



# CAMP J FAQ

## How can I speak with someone about camp?

### Questions about Registration and Accounts:

Please contact Michele Montgomery at [michele.montgomery@jewishtampa.com](mailto:michele.montgomery@jewishtampa.com) or phone at 813.835.6614.

### Questions about Financial Aid:

Please contact Julie Cameron at [julie.cameron@jewishtampa.com](mailto:julie.cameron@jewishtampa.com) or phone at 813.291.2256.

### Questions about Membership:

Contact our membership desk at 813.264.9000 or contact Rachel Milhoan at [rachel.milhoan@jewishtampa.com](mailto:rachel.milhoan@jewishtampa.com) or phone at 813.291.2185

### General Camp Questions:

Please contact the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director

Matthew Fischel (Cohn Campus, Assistant Camp Director) at [matthew.fischel@jewishtampa.com](mailto:matthew.fischel@jewishtampa.com) or phone 813.769.4728.

Samantha Goldberg (Cohn Campus, Camp Director) at [samantha.goldberg@jewishtampa.com](mailto:samantha.goldberg@jewishtampa.com) or phone 813.769.4748.

## Do you offer extended care?

Regular camp hours are 9 AM – 4 PM. AM and PM Care are available throughout the summer for an additional fee. AM Care runs from 7:30 – 9:00 AM and PM Care runs from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

## Are we able to sign up for a partial session of camp? Would there be a way to break up the weeks if we don't need the full time?

Unfortunately, we do not offer enrollment options for only part of a session. Sessions are two weeks each for summer 2021 at the JCC on the Cohn campus.

## Will my child be grouped with other children in their age range?

Yes, our camper groups are grouped according to the grade they will be entering into for the 2021-2022 academic school year. Some groups may combine two grades.



## **Will camp activities be indoors, outdoors or both?**

Camp will be both indoors and outdoors. Each camp group will have a dedicated indoor space as well as shared indoor and outdoor spaces for daily activities.

## **Will the JCC swimming pool be open to camps?**

Yes, all age groups will swim in the JCC pool each day! Campers receive swim instruction from Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards. They will also enjoy free swim with those in their age group.

## **What types of activities are on the daily schedule?**

All age groups will have daily swim, arts & crafts, and sports. Each group's weekly schedule will also include a mix of archery, canoeing, nature, music, fishing, zip lining, and more!

## **Will there be field trips this summer?**

Yes! We will have field trips in summer of 2021. Most field trips will be at outdoor venues in accordance with CDC recommendations (ie. Lowry Park Zoo, Dolphin Cruise, Weeki Wachee, Lift Adventure Park, etc.).

## **Is it possible to request to be in the same group as friends?**

Yes, before camp begins, you will receive a registration packet to share more information about your child. The registration packet will have a section for requesting other campers in your camper's group (only necessary if an age group is split due to high enrollment).

## **What should I expect before camp starts?**

Before camp starts, parents will receive an email that includes the registration packet, camp schedule, information sheets, and more. There will also be a Camp J Open House on Thursday June 3, 2021— the open house is an opportunity for parents to ask questions and learn more about camp while their camper meets his/her counselors and fellow campers.

## **How many staff members will be watching my camper?**

Camp J prioritizes camper safety and maintains low staff to camper ratios for all age groups. Younger campers (Rishon, Kochavim) will have no more than a 1:4 ratio. Older campers will have no more than a 1:8 ratio.



## **What experience and qualifications do Camp J staff have?**

Each group has a Senior Counselor, Junior Counselor, and a CIT.

Senior Counselors are 18 and older. Many have grown up at Camp J and are very familiar with the camp environment. All have experience working with children and receive CPR and First Aid training. Counselors of Rishon are typically experienced educators with specialized training in developmental practices for that age group.

Junior Counselors are entering 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade in high school. All have experience working with children and receive CPR and First Aid training.

CITs (Counselor in Training) are entering 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade in high school. CITs learn from lead counselors as they acquire skills to become a camp counselor.

## **What is Camp J's food policy?**

Campers should pack a sufficient dairy lunch. The JCC is a Kosher facility and lunches may not contain any meat or shellfish.

Camp J will provide your child with an AM and PM snack each day. We recommend parents pack extra snacks in case your child does not like the snack we provide that day.

## **What if my camper needs to take medication during camp?**

Camp J personnel will dispense prescription medication to a child only if written permission from a parent or guardian is submitted to the camp office.

## **What is Shabbat at Camp J?**

On Friday afternoons, we end Camp J with a fun Shabbat celebration! Campers gather as a community to reflect on the week they have spent and enjoy the community they have built. During Shabbat, we sing camp songs, have camper group performances, and recite the Shabbat blessings.

## **What is Camp J's cell phone usage policy?**

Cell phones can often be a big distraction for campers. We want all campers to be involved in the activities, enjoying their time building relationships, experiencing new things, and being actively engaged. While we understand that many campers have cell phones for their own personal use and contact with their parents, we ask that campers leave their cell phones at home.



## **Do you offer inclusive programming at Camp J?**

Camp J strives to be inclusive, proactive, and supportive with each camper. We provide services to meet the needs of campers with varying abilities to the most comprehensive extent possible. Parents may inform us of their child's individual needs (physical, emotional, cognitive, or sensory) to provide them the best possible camp experience.

## **Financial Questions**

### **When are camp payments due?**

Camp payments are due 29 days prior to the start of the camp session(s) your child is enrolled in.

### **Will I have an opportunity to cancel camp once I register?**

All withdrawal notifications must be made in writing to the camp office at least 30 days in advance of the start of the camp session(s) in which your child is enrolled, no exceptions. Withdrawals submitted 30 days in advance will have payments refunded less the nonrefundable registration fee.

### **Can I still apply for financial assistance?**

Yes, you can [fill out the application](#) and submit to [Julie.cameron@jewishtampa.com](mailto:Julie.cameron@jewishtampa.com) when completed.

### **Can I set up a payment plan if I have concerns about paying for camp in full?**

If enrolled in one session, the full payment will be due at time of registration. If enrolled for the full summer, your total camp payment will be split in two payments due May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Do you offer any discounts?**

Yes, we offer a sibling discount of 10% off each additional child. You can also save on camp by becoming a member of the JCC.