



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## MERRICK EARLY CHILDHOOD – AGES 2-5

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### WHAT IS A TYPICAL CAMP DAY LIKE?

Each camp group begins with a morning meeting to discuss the plans for the day. Fun weekly themes are designed to provide our youngest campers with a wide range of activities. Daily plans may include arts and crafts, water activities, swim instruction, sports clinics, Judaica, yoga, cooking, bike room, two outdoor playgrounds, games, music and so much more. Fridays are always exciting when all meet in the Bike Room for Shabbat celebrations. The children love the singing, dancing and especially challah that comes with each Shabbat. Fridays are also the day for guest entertainers. Two snacks daily are always refreshing especially the frozen afternoon treats. Delicious and nutritional lunches are included for all as is round trip bussing.

### IN WHICH AGE GROUP SHOULD I ENROLL MY CHILD?

Enroll your child in the same age group that they will be entering in September. For example, if your child is of age to be in a three year old group for September, then enroll them in a three year old group for the summer. Speak with the camp director if you have any questions as to placement. Children younger than age 2 will enroll in our Nursery program.

### DO WE 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 516-379-9386 or email ehoffman@friedbergjcc.org.

### DO WE 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 WE OFFER TRANSPORTATION?

Yes, and it is included in your tuition. We pick up door-to-door with two adult supervisors, a professional driver plus a matron, on each run. We own and operate our own mini buses or vans and provide car seats for children under four years old or 40 pounds.

### WHAT HAPPENS AT LUNCH?

Lunch is included in the costs for camp. Each day, a catered Kosher lunch is served. Daily lunches feature kid-friendly and nutritious items such as pasta, pizza with garlic knot and salad, bagels with tuna, egg salad or cream cheese, fish sticks, mac and cheese and grilled cheese. Each day there is fresh fruit and veggies and alternative items are always available. If your camper has dietary restriction, please discuss them with the camp director or assistant director prior to camp so we can best accommodate their needs.

### WILL CAMPERS SWIM?

Yes, our three to five year olds swim Monday through Thursday mornings at Newbridge Park Pool. We bring our own life guard and PAL (Pool Activity Leader) to each swim session. This is in addition to the pool staff already at the pool. Counselors are in the water to assist each child with instruction. All children will be evaluated during the first week of camp as to their swim ability. All of our campers wear a Friedberg JCC camp shirt while in the pool for quick identification as well as sun protection. Progress reports will be sent home during the summer.

### DO CAMPERS NEED TO WEAR ANYTHING SPECIAL EACH DAY?

Yes, campers must wear their camp t-shirts daily. You will receive two free shirts when you register. Each child will require two shirts per day. More are available for purchase at the JCC when we hold the Parent Orientation Night.

### ARE THERE TRIPS?

Our 4 and 5 year old campers will get to visit the Henry Kaufman Campgrounds a few times throughout their summer to get a taste of Camp Friedberg's Junior Division for school age campers. There we will swim, visit the Art Shack, play Mini Golf and more!

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