At any point during the summer camp season, 200 lively boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 17 are at Kutsher’s Sports Academy in Monterey. Opened since 1968, the sleepaway camp provides the opportunity for children and teens to develop new skills in the sports they love, while also offering a traditional summer camp experience.

It’s almost impossible to have that amount of vitality going on without an accident or illness here or there. For Hillary Gilbert, co-owner of Kutsher’s Sports Academy with her husband, Michael, having Fairview Hospital close by makes everyone feel at ease.

“It’s one of the first questions that parents always ask us,” she said. “They want to know if there is healthcare available, if needed. We’re lucky, compared with many other camps in rural locations. Fairview Hospital is only minutes away.”

In fact, an ambulance arrived at camp in only six minutes this summer when a camper had an asthma attack. Campers were brought to the Emergency Department for other routine summer mishaps, such as care for poison ivy and the need for an X-ray.

“None of it was very serious at all, but we have the confidence that they can get to us, or we can get to them very quickly,” Hillary said.

Hillary and her husband made another quick trip to Fairview Hospital this summer, but it had nothing to do with camp. On August 16, little Aliza Gilbert was born at the Family Birthplace at Fairview Hospital — an experience that Hillary said was “simply wonderful.”

“We had heard so much about the Family Birthplace and we had a great experience. It definitely lived up to its reputation!”

Hillary Gilbert’s Story

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