



SUMMER 2021



WHAT TO EXPECT AT DAY CAMP @ THE JCC

CAMP DATES

Session 1: Jun 22-Jul 16

Session 2: Jul 19-Aug 12

Full Season: Jun 22-Aug 12

WELCOME TO DAY CAMP @ THE JCC

We are so excited to welcome you and your family to our camp this summer. We are planning for a joyful, energetic, fun, and thoughtful experience together. Please see below for more of what you can expect in daily activities and programming, as well as our new COVID-19 protocols. We are following the recommendations of the American Camp Association, Centers for Disease Control, and the New York State and City Departments of Health. We know that some of the details of the day will be different from past summers, and we also know that camp will be filled with laughter, happiness, and transformative experiences.

Please note that this is an evolving document and will continue to change as we receive additional information and guidelines in advance of the summer. All information is subject to change.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Camp is a magical place where children can learn, grow, and enjoy amazing outdoor experiences.

There is so much excitement in the air as we plan for a summer that is better than ever—a chance to see friends, return to favorite activities, and try new things. We can't wait for an amazing summer together!

We can operate safely.

The health and safety of our campers, staff, and their families are our priority. We will continue to work closely with our consulting physicians as well as guidance from the CDC, Department of Health, and American Camp Association.

CAMP HOURS



3s: 9 am-1 pm

4s: 8:45 am-2 pm

5/6s: 8:30 am-4 pm

PRE-CAMP REQUIREMENTS



Our health forms and camper profiles are currently available in CampDoc. It is imperative that we receive all completed forms and immunization records by **May 15**. Our leadership staff, camper care team, and medical staff will review

all of the profiles before camp begins and follow up on any necessary details. Campers will not be permitted to start camp until their profiles are complete.

Campers and staff will be asked to follow recommendations from the CDC with regard to frequent hand washing, avoiding close contact with people outside your household, wearing a face covering when around others, and daily monitoring of one's health.

Please note that our testing policy is based on what we know today and may change based on recommendations from the CDC and Department of Health. At this time, we will be requiring each camper and staff member to present a negative PCR result taken within 72 hours of the first day of camp.

DROP-OFF + PICKUP



Drop-Off and pickup will both be outside the JCC at the main entrance on Amsterdam Avenue. We will be staggering the arrival and dismissal times so that only two groups are

entering at a time. Our welcome team, including the unit head, camper care coordinator, counselors, and additional staff, will be outside each day to greet campers and help them settle in to the day. Each camper will need to be signed out by an adult listed on their Sign Out Authorization list in CampDoc.

Day Camp @ the JCC will require health declarations to be completed by campers and staff before arrival at the JCC each morning. This will be accessible in our new camp app and can also be accessed through a website. We ask that anyone who is feeling sick stay home and report their symptoms to us.

Each camper and staff member will have their temperature taken upon arrival at the JCC. Staff will use a touchless thermometer. Temperatures must be lower than 100 degrees to attend camp.

GROUP SIZE + POD INTERACTIONS



Based on current NY State guidelines, camper groups will be limited to 15 campers. Each group will have their own dedicated counselors who will travel with the group and participate in activities

throughout the day.

Campers and staff should expect to be primarily with their group. We have planned fun, engaging, and enjoyable activities for each age group. Each group will have the opportunity to do the same activities at different times of the day and week.

CLEANING, HAND WASHING + SANITIZING



To minimize the transfer of COVID-19, campers and staff will be asked (and reminded) to wash their hands frequently.

All camp classrooms and activity areas have bathrooms within or adjacent, allowing for ease of handwashing.

Handwashing will be required before all snack and meal times, and generally before each activity.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the JCC and will be in all camp group backpacks for easy access as well.

Cleaning methods will be employed throughout camp to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. This includes communal spaces, shared materials, and frequently touched surfaces.

MASKS



Our philosophy is to balance fun and joyful experiences throughout the summer while maintaining all health and safety guidelines. We have updated our mask policy for campers to include the following:

- Mandatory use during all indoor activities, when transitioning between activities, and at arrival and dismissal.
- Campers have the option to remove their mask while outside with just their group at an activity.

If you would prefer that your camper wear his or her mask at all times, please let us know so that we can inform the appropriate staff.

We request that families send additional masks to be kept with their child's extra clothing; we will have replacement masks available as well.

DISTANCING



Day Camp @ the JCC will be using spaces throughout the entire JCC for camp programming, including classrooms, the pool, basketball courts, rooftop playground, and 7th floor terraces. This will enable the groups to spread out from one another for all of their activities.

Campers will not be asked to maintain physical distance within their group, though they will need to distance from campers and staff in other groups.

ACTIVITIES



We are so excited for a summer filled with growth, play, learning, and skill development. All of our campers will have daily sports facilitated by the amazing JCC coaches, as well as open play on the rooftop playground.

Campers will enjoy various specialties including art, drama, music, science, and yoga throughout the week. These activities will be facilitated by amazing instructors as in past summers, and will mostly take place on the 7th floor terraces.

All of our campers will have swim lessons throughout the summer. The 3s will swim three days a week in the small pool and the 4-6s will swim five days a week in the main pool. Campers in all age groups will be placed in smaller groups within their camp group for these lessons, and the lessons will be facilitated by skilled and trained water safety instructors. The children will wear their masks up to the pool deck and will remove them for their swim lessons.

The 5/6s will also go to Riverside Park daily for sports instruction, open play, and lunch.

FOOD AT CAMP



All campers will bring their own lunch each day, and we will provide snacks. We ask that all lunches be nut-free and meat-free. Fish and dairy products are acceptable.

Please let us know if your camper has any food allergies; we are happy to determine a plan with you.

Campers will be unmasked for both lunch and snack. The counselors will seat them distanced from each other. In the case that distance can not be maintained, we will use clear dividers between the campers while they are eating.

RAIN DAYS



We are lucky to have enough space throughout the building to accommodate all of our activities on a rainy day. We may need to modify some activities depending on the severity of the rain and possible lightning.

We ask that all campers are dressed appropriately for the weather so we can still go to the roof for outdoor play, if possible.