



CAMP JCC of Greater Washington FAQs

Where is Camp JCC?

Camp JCC is located at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington at 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852.

What are the 2010 dates for Camp JCC?

Camp JCC has 3 sessions in Summer 2010. You can select individual sessions or combine sessions to create a complete summer experience. The dates are:

Session 1	June 28-July 9 (2 weeks, no camp Monday, July 5)
Session 2	July 12-July 23 (2 weeks)
Session 3	July 26-August 13 (3 weeks)

How long is the camp day?

Camp JCC meets Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Occasionally a group may have activities that extend beyond the regular camp day, including late-stays or overnights. You will be given plenty of notice if an event is planned that requires a change to the regular camp day schedule. For parents who need extended day, we also offer AM and PM extended day options.

What ages do you serve at Camp JCC?

We accept children who are four years old by September 1, 2010 through rising 9th graders. We also have a Madatz program (Counselors-in-Training) for rising 10th graders.

New this year is our Mitzvah Corps program for rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders.

Are you licensed and/or accredited?

Yes. We are licensed under the State of Maryland's Youth Camp Safety Act, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and we are accredited by the American Camp Association, meeting all of their very rigorous criteria for 300+ standards. We meet and/or exceed all standards set by these organizations.

What can you tell me about the Camp JCC staff?

We are extremely proud of our exceptionally dedicated leadership team and talented staff. It has become a tradition for many of our staff members to return to Camp JCC. Many counselors are teachers and graduate students. We also have many high-achieving college and high school students. Counselors are supervised by professional-level Camp Directors and Program Heads. All of our counselors attend a pre-camp orientation and must attend training sessions during the camp season. Many are certified in First Aid and CPR.

Does my child have to be Jewish to attend Camp JCC?

No. Camp JCC welcomes all campers, regardless of race, religion, disability, or national origin.



What types of daily activities do you offer?

Our extensive camp program consists of both indoor and outdoor activities. We have experienced specialists who supervise programs in computers, art, music, *teva* (nature), sports, drama, swimming and more. Our sports and dance/movement specialists use the indoor recreation station and the outdoor playgrounds. There are also group activities that counselors organize and run. These activities include, but are not limited to cooking, group time, story time, and Bankshot Basketball®. There are also special events, theme days, guest entertainment, Kabbalat Shabbat, as well as silly days, field trips, overnights and other special activities and events.

Will my child receive swimming lessons? What will his/her level be?

Most groups go to the pool every day except on field trip days. During instructional swim, the outdoor pool is closed to members. Levels are assessed on the first day and classes are grouped by ability. If a child makes progress faster than the rest of the class, or is initially placed in an incorrect swimming group, he/she will be moved to the appropriate level. Campers also enjoy daily recreational swim. Free time in the pool is important since it is a time when campers can practice the skills they learned during their lessons. For information about the pool and swimming contact aquatics@jccgw.org.

Is the swim staff Red Cross certified?

Our full-time Aquatics Director is an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, as well as an American Red Cross Instructor in First Aid and CPR. Swim instructors are trained in the American Red Cross *Learn to Swim Program*.

How well is the pool supervised?

One reason why Camp JCC is special is because of our amazing aquatics program. We have a full-time Aquatics Director with multiple certifications and all lifeguards are Red Cross certified. In addition, the group counselors go to the pool and INTO the water with the children. Other staff is assigned positions as "watchers" while campers are in the pool. Our water safety program exceeds State and County standards.

What do you do when it rains?

Rain never spoils our fun! Each group has an indoor "home base," and counselors always have many fun and active rainy day options.

What are the specialty camp programs?

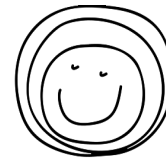
Camp JCC offers a variety of specialty camp programs in addition to the general camp programming.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!

Mitzvah Corps Camp and Maccabiah Sports Camp for rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders.

- **Mitzvah Corps** is a new option for middle schoolers. This program is based on service learning and advocacy. Campers will explore topics relevant to today's teens, learn advocacy skills and make a difference through community service. Campers will also enjoy general activities such as swim,

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sports, Shabbat celebrations and special events. Campers can earn SSL hours. Space is limited and a camper essay is required.

Maccabiah Sports Camp by Montgomery Sports Association (MSA) offers a well-rounded athletic camp experience in a friendly and comfortable environment.

Omanut (Creative Arts) is the creative arts program in which campers have art activities most of their day (recreational swim included).

Zahav (Gold) campers select from a variety of elective activity options and receive high quality instruction from specialists.

What is Jewish about Camp JCC?

While Camp JCC is open to everyone, we promote Jewish values and culture throughout our programming and incorporate Jewish themes into all specialty events. We only serve kosher food and every Friday we welcome *Shabbat* with group *Kabbalat Shabbat* programs. All children learn Jewish songs in both Hebrew and English.

What about daily transportation to and from Camp JCC?

We offer three options: supervised roundtrip bus transportation from convenient bus stop locations, carpool drop off/pick up, or parent walk-in drop off/pick up. Parents choose how their children will come to camp during the application process. We ask that any transportation changes occur only in the event of an emergency.

Is there a fee to ride the bus?

Yes. There is a separate charge for families choosing to use Camp JCC bus transportation. Information will be available in December.

Can I drop off my child before 9:00 a.m. and pick up after 3:30 p.m.?

We offer AM and PM extended day options for an additional fee. Parents who register for extended day may drop off campers any time after 7:30 a.m. and pick up any time between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

When an emergency arises what is the best way to notify the Camp Office of a schedule change?

We understand that there are times when your child's schedule will change due to unforeseen circumstances. For those times, our preferred method of communication is an email to the camp office at campjcc@jccgw.org and your child's Program Head. We ask that you plan ahead and schedule any outside appointments before or after the regular camp day.

What if my child gets sick or hurt?

Camp JCC provides a fully staffed Health Center with a Registered Head Nurse and additional staff. Should your child need to go home, we will contact you immediately.

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Can my child be in a group with friends?

When you apply online, you can request that your child be placed in the same group as ONE friend. To help ensure that your child is with his or her friend, that same friend should also note his or her wish to be placed with your child. We will then make every effort to place the two children together.

What are the camper group sizes?

An average group consists of between 12 and 15 campers.

What are the pre- and post-camp options?

Pre and Post Camp programs are lead by the JCC Youth Department. The programs are one week long and you can apply for these weeks when you apply for Camp JCC sessions 1, 2, and 3. For specific program information, contact the JCC Youth Director at youth@jccgw.org.

<i>Aleph</i>	(1 week)	June 21 - June 25
<i>Bet</i>	(1 week)	August 16 - August 20
<i>Gimmel</i>	(1 week)	August 23 - August 27

Can I get my deposit back if space is not available?

If a program is full, you will be notified and offered either placement on a waiting list or a full refund, including your deposit.

Withdrawal Policy

The deposit is non-refundable.

Withdrawal before March 31, 2010

All fees are refundable, including transportation and AM-PM Extended Day fees, less the non-refundable deposit. All requests for refunds must be in writing.

Withdrawal on and after March 31, 2010

All fees are non-refundable.

What if I have more questions?

Please feel free to contact the Camp Office at 301-348-3883 or by e-mail at campjcc@jccgw.org.

