



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

JUNIORS DIVISION - FOR CAMPER'S ENTERING GRADES K-4

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WHAT IS A TYPICAL CAMP DAY LIKE?

Campers arrive each morning and take their pick from camper-led activities such as gaga, board games and friendship bracelets. When all the buses arrive, we head to Morning Round Up for announcements, cheers, camp songs and ruach (spirit)!

Our Specialities period allows campers to select their favorite tract: Science and Discovery, Community and Culture, Sports and Fitness, or Fine Art. Each week will feature a different project or theme, Monday through Thursday. Each week, campers can select a different tract if they'd like to try something new.

On Fridays, Morning Round Up features our weekly Shabbat celebration with special songs, a snack of challah bread and the announcements of our weekly Mensches (campers of integrity and honor). When campers are recognized for being a Mensch, they get the chance to dump water on their counselor's head on stage in front of the whole camp!

Lunch is served before our daily swim lessons and recreational swim. We make a quick stop at the snack shack to refuel before heading on to afternoon activities. Each afternoon, the groups rotate through a schedule of traditional camp activities such as beach volleyball, low ropes, driving range, ooey gooey science, mini golf and more!

Everyone enjoys a frozen treat before heading home on the bus.

Special events and weekly themed activities take place as reflected on the camp calendar. And be on the lookout for COLOR WAR 2017! You never know when it will break!

WHICH GROUP WILL MY CHILD BE IN?

Our youngest campers who are entering Kindergarten in the fall will be in our Kinderfun Unit with campers their age. Campers who are entering 1st or 2nd grade in the fall will be in our Pioneer Unit. These groups are divided by grade and gender typically, depending on enrollment. Our oldest campers are in the Adventurers Unit, entering 3rd or 4th grade in the fall. These groups are also typically divided by grade and gender, depending on enrollment. Our groups have at least one senior counselor (college age or older) and one junior counselor (16 or 17 years old), and one CIT (14 or 15 years old). Group sizes will vary, though expect an average of 10+ campers per group.

DO I NEED TO BE A JCC MEMBER TO COME TO CAMP?

No, our camp is open to everyone. JCC members do save money with preferential pricing. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at 516-766-4341 or email linnellavenne@friedbergjcc.org. Membership can pay for itself in many cases.

DO I NEED TO BE JEWISH TO COME TO CAMP?

No, anyone can be a camper at Camp Friedberg. We are operated by the Friedberg Jewish Community Center. Our camp program is based on Jewish values, which are values most people can get behind: Friendship (Haverut), Kindness (Hesed), Community (Kehila), Respect and Honor (Kavod).

DO YOU OFFER TRANSPORTATION?

Yes, and it is included in your tuition. No additional charges. We pick up door to door or at our JCC branches in air-conditioned buses and vans driven by professional drivers from a local reputable bus company, not camp counselors.

HOW LONG IS THE CAMP DAY?

Our buses pick up at varying times depending on the bus route, but on average our door to door stops begin approximately between 8 and 8:30 am, and drop off between 5:15 and 6 pm. If you need extended care, it is available from 7 am until 7 pm at the Oceanside branch, and from 7:30 am - 6:30 pm at our Long Beach branch.



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WHERE IS THE CAMP?

Our camp is located at Henry Kaufmann Campgrounds in Wheatley Heights, on over 300 wooded acres. The property features an outdoor multi-pool swim complex, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, sports fields, amphitheatre, a low ropes course, gaga pits, playground and train rides for our littlest campers. Camp Friedberg is situated on a hilltop campsite with shelters and picnic groves surrounded by nature and FUN! A sleepaway camp setting without sleeping away.

WHAT HAPPENS AT LUNCH?

Lunch is included in the costs of camp. Each day, a catered Kosher lunch is served. Daily lunch features kid-friendly and nutritious items like pasta, pizza with garlic knots, bagels with tuna, egg salad or cream cheese, fish sticks, mac and cheese, and the camper favorite - grilled cheese! Each day there are fresh fruit and veggies, and alternative items are available such as yogurt, cheese sandwiches or cereal. If your camper has dietary restrictions, please discuss them with the camp director prior to camp so we can best accommodate their needs.

WILL CAMPERS SWIM?

Yes, every day, weather permitting. Swim instruction and recreational swim takes place daily, 30 minutes each session. There are several pools at camp suited for experienced swimmers and beginners alike. Counselors enter the pool with the campers, and also skim along the sides. Lifeguards monitor for safety. Instructors are American Red Cross Certified and are in the pool with swimmers. Each camper will be evaluated on their first day of camp. Non-swimmers are given a red wristband to wear. We appreciate your camper keeping this on for the duration of their time at camp. Progress reports are sent home mid-summer and at the end of the camp season.

DO CAMPERS NEED TO WEAR ANYTHING SPECIAL?

Campers must wear their camp t-shirts daily. You will receive two free which you can pick up at the JCC when we hold the Parent Orientation and Meet Your Counselor Night. (More are available for purchase). Closed-toe shoes are required daily as well.

ARE THERE TRIPS?

Pioneers take two day trips, as shown on the calendar. Adventurers have one day trip and three overnights. One is at camp. The other two are regional destinations as shown on the camp calendar. More information on these in your Parent Handbook and at our Parent Orientation.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT RAINS?

When it rains, the water in the clouds falls to the earth...oh, you mean what do campers do when it rains? That depends. If we expect a passing shower, we will stick it out under our shelters or in the Greenberg Pavilion at camp (indoor basketball court). If rain is persistent or will really make camp messy, we will plan an alternate location to have camp, which includes a field trip. When you register for camp, you will be given information on how we will communicate these changes to you with as much notice as possible.

CAN I SEE THE CAMP?

SURE! Come to our Open House on Sunday, April 30 or contact us at 516-766-4341 or camp@friedbergjcc.org if you need to schedule an alternate time. We have two opportunities for you to visit your camper at camp during the summer - our Late Night Pizza Party and Parent Visiting Day as reflected on the camp calendar.

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