

LAURA SEYMOUR CAMP IMPACT AWARD

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Laura Seymour has been known by many names throughout her long tenure of 40+ years at the Jewish Community Center of Dallas. Today her official title, and first love, is Director of Camping Services.

Laura has been in the camping field for over 50 years, beginning as a junior counselor and serving as the Camp Chai Director for over 40 summers. Laura led Camp Chai to achieve and maintain accreditation from the American Camping Association each summer. Maintaining high standards in all areas of camp, from staff training, to programming, to working with children is vital to providing a summer of individual growth and community-building for every child. Laura is a leader in the camping field and has been recognized as such by the ACA and JCCA.

Laura also writes a weekly column in the Texas Jewish Post and is known as “The Shabbat Lady” and she teaches at the Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning. Laura is a Jewish educator for all ages, sharing her love and knowledge of Judaism with everyone from toddlers to seniors. She makes Jewish learning fun and thought-provoking while remaining accessible to all. Laura and her husband Jeff have raised three children in Dallas and have been involved in all aspects of the Jewish community.