel Day. Yet unlike other programs at camp, Tawonga Sports campers spend most mornings playing sports – primarily soccer, basketball, and softball. Tawonga Sports is for 4th-6th graders and is offered during Session IV as a two-week program. The campers and staff are part of the unit Carmel.

Tawonga Sports and the Mission

Sports and Self-Esteem: Through appropriate challenges and a positive-coaching style, we have the chance to build campers' self-esteem. We do this by using a 5:1 ratio of positive to critical feedback, by praising in public and correcting in private, by rewarding effort as well as achievement, and by recognizing and celebrating what each player adds to the group. In addition, we believe that challenge + success = self-esteem, and so by setting appropriate challenges that push the campers and allow them to experience success, we create opportunities for them to feel proud of themselves.



Challenge + Success = Self-Esteem

Teamwork and Sportsmanship – Creating a

Cooperative Community: “Teamwork” is what we call creating a cooperative community on the sports field. “Good Sportsmanship” refers to the character traits that we strive to cultivate in the campers through the sports experience. Our job is to create a culture that teaches and encourages teamwork and good sportsmanship. We do this by identifying the qualities that we want campers to develop, modeling these behaviors, praising campers when they demonstrate these qualities, asking campers to praise each other for showing good teamwork and sportsmanship, and taking advantage of teachable moments.

At Camp Tawonga, building positive self-esteem, teaching teamwork and good sportsmanship, and having fun is what it’s all about! These goals are the focus of the sports program. Mastery of a particular skill, like dribbling in soccer or lay-ups in basketball, is a means to an end and not the end goal.