



# JCAMPS SUMMER 2021

## FAQ

### 1) Do I have to be a member to enroll into JCamps?

Yes, all camp participants must be members in good standing to enroll in JCamps. Please e-mail [egoldberg@columbusjcc.org](mailto:egoldberg@columbusjcc.org) to setup your membership. A monthly membership can be setup to start the month camp begins (includes access to all JCC facilities for the entire family including swimming pool, fitness center and much more).

### 2) What is the JCamp Registration Fee?

In order to enroll in JCamps, you must submit a non-refundable \$50 registration fee per camper upon enrollment. The registration fee does not get applied to your final balance.

### 3) What is JCamps Refund Policy?

1. Cancellations and withdrawals requests from camp must be requested in writing to Raeann Cronebach at [rcronebach@columbusjcc.org](mailto:rcronebach@columbusjcc.org). Cancellation requests for membership must be requested in writing to Evi Goldberg at [egoldberg@columbusjcc.org](mailto:egoldberg@columbusjcc.org).
2. Cancellations and withdrawals on or before **May 14, 2021**: full refund less \$50 registration fee (per camper). Any drops after **May 14th** will result in forfeiture of camp session fees.
3. Unused camp days cannot be refunded or substituted with additional camp days. No refunds, other than according to the above schedule, are given for vacations, sick days or other absences from camp.
4. Refunds are processed after camp is concluded, unless a complete drop is requested prior to **June 1**. No refunds will be processed during camp.
5. **Refer to JCamps waiver and policies upon registration for refunds regarding COVID-19.**

### 4) After I complete online enrollment, how will I know my application for JCamps is complete?

Your application for JCamps is not finalized until our camp staff has reviewed your file and confirmed your enrollment via email. Our camp staff may be following up with you should we have additional questions regarding your camper(s). You will also need to complete a CampDocs medical profile for your camper before camp begins. Your CampDoc invite will be sent once your application has been reviewed and approved by our camp staff.

### 5) Is scholarship support available?

The JCC of Greater Columbus has limited scholarships available. Awards are based on need. Please visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx> to apply for scholarship after you complete your online camp application. If your scholarship award is insufficient and you elect to withdraw from camp, all fees including the registration fee will be reimbursed at no expense. There is a non-refundable fee associated with the FACTS website to process your application.



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### **6) What safety precautions is JCamps taking with regards to COVID-19?**

Recognizing that COVID-19 will likely still be a factor come Summer 2021, JCamps will be implementing the most current standards of practice with regards to health and safety with guidance from the CDC, local and state Health Departments, American Camp Association, ODJFS, and JCC of North America. We will utilize the best practices learned from running JCC 2020 Summer Experience. Some examples of health and safety precautions that we will be taking:

- Daily health checks for staff and campers.
- All programming taking place outside.
- Enforcing a strict illness policy.
- Regular hand washing and sanitizing.
- Groups operating as separate pods.
- Encouraging social distancing.
- Mask wearing for staff at all times.
- Mask wearing for campers at all times.

These approaches are subject to change depending on the latest guidelines from the CDC, state and local health departments, ODJFS and the ACA. JCamps will review all health and safety practices with our medical advisory council prior to the start of camp.

### **7) Is transportation being provided for Summer 2021?**

It is JCamps intention to provide transportation throughout Summer 2021 depending on demand and State and local health guidelines. There is no additional fee for transportation. JCamps reserves the right to cancel transportation should insufficient demand exist.

Transportation routes include:

- Beth Tikvah (JCC North) to JCC of Greater Columbus (College Avenue) - To and from
- Beth Tikvah (JCC North) to Hoover - To and from
- JCC New Albany to JCC of Greater Columbus (College Avenue) - To and from
- JCC New Albany to Camp Hoover – To and from
- JCC College Avenue to Camp Hoover – To and from

### **8) Are meals and snacks provided for campers?**

JCamps operates a kosher program. Two kosher snacks (nut free) are provided each day to all campers. Families have the option to purchase hot kosher lunch from the JCC for campers attending Camp Chaverim. If families elect to send their own lunch from home, it must be dairy only sent in a lunch box with ice packs.

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### 9) What is a standard day at JCamps?

The camp day starts at 9:00am (drop off starting at 8:30am) and concludes at 3:30pm (pick up concludes at 4:00pm).

#### Camp Chaverim:

9:00 – 9:30am..... Arrival & Welcome

9:30am - 10:00am..... Bunk Time/Unit Time/Snack

10:00am – 11:00pm..... Free Swim/Swim Lessons

11:00am - 11:45pm..... Art

11:45am – 12:45pm.....Hand Washing Station and Lunch

12:45 - 1:30pm..... Nature/Judaics

1:30 -2:15pm..... Community Service & Music

2:15 – 3:00pm..... Sports

3:00pm - 3:30pm..... Gather belongings, Closing Circle, Transportation & Carpool

#### Camp Hoover:

9:00am – 10:00am..... Arrival & Welcome

10:00am - 10:45am..... Bunk Time/Unit Time

10:45am – 11:45pm..... Boating/Archery/Ropes Course

12:00pm - 12:45pm..... Hand Washing Station and Lunch

12:45 - 1:30pm..... Free swim

1:30 -2:15pm..... Boating/Archery/Ropes Course

2:15 – 3:00pm..... Community Service, Art, Judaics, Music or Sports

3:00 - 3:30pm..... Gather belongings, Closing Circle, Transportation & Carpool

### 10) Is after care being provided at JCamps?

JCamps will be offering aftercare from 4:00pm to 5:30pm for an additional fee. Pickup will be at JCC College Avenue location only.

### 11) What does swimming look like at JCamps?

All campers in grades 1st– 7th swim daily. Our Campers in Camp Chaverim (1st – 3rd grade) have a combination of free swim and swim lessons. Lessons for 1st- 3rd grade campers are taught using the American Red Cross Learn to Swim method. Camp Hoover (4th - 7 th grade) campers enjoy free swim daily. All of our swimming pools are supervised by experienced American Red Cross certified lifeguards. Pool safety is a priority at the JCC and we always have multiple lifeguards on duty.

### 12) Can my camper request to be placed with friends?

Groups are formed based on the age and grade of our campers. In some instances, certain grades will be blended together. We will try our best to accommodate one friend request. Requests must be made to the JCamps Director, [rcronebach@columbusjcc.org](mailto:rcronebach@columbusjcc.org) in writing by May 14, 2021

The logo features a green square with a white stylized 'J' on the left. To its right, the word 'CAMP' is in large green letters, 'SUMMER' is in smaller green letters below it, and '2021' is in large green letters to the right of 'SUMMER'.

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### **13) What is the JCamps Arye Inclusion program?**

Inclusion is a central philosophy of JCamps. Our JCamps Arye Inclusion program integrates children with special needs, including physical, cognitive, emotional, developmental and learning disabilities. Our low ratios give our campers the opportunity for adventure and accomplishment with the safest supervision standards. An intake is required as part of the camp application process and must be completed before enrollment is finalized. Like all of JCamps offerings this year, due to the current pandemic, space is limited. Please reach out to our Arye Inclusion Coordinator, Ariana Solomon, [asolomon@columbusjcc.org](mailto:asolomon@columbusjcc.org) should you have any questions.

### **14) Do I have to be Jewish to attend JCamps?**

JCamps is designed for campers of all ages and interests, regardless of ethnic and religious background. Jewish values and culture are central to JCamps programming and are integrated throughout each session.

### **15) Who is JCamps staff?**

JCamps largest responsibility is to ensure the health and safety of each camper entrusted in our care. Campers are under the direct supervision of a trained staff member at all times. Our staff go through extensive training prior to the start of camp. All of our staff are CPR/AED certified and are trained in the recognition of communicable diseases and child abuse/neglect. All staff members also undergo pre-employment BCI/FBI background checks.

### **16) What if my child gets injured or hurt at camp?**

A camp nurse is present at Camp Chaverim. Additionally, there is always at least one staff member present that has received training in First Aid, Communicable Diseases Recognition, Child Abuse Prevention and Recognition, and CPR/AED. When a camper shows signs or symptoms of illness, the JCamps Director will immediately notify the parent or guardian of the camper's condition. Depending on the situation, the camper may be isolated from their group until a parent or guardian is able to pick them up. In the case of a minor accident or injury, staff will administer basic first aid, and an "injury/incident report" will be given to parents upon pickup. If the injury is more serious, first aid will be administered and the parents will be contacted immediately to assist in deciding on an appropriate course of action. If any injury is life-threatening, EMS will be contacted, parents will be notified, and a staff member will accompany the camper to the hospital with all available health records. Only parents or EMS will transport.

### **17) I have a preschool aged camper, how do I enroll them into JCamps?**

Please reach out to our preschool office at [nhenry@columbusjcc.org](mailto:nhenry@columbusjcc.org) if you have a preschool aged camper for more information about the program. Limited spaces available to the general community (non-currently enrolled preschool families).

*\*As of February 1, 2021. Details included subject to change.*