



SUMMER 2020
FAMILY GUIDE

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL AND ADAM

Each summer, Camp Jacobson is a special place for our campers, staff and families. A place where our campers and staff become part of a larger community, the Camp Jacobson community. For the summer of 2020, camp is needed more than ever!

Over the past few months, all of our lives have been turned upside down. In a matter of a few days, we went from going to work, school and recreational activities to being socially and physically isolated from one another. While this has been challenging for us as adults, it has been incredibly difficult for our children. Returning to camp this summer allows our children to begin to get back to their normal life, to break away from screens and get back to socializing with peers and our staff.

This handbook outlines the policies, procedures and guidelines for the upcoming summer. Everything we did was prepared with the goal of offering the safest and most enriching experience for all campers and staff. While camp may look a little different this summer, it will still have the same Camp Jacobson feel! We are lucky that we have an incredible team of staff who work throughout the year and during the summer to ensure that Camp Jacobson is the place to be!

We developed our plan based on the information we have received from the Center's for Disease Control, American Camp Association and other state agencies for operating a day camp this summer. Please note that we are permitted to run by the Nassau County Department of Health and therefore, there may be some changes based on their regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to one of us or a member of our team anytime. You can reach us at 516.626.1094 or via email at campjacobson@sjjcc.org.



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CAMP MISSION STATEMENT

Camp Jacobson is a place where all children flourish in a safe, nurturing environment based on Jewish values and ideals. Camp Jacobson encourages each child to learn and have fun as they grow, teaching sportsmanship and comradery while establishing lifelong friendships. We respect the rights of each of our campers and staff, and reinforce this throughout the summer in all that we do.

CONDITIONS FOR OPENING CAMP

Camp Jacobson is committed to providing a well-rounded camp experience in the safest and most effective manner possible.

EXTERNAL FACTORS:

- Stay at home orders are lifted
- New York State permits recreational and childcare facilities to begin operations
- Nassau County Department of Health gives clearance to open camp
- Mitigation efforts in local communities continue to result in declining cases, hospitalizations and metrics in all seven categories of New York Forward Plan

INTERNAL FACTORS:

- Extensive staff training program that will address and reinforce the new operating guidelines and protocols
- Preparation of camp buildings and program areas to support physical/social distancing, and other measures as required by Nassau County Department of Health
- Installation of additional hand washing and anti-bacterial lotion stations around the camp
- Purchasing of PPE supplies for staff
- Creation of cleaning and sanitizing schedule that meets or exceeds recommendations for operating day camp

CAMP JACOBSON'S COMMITMENT TO YOU:

- Constant monitoring of camper and staff health
- Communication with families and staff about health concerns and the policies and procedures that we will implement
- Follow or exceed all policies and procedures to support a healthy community

Our procedures for enforcing compliance with all COVID-19 preventative measures and practices may be modified and revised as guidance changes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CAMP DATES:

7 week program, Monday, July 6 through Friday, August 21

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS:

Campers will be allowed to register with a minimum enrollment of 4 consecutive weeks

CAMP HOURS:

- Camp will operate from 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- Mini-day program for our youngest campers will end at 2:00pm.
- Our office is staffed from 7:30am-6:00pm. After 6:00pm, please call us at 516.626.1094 or email campjacobson@sjjcc.org.

SID JACOBSON JCC

Camp Jacobson is one of the many programs offered by Sid Jacobson JCC (SJJCC). Our camp program, like all of SJJCC's activities, operates on the premise that each person is important and learns and grows through formal and informal experiences.

Sid Jacobson JCC offers families and individuals a variety of programs at our main campus in East Hills and additional off-site locations throughout Nassau County. For more information about programs or becoming a member of SJJCC, visit sjjcc.org or contact SJJCC at 516.484.1545.

ACA ACCREDITATION

Camp Jacobson is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). ACA is a community of camp professionals who have joined together to share vast knowledge and experience to ensure the quality of camp programs for nearly 100 years. ACA-accredited camps must meet over 300 standards for health, safety and program quality.

FOCUS ON BEING OUTDOORS

- In an effort to limit the amount of time that campers and staff are inside, we will be moving almost all activities outdoors.
- When this is not possible, we are ensuring that there is proper ventilation and that social distance requirements will be followed in indoor or covered spaces.

RAIN DAYS

While we have many covered and indoor locations to keep our campers and staff safe inside, we are instituting “rain days” for the summer of 2020.

- Similar to schools closing for “snow days,” we have added three “rain days” to the schedule for this summer
- If we announce a “rain day,” families will be notified by 9:00pm the evening prior if a rain day will be or may be called
- Credits will be issued for rain days missed after the first three

CONTACTING CAMP

We want to make sure that you get the proper attention each time that you contact us. In order to do so, here is some information to help get you to the right person:

- Camp Jacobson: 516.626.1094, campjacobson@sjjcc.org
- Camper-Related Issues: The Group Leader is the primary contact for your camper
- Billing/Registration: Office Staff
- Allergy and Medical-Related Issues: Nursing Staff/Allergy Specialist
- General Inquiries: Office Staff

It is our policy to return phone calls and emails in a timely manner.

ITEMS DUE IN ORDER FOR A CHILD TO ATTEND CAMP

- Payment received by us in full or an approved and up-to-date payment plan in place.
- Health History completed online by a parent or guardian and a Physical Exam completed by a physician after August 21, 2019, or affidavit signed.
- Documentation showing that your child is up-to-date with all vaccinations, as may be evidenced by an immunization form from your child’s doctor.
- Signed COVID Family Agreement

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be administered during camp:

- All medication must be labeled with the camper’s name, group, proper dosage and expiration date, and submitted in its original container, with enough medication for the full 35 days of camp. All medications must be accompanied by written authorization signed by a doctor and dated after August 2019.
- If your child has asthma or allergies, please supply the camp with an extra inhaler and/or epi-pen.
- Please note all allergies and medications on your child’s Medical Form, even if they do not take any medication during camp.

The more we know about the health of your child, the better we can prepare. Families must complete a Medication Consent Form and Food Allergy Action Plan, available under Forms in your CampMinder dashboard, prior to administration of any medication.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OVERVIEW

STAFF SCREENING AND TESTING

- Pre-camp online health and history questionnaire
- Pre-camp COVID-19 testing
- Daily arrival symptom screening and temperature check, including answering of health questions, as recommended by CDC
- Health monitoring throughout the camp day, so that our staff can identify issues before they become larger

CAMPER SCREENING

- Pre-camp online health and history questionnaire
- Daily arrival symptom screening and temperature check
- Health monitoring throughout the camp day

HANDWASHING AND HYGIENE

- Mandatory handwashing protocol for campers and staff between activity periods, before and after lunch/snacks, after using bathrooms, and after sneezing/coughing
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located at all areas around camp
- Use of EPA-approved soaps and sanitizers

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

- Increased cleaning and disinfection protocols followed by Camp Jacobson Maintenance and Housekeeping Staff
- Daily deep clean conducted after camp each evening
- Cleaning and disinfection will be provided between activity periods
- Use of EPA-approved cleaning solutions and products

GROUP SIZE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Group size will be limited to 10 campers, based on New York State regulations
- Safe social distancing will be maintained between groups
- Face coverings and masks will be worn according to guidelines from CDC and Nassau County Department of Health

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Trained medical professionals will assess all persons with possible COVID-related symptoms
- Tent located outside of health office to deal with minor issues to limit exposure into health office
- Establishment of quarantine facility
- Strict symptom management, including isolation, communication, tracing, and post-illness protocols will be enforced

VISITING CAMP

- In an effort to keep our camp community safe, no visitors or tours will be allowed during the summer
- All essential visitors must go through screening process and wear a mask/face covering and gloves

GROUP SIZE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

GROUPS:

- Campers will be placed in groups based on their age and gender
- These groups will have 10 campers per group, based on Nassau County guidelines
- These groups will follow a schedule throughout the day and will be treated like a “household,” where they will social distance by not mixing with other groups throughout the camp day
- We will implement practices to maintain adequate social distancing in small areas
- We will make every effort to try and honor at least one friend request per camper
- Campers may be required to wear masks when indoors and social distancing is not possible, to be provided by the camp and/or brought in to be left at camp

GROUP STAFF:

- Each group will have a Group Leader and Counselor
- Our youngest campers (entering Nursery through Kindergarten) will have a Junior Counselor, in addition to the other two staff members
- Staff within each group will be the only staff members that will come into direct contact with children in their group each day
- Group staff will be required to wear masks at all times (excluding during swim and while eating)

MITIGATING EXPOSURE:

- Our groups will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing from other groups
- Electives and Club activities, and off-camp trips will not be offered
- Morning lineup and other large group activities will not be offered this summer
- Special event days will be planned and run by our internal staff
- All staff will be required to wear proper PPE



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Only one group will be at each activity at a time
- All activities will take place outside, where possible
- Quality small group instruction led by our team of Specialists
- Cleaning and sanitizing in between groups
- Increased supplies to rotate between groups
- Sports will focus more on skill-building and drills to limit contact as much as possible
- Staff members will increase spacing and physical distancing with campers when possible

ACTIVITIES OFFERED INCLUDE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

- Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Football, Ninja Warrior, Lacrosse, Tennis, Archery, Soccer, Lacrosse, and Gaga
- Arts: Arts-n-Crafts, Music (outdoors only), Cooking, Drama
- Recreation: Adventure, Go Karts, Mini-Golf, Playgrounds
- Recreational Swimming

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES NOT OFFERED IN 2020:

- Clubs (individual electives)
- Off-Camp Trips
- STEAM



SWIMMING

One of the staples of the Camp Jacobson experience is swimming. It is not only a favorite activity of our campers and staff, but an important one for our families as well. Swimming pools are believed to be safe because the virus is not waterborne and pools are properly treated with chlorine. There is no current evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in a pool.

CAMP JACOBSON POOLS:

Junior Pool:

- Depth: 2' through 3.5'
- Used by campers entering Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten

Intermediate Pool

- Depth: 3' through 4.5'
- Used by campers entering Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, and 3rd Grade

Senior Pool:

- Depth: 3' through 9'
- Used by campers entering 3rd Grade through 10th Grade

For the summer of 2020, each group will have one swim period for approximately 40 minutes. There will be a maximum of 2 groups using the pools at one time. If this is the case, campers and staff will be using opposite sides of the pool.

MODIFIED SWIM INSTRUCTION

- Approximately 20 minutes per day
- Instruction will be given from a social distance of at least 6 feet
- The same aquatics staff instructor will be assigned to the same group for the duration of the summer
- Group staff will be in the water with the group
- Swim instruction will be varied, based on the level of campers in each group
- Use of buddy check system based on Nassau County Department of Health guidelines

DAILY RECREATIONAL SWIM

- Approximately 20 minutes per day
- Limited number of campers in the pool at one time
- Use of buddy check system based on Nassau County Department of Health guidelines

PARENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Out of an abundance of caution and social distance practicality, bus transportation will not be provided for the summer of 2020.

MORNING ARRIVAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Families will be assigned a staggered window for drop-off to limit the flow of people at one time. Times will be given to families within a week of camp beginning.
- Parents/Guardians should remain in their vehicle at all times and are asked to wear a face covering
- All campers will receive an on-site health screening by Camp Jacobson Staff
- A temperature of 100.3 or lower is required in order for a camper to stay at camp
- Campers will sanitize their hands prior to joining their group for the day
- Campers will be escorted to their group's meeting location by a staff member wearing proper PPE
- Families who require the first drop-off for work purposes are asked to put in a request with the camp office.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Families will be assigned a staggered window for pick-up to limit the flow of people at one time. Times will be given to families within a week of camp beginning.
- Families will be assigned a parking spot number prior to camp. This will be the same parking spot for the entire summer.
- Campers will be escorted from group to the parking lot by a staff member wearing proper PPE
- Please bring a driver's license/photo ID in order to confirm identity.
- Families who require the last pick-up for work purposes are asked to put in a request with the camp office.



DAILY LUNCH AND SNACKS

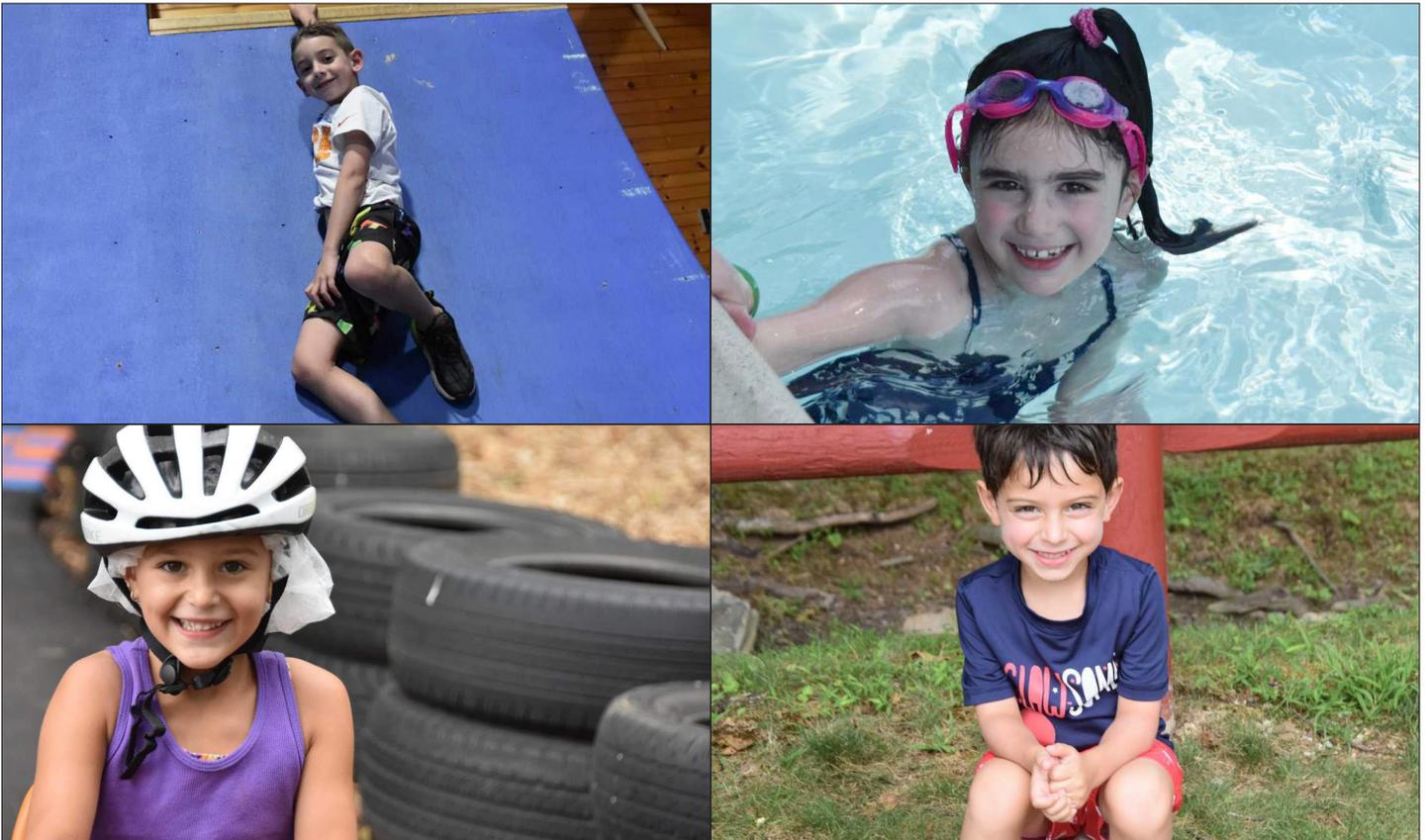
Camp Jacobson will continue to provide campers and staff with a kosher and nut-free, daily hot lunch and snacks. Our menu includes the same options that our campers and staff love and all the substitutes for campers to have a variety of daily alternatives.

DAILY LUNCH AND SNACKS SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- All campers and staff will wash their hands prior to eating at new handwashing stations that have been installed at camp
- We will have 3 outdoor lunch tents set up to reduce the number of campers that eat in any area together
- Individually packaged plasticware and condiments
- Individually packaged snacks in AM and ice cream/ices in PM
- Groups will be separated by at least 6 feet
- A maximum of 4 people will sit at any picnic table, with spacing between campers
- Meals will be served individually for each camper and staff
- Please see Summer 2020 Menu for specific menu items

FOOD ALLERGIES

As always, Camp Jacobson's Allergy Coordinator will work with our food service team to ensure that every camper and staff with a food allergy or dietary restriction receive the proper snack and lunch items daily. To speak with our Allergy Coordinator, please contact our office.



HEALTH OFFICE

Our Nurses will always be available to our campers, families and staff. As always, we will have two RNs on staff each day. New for 2020 is our screening tent located outside of our Health Office. All campers and staff must first go to the screening tent for a temperature check and assessment of symptoms performed by one of our nurses.

HEALTH OFFICE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- All minor injuries and medication distribution will be treated at the screening tent
- Persons with possible COVID-19 symptoms requiring medical attention will be brought immediately to our Quarantine Tent and further assessed by our Registered Nurses
- Nebulizing of any camper must occur outdoors, if possible, to avoid mist spread

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

The below guidelines are based on CDC guidelines and information provided by other states to their day camps. The guidelines and requirements for managing a member of our camp community with symptoms will ultimately be provided by the Nassau County Department of Health. This section will be updated once we receive the official guidelines.

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

- All staff will be trained in recognizing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease
- Testing protocols developed in partnership with state and local health authorities
- Follow all reporting guidelines to the Nassau County Department of Health
- New protocols to track all interactions between staff and campers to determine potential exposure
- Alert families and staff of any potential exposure
- Collaboration and partnership with the Nassau County Department of Health in developing and implementing quarantine protocols

COVID-19 Symptoms

- Cough
- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Unexplained loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CAMPER OR STAFF MEMBER DEVELOPS COVID-19-LIKE SYMPTOMS WHILE AT CAMP?

If a camper or staff member develops possible COVID-19 symptoms, they will be directed to our quarantine tent, where they will be further assessed and monitored by an RN while awaiting transportation home. We are asking families to pick up a camper promptly, if this occurs.

Any person who has been sent home due to possible COVID-19 infection may return to camp when they have 2 consecutive negative COVID-19 test results AND all symptoms have resolved without use of medication.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A COVID-19 POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS?

If a camper or staff member reports that they received a positive result to a COVID-19 test, we ask that you notify the camp immediately. Camp Jacobson will maintain the confidentiality of the individual at all times while mitigating the situation. The case will be reported to the Nassau County Department of Health, and all families and staff of the individual's group will be notified. All facilities that the individual came in contact will be vacated, deep cleaned and disinfected per CDC guidelines. We expect that all campers and staff who came in close contact with the infected individual will be required to quarantine for 14 days, and that any persons classified to having proximate exposure would be required to self monitor for symptoms for the same 14 day period. CDC guidelines for handling exposure and mitigating risk will be strictly followed.

Persons who test positive for COVID-19 may return to camp when the answer to ALL of the following questions are TRUE:

- Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reduction medications
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (ex. Cough, shortness of breath)
- Two negative COVID-19 tests at least 24 hours apart

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF "CLOSE CONTACT"?

According to the CDC, close contact is considered interactions within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes. Contact tracing will be carried out by trained staff in conjunction with the Nassau County Department of Health.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF "PROXIMATE CONTACT"?

According to the CDC, proximate contact is defined as interactions greater than 6 feet from an infected individual within a shared space.

DO I GET REIMBURSED FOR MISSED DAYS?

If a camper misses camp due to being quarantined or due to potential exposure to an infected individual, they will receive a credit towards the 2021 camp season for days missed, or used for Sid Jacobson JCC membership or programs.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

To reduce the number of personal belongings that go back and forth between camp and home, the following new procedures will be implemented.

Prior to the first day of camp, we will invite each family to drop off the following **LABELED** items to camp.

- 3-4 bathing suits
- 2 bottles of sunscreen
- Mask (to be worn in case of the rare occasion campers are needed to wear masks during the day)
- Sweatshirt/long sleeve shirt
- Swim goggles and swim shoes (optional)
- Comb or brush (optional)
- Extra set of clothes (for ages 6 and younger)
- Swim diapers (if necessary)

NO BACKPACKS ALLOWED

Camp Jacobson is now a backpack-free camp and campers will not be allowed to carry any personal items to and from camp.

BATHING SUITS WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY LAUNDERED

In addition to providing campers and staff with professionally laundered towel service, Camp Jacobson will now provide daily laundry service for camper bathing suits.

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP?

Campers should come to camp dressed in shorts and a shirt. Campers will change into a bathing suit prior to swim and return home in the same clothes they wore to camp.



COMMUNICATION

We pride ourselves on effectively communicating with you throughout the summer. You should expect to receive correspondences throughout the summer to ensure you are aware of all that is happening with your child at camp.

COMMUNICATION WITH GROUP LEADER

Beginning with a pre-camp phone call, you will receive regular communication from the Group Leader, including personal emails and phone calls. The pre-camp phone call is a great opportunity to meet over the phone as well as to give any important information about your child.

NO TIPPING POLICY

We have a no tipping policy at Camp Jacobson. We promote the work our dedicated staff does throughout the summer with a dynamic bonus system. We ask our camp families to refrain from providing cash tips to any staff member.

REMINDERS

Lunch/snack, towel and laundry service, and staff bonuses are all part of your child's tuition.

Our Group Leaders will be calling the homes of our campers before the first day of camp to introduce themselves and to discuss any pertinent information about your child.

We care about your opinion. Throughout the summer, we offer families the opportunity to complete online evaluations about the staff, program, and overall camp experience. Please check your email for our surveys.

We are always interested in speaking with you. Please do not hesitate to call our office any time at 516.626.1094.

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