

# J CAMPS

## Summer 2025

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#### **When does JCamps registration Open?**

- January 13th - For all current active members with an adult + child membership.
- January 21st - For all pending active members (membership setup for the summer months your child attends camp) or community participants (non-members).
- The \$50 deposit for camp will be waived if your child is registered for camp by February 13th, 2025.

#### **Do I need to be a JCC member to register for camp?**

No! JCamps offers pricing options for both JCC Members and community participants. However, we do recommend becoming a member to get the benefits of member pricing for camp as well as having access to all of the amenities the JCC has to offer including state-of-the-art Diamond Family Fitness Center and indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

#### **How do I get member pricing for camp?**

To get the member pricing for camp, you must have membership for at least one adult and the child(ren) you are registering that is either currently active (for early bird registration on January 13th) or pending active during the time your camper will be attending (for registration beginning on January 21st).

#### **How do I become a member?**

Memberships are set up by the month, beginning the 1st of the month and ending the last day of the month. Membership fees will be charged at the rate at time of each month's billing. You can find more information about JCC memberships [HERE](#). Returning members will not be charged the membership registration fee. Please contact Evi Goldberg at [egoldberg@columbusjcc.org](mailto:egoldberg@columbusjcc.org) to become a member or set up a pending active membership today!

#### **If I sign up at the Community price but decide to become a member at a later date, can I still get member pricing for my registrations?**

If a membership is set up prior to the weeks a camper is attending, any fees for registrations for upcoming weeks made at non-member rates will be adjusted to the member rate, as long as the membership is active during the months of camp registration. Fees will not be adjusted for weeks attended prior to the membership activation.

#### **What is Early Bird Registration?**

All registrations made between January 13-February 13 will have the \$50 per camper registration fee waived and receive a 4-month payment plan.

#### **Can I read the full list of JCamps policies prior to registering?**

Yes! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the full JCamps registration policies.



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#### What is the payment schedule for camp?

Please see the chart below to see what will be charged at the time of registration. All tuition billed following registration will be charged on the 5th of each month.

Date Registered	Jan 13 – Feb 13 Early Bird	Feb 14 – March 4	March 5 – April 4	April 5 – May 4	May 5 – June 4	On or After June 5
Registration Fee/per camper	Waived	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Tuition Due @ registration	\$0	\$0	March payment	March & April Payments	March – May payments	100% due
Future payments	4 monthly payments beginning March 5	4 monthly payments beginning March 5	3 monthly payments beginning April 5	2 monthly payments beginning May 5	1 payment on June 5	None

#### What payment methods are accepted?

The JCC business office accepts the following methods of payment for billed services:

- Cash/Check - IN PERSON BY MEMBERS ONLY, not online
- Direct Checking Debit (ACH)
- Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Discover. Tuition paid with a credit card will incur an additional 3% transaction processing fee. All declined payments, whether credit card, ACH or returned check, will incur a returned fee of \$35 per incident.

#### Will the JCC offer scholarships?

The JCC of Greater Columbus has limited scholarships available. Awards are based on need. Please visit FACTS Management at <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx> to apply for scholarship. You must complete registration and pay any applicable fees/tuition prior to applying. If your scholarship award is insufficient and you elect to withdraw from camp, all fees including the \$50 registration fee (if it was not waived at registration) will be refunded at no expense. Applications are due on April 30, 2025.

#### Can I change or add weeks after I have registered?

Additional weeks are welcome, provided space is available. We will do our best to accommodate your requests, but it is determined by space. Payment for adding weeks is due based on the payment schedule. Switching from initially registered weeks may or may not be accommodated, based on available space. To get membership pricing, membership must be established for the changed/added month the camp weeks fall into.

#### What if I decide to withdraw from JCamps?

Cancellations and withdrawals on or before May 1, 2025, will receive a full refund less \$50 registration fee. Any drops after May 1, 2025, will result in forfeiture of the \$50 registration fee and 50% refund of camp fees paid. All withdrawals must be submitted in writing via email to Raeann Cronebach, Director of JCamps, at [rcronebach@columbusjcc.org](mailto:rcronebach@columbusjcc.org). Any cancellations of membership must be submitted in writing to Evi Goldberg, Membership Director at [egoldberg@columbusjcc.org](mailto:egoldberg@columbusjcc.org). Refunds will generally be made after camp ends.



### **How long is a JCamps session?**

Each JCamps session is one week. You may register for any number of weeks throughout the summer, and the weeks do not need to be consecutive.

### **What are the hours of JCamps?**

Camp hours are 9:00a-3:30p. Campers can be dropped off beginning at 8:15am at all locations and must be picked up no later than 4:00p if they are not enrolled in aftercare. Aftercare from 4:00pm-5:30pm is available for an additional cost to campers at the College Avenue JCC location only, for 1st-5th graders.

### **Is there a discount for siblings?**

There is a 5% discount for each additional child enrolled in JCamps. The discount applies only if both siblings are registered for JCamps (Entering 1st - 8th Grade). It will be applied to the tuition of lesser value. Discounts are not available for specialty camps.

### **Where does camp take place?**

Camp Chaverim utilizes the grounds of the Jewish Community Center at 1125 College Ave, Columbus, OH 43209. Camp Hoover is located on the Hoover Reservoir at 4290 Walnut St, Westerville, OH 43081.

Campers in the Arye Inclusion Program will be grouped with their grade-like peers at either Camp Chaverim or Camp Hoover depending on their grade level.

### **Is transportation being provided?**

Transportation will be provided to and from all Columbus JCC locations to both Camp Chaverim and Camp Hoover. There is no additional fee to utilize transportation. Transportation back to home location will not be provided for campers utilizing aftercare. Transportation will NOT be provided for Kickoff Camp or Post Camp. Pickup/Dropoff locations include:

JCC North – Beth Tikvah Synagogue: 6121 Olentangy River Rd, Worthington, OH 43085

JCC New Albany: 150 E Dublin Granville Rd, New Albany, OH 43054

JCC College Avenue: 1125 College Ave, Columbus, OH 43209

### **For specialty camps, is the price listed in addition to a week at Camp Chaverim or Hoover or in lieu of those weekly fees?**

Registration for specialty camps is in lieu of a week at Camp Chaverim or Hoover. You will NOT register for both the specialty camp and Chaverim or Hoover. When registering for specialty camps, you will be able to choose from all available add-ons for transportation, after-care, and lunch.



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### **How can I sign my camper up for the Arye Inclusion Program?**

Our online registration includes an option for the Arye Inclusion Program waitlist. After registering for the waitlist, our Arye Inclusion Director will reach out to you for a time to complete an intake. This process may include meeting with your child's school team or other supports, looking over their current IEP or 504 plan, and meeting with you and your child in person. If at the completion of the intake process, the Arye Inclusion Director determines that our program will be a good fit for your child, we will complete the enrollment process and collect payment based on the camp payment schedule. Spaces in camp weeks will be determined based on the date of registration for the waitlist, not by the date of the completion of intake.

If our team determines that your child will need more support than we can provide at our 1:3 ratio and would be most successful with a 1-on-1 aide, you will be given the option to send your child to camp with an aide at your expense or receive a full refund, including the registration fee.

Like all of JCamps, spaces in our Arye Inclusion program are limited.

### **Will my child swim at camp?**

Yes! Campers swim at our outdoor pools at both Hoover and Chaverim each day, weather permitting. Chaverim campers receive red cross certified swim lessons each day.

### **What are the JCamps health and safety protocols?**

JCamps will be following the guidelines and recommendations as outlined by Columbus and Franklin County Public Health as well as the JCC's Medical Advisory Committee. We will be following a strict illness policy for both campers and staff. A camp nurse will be onsite at Camp Chaverim and will provide consults with Camp Hoover as needed. All policies are subject to change based on the current guidance.

### **Who are the JCamps staff?**

JCamps staff are the most energetic, kind, and caring staff around! Before working with campers, all counselors go through 40 hours of training, have FBI/BCI background checks, and are trained in first aid and CPR. Many of our JCamps staff are alumni of JCamps or have been working for our programs for several summers!

### **How do I register?**

Registration can be completed in our easy-to-use Online Portal! A tutorial for using the portal will be posted to the JCamps website prior to registration opening. If you have any trouble with the registration portal, please email Raeann Cronebach at [rcronebach@columbusjcc.org](mailto:rcronebach@columbusjcc.org).

### **What food and snacks are served throughout the day?**

Campers receive a morning snack of fresh fruit and an individually packaged snack in the afternoon. Lunches can be packed or purchased. We ask that any packed lunches do not include nut or meat products. Kosher hot lunches can be purchased for \$40/week. If a camper forgets their lunch, one will be provided for them for a \$10 forgotten lunch fee.