



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EXPLORERS DIVISION – FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 5-6

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WHAT IS A TYPICAL CAMP DAY LIKE?

There are no typical days for Explorers! Each week we have a mix of exciting local day trips, fun days at the campgrounds and four overnights.

On the days that we are at camp, campers arrive each morning and take their pick from camper-led activities such as gaga, games, and friendship bracelets. When all the buses arrive, we head to Morning Round Up for announcements and the schedule for the day! Explorers follow a different schedule everyday that we are at camp to ensure that they can enjoy all of the fun activities that the campgrounds has to offer. Lunch is served before our daily swim lessons and recreational swim. A quick stop at the snack shack to refuel before heading on to afternoon activities. Each afternoon, the groups rotate to a schedule of traditional camp activities such as beach volleyball, low ropes, driving range, ooey goeey science, mini golf and more! Everyone enjoys a frozen treat before heading home on the bus.

Trip days look different depending on where we will be exploring that day! Some days we will leave camp as soon as all of the busses arrive. Other days we will enjoy activities in the morning at HKC then head to our destination after lunch. Lunch is provided everyday.

WHICH GROUP WILL MY CHILD BE IN?

Explorers typically have one group per grade and gender. At times, we may combine grades to fully enjoy all of the camp activities!

Our groups have at least one senior counselor (college age or older) and one junior counselor (16 or 17 years old). Group sizes will vary, though expect an average of 8 to 16 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 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. Bus counselors staff the bus routes each day.

Overnight trips depart from and return to the Friedberg JCC. Transportation is not provided to the JCC on those days.

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, playground, beach volleyball court, driving range and much more!

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 for 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 is 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?

Explorers swim when we spend a full day at the campgrounds. 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. 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 when you register. More are available for purchase at the JCC when we hold the Parent Orientation. Closed-toe shoes are required daily as well.

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 will also have opportunities to visit camp during the summer - at Parent Visiting Day as reflected on the camp calendar.

For more information, stop in or contact Lori Innella-Venne
at 516-634-4177 or camp@friedbergjcc.org.



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