



**Summer 2021**



**Playbook**

**Monday, June 28 - Friday, August 20**

# Living Our ROCKS Values

**Summer 2021 is almost here, and Camp Yachad is turning 30!**

We are so glad that your child(ren) will be joining us for this milestone year! It is sure to be an exciting camp experience led by our dedicated and committed staff. After an unusual school year, not only do we want camp to be filled with fun and adventure, we want to be sure that this camp experience strengthens your children's emotional and social well-being, enriches their lives and welcomes you into our warm JCC community.

In keeping with our Yachad ROCKS values, our commitment to creating a warm and nurturing environment for your children is sure to be as strong as ever!

## Yachad ROCKS!

- R** - Ruach means "spirit" and we've got tons!
- O** - Opportunity to try new things, make new friends and jump right in.
- C** - Community is at our camp. Make new friends and cherish the old ones.
- K** - Kindness...simply stated - be kind, respectful, inclusive and compassionate.
- S** - Strength...show your strength! Be adaptable, flexible, creative and patient.

Our ROCKS solid foundation of camping is what makes Camp Yachad stand above the rest. ROCKS are the values we embrace each and every day at camp and in our community. Important life skills radiate from these core values - helping to prepare our young campers to live a life that ROCKS!

As you read our 2021 Playbook, please note that all COVID-related protocols and procedures have been carefully planned and vetted by our camp leadership and medical teams, our camp doctor and the JCC Human Resources Manager. These protocols and procedures are based on NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) Youth Camp and Communicable Disease Service (CDS) guidelines and are subject to change based on any changes made by NJDOH throughout the summer. As guidelines change, we deliberately and carefully evaluate the changes alongside our community responsibility, and we implement protocols that we believe are in the best interest of our community. From the outset of the pandemic, our top priority has been to protect the health and safety of our members and staff, and it is still what drives our decision-making.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our Playbook. We can't wait for Summer 2021!



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# Getting Ready for Summer 2021!

## Dates and Enrollment

Monday, June 28 - Friday, August 20  
(no camp on Monday, July 5 in observance of 4th of July)

All enrollment changes, refunds and transportation changes must be made by Wednesday, May 26, 2021. **You must email [campyachad@jccnj.org](mailto:campyachad@jccnj.org) by the deadline and let us know your child's enrollment changes by that date. No refunds will be given after Wednesday, May 26.** If you'd like to add weeks, it can be done throughout the summer based on availability.

As always, we put in place careful plans and safety measures, however we understand that there is still a risk associated with attending camp this summer. As you're considering your decision to send your child to camp, please consider the at-risk people in your household or extended household.

## Health Forms and Insurance

As always, each camper is required by New Jersey state law to submit medical history and health forms completed by a parent or guardian. You can find these forms on our parent dashboard.

**Completed health forms were due so if you haven't completed yours, please do so as soon as possible.**

JCC Members are covered by a group accidental medical program. This coverage is to be used as secondary insurance to a member's primary health coverage.

## Groups/Pods/Cohorts

Per NJDOH guidelines, self-contained groups (or pods) and their counselors will stay together all day, every day. Home base for onsite and travel groups will be under tents on the campsite; home base for Chaverim groups will be in assigned classrooms (one group/room). Chaverim activities will be mostly outdoors; classrooms are for arrival and dismissal, lunch, naptime and inclement weather.

When outdoors with their group, campers and staff are not required to wear masks, however all campers and staff must wear masks when gathering together and/or when social distancing isn't possible between groups. Campers will always be required to wear masks when indoors except when swimming, eating and sleeping. Staff will always be required to wear masks when indoors except when swimming and eating.

Staff such as the camp leadership team and specialists, who will be interacting with various camp groups, campers and staff throughout the day will wear face masks at all times during these interactions.





## Staff

The staff at Camp Yachad helps make camp the special place that it is. So many of our staff come back year-after-year, and many were campers themselves. The Yachad ROCKS values are deeply instilled among them.

All staff must meet certain criteria before being hired and then must complete the required staff training. Camp Yachad establishes clear protocols for camper supervision, taught to camp staff during pre-camp training and reinforced throughout the summer. We teach our staff about supervision, conflict resolution, fun ways to engage campers, age-appropriate behaviors and language, safety and pool procedures. Additionally, staff are trained in emergency evacuation, emergency procedures and emergency response.

The JCC works closely with our insurance carrier, The Redwoods Group, to ensure that our policies and procedures are in line with industry best practices. Redwoods also provides online safety training courses which are required for all camp staff prior to the beginning of camp. The JCC conducts criminal background checks for all camp staff age 18 and older.

In addition to traditional Camp Yachad training, training also now includes:

- the basic principles of infection control
- handwashing practices
- proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- COVID-19 signs and symptoms

## Camp Attire

All campers will receive two complimentary t-shirts: one camp logo t-shirt for Mondays through Thursdays and the "It's Friday...It's Shabbat when the sun goes down" t-shirt for Fridays. The camp logo t-shirt will be included in your child's backpack. (See below about backpacks.) We will be tie-dyeing the Shabbat t-shirts with campers on Meet the Staff Day on Sunday, June 27, so we will hold those t-shirts until then.

Additional t-shirts will be available for pre-order through Friday, June 4 if you want them included in your child's backpack on Sunday, June 13. Email [campoffice@jccnj.org](mailto:campoffice@jccnj.org) to place your order. T-shirts can be exchanged for a different size or extras can be purchased at Meet the Staff Day on Sunday, June 27.

## Notes about Daily Attire

- **Camp t-shirts are mandatory every day** for all campers unless it's a dress-up day. (Our camp calendar includes special dress-up days where our campers and staff are encouraged to dress up according to the day's theme.)
- All campers should come to camp wearing a swimsuit underneath their clothing each day. Girls under their clothes; boys can wear their bathing suit as shorts.
- Olim, Tiyulim, Na'arim and Chalutzim campers should come in their regular camp clothes on days they are traveling.
- All campers must wear sneakers and socks daily.
- Camper(s) should wear their "It's Friday...It's Shabbat when the sun goes down" t-shirt each Friday.
- All items sent to camp must be labeled with permanent marker or personalized labels.
- All campers must wear masks every day. Please note that this year we are recommending mask chains so the campers can easily find their masks when they need to put them on. Staff will ensure they are worn and used safely and appropriately.



## Camper Backpacks

All campers will receive a backpack stuffed with camp t-shirts.

**For those families being bussed to camp in the mornings**, backpacks will be dropped off at your house during our trial Bus Runs scheduled for Sunday, June 13 between 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**For those driving their campers**, backpack pick-up and a test run of our carpool system is scheduled for Sunday, June 13 from 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Each day your child should come to camp with their backpack including the ID tag attached by Camp Yachad. Backpacks should be packed with only what is NEEDED for your camper's day. We ask that you reduce the number of personal belongings that go back and forth between camp and home.

### Suggested packing list:

- Lunch (Monday-Thursday)
- Labeled, reusable water bottle
- Pool shoes
- Second bathing suit for 4:00 p.m. campers only
- Underwear for girls, underwear and shorts for boys
- Spray or stick sunscreen only (please no cream, unless your child can apply independently)
- Extra face mask (please wash non-disposal masks regularly) and mask chain
- Goggles (optional)
- Plastic bag for wet items
- Sweatshirt or light jacket for inclement weather (optional when needed)



## No need to pack a towel as we are happy to report we offer towel service!

Campers who are not toilet-trained and wear diapers, **MUST** also pack labeled rubber swim diaper covers daily for swim. Campers in Chaverim (preschool unit) should bring necessary items like extra change of clothes and diapers to be stored in their classroom. (These items should be dropped off at Meet the Staff Day on Sunday, June 27.)

Please also apply sunscreen daily to your child before sending them to camp. We will help them reapply the sunscreen throughout the day.

## Virtual Parent Orientation/In-Person Meet the Staff Day

We can't wait to see you on Zoom the following dates to give you the lowdown about Summer 2021. We will review this Playbook and answer your questions. Zoom links will be emailed prior to each orientation.

**Chaverim 2s** – Tuesday, June 1 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

**Chaverim 3s** – Wednesday, June 2 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

**TEKI** – Thursday, June 3 • 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**JPAC** – Thursday, June 3 • 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**MSC** – Thursday, June 3 • 8:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Na'arim and Chalutzim** – Wednesday, June 9 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

**Chaverim 4s** – Thursday, June 10 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

**Yeladim, Megalim and Sabra** – Tuesday, June 15 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

**Olim and Tiyulim** – Thursday, June 17 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

On Sunday, June 27, we will have our in-person Meet the Staff Day. You can find the unit schedule at the end of this playbook under Important Dates. **Groups will be tie-dyeing their Shabbat t-shirts together on this day!**

# A Day at Camp Yachad



## Check-in/Screening

This summer, Camp Yachad will be utilizing a self-reporting screening form for COVID-19 via the parent dashboard under FORMS. This screening form must be submitted electronically every morning by 7:30 a.m. On Sunday, June 13, we will have a camp-wide practice of this system. Specific details will be emailed separately.

Parents of campers who ride the bus and do not have a completed screening form when the bus arrives will have to complete the form before their camper can get on the bus. Parents of drop-off campers who do not have a completed screening form when dropped off will need to complete the form before their camper will be admitted to camp. If you are driving carpool and a friend's or neighbor's child is in your car and their parent has not submitted the screening form, that child will not be allowed to exit the car until their parent has completed the screening form.

## Transportation

This summer we will be offering a hybrid model of transportation.



Bussing is only available to campers living outside of a 5-mile town radius from the JCC. Families living in Clark, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield will be required to drive their camper(s) to and from camp each day.

For campers enrolled in our 2:00 p.m. program, we are pleased that we are able to offer bussing home to those campers regardless of what town they live in.

Camp Yachad staff will be in the parking lot during the entire arrival and dismissal process to ensure a safe and smooth experience for everyone.

## Drop-off/Pick-up/Carpool Procedures

Prior to the start of camp, all non-bussed families will receive a sign to hang from their rearview mirror which will contain important arrival and dismissal information specific to your camper. This sign and more specific directions and timing information will be in your camper's backpack.

Carpooling (driving to/from camp with campers outside of your immediate family) is allowed this year however we ask that campers and parents follow the same protocol as if they were riding the bus. These protocols include wearing mask in the car and driving with the windows down. Additionally, you must notify the Camp Office if you plan to carpool so that we can ensure campers are only going home with an authorized adult. Please contact Shira Gladstone at [sgladstone@jccnj.org](mailto:sgladstone@jccnj.org) with any carpool questions.

A drop-off/pick-up dry run is scheduled for Sunday, June 13 between 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to participate in order to ensure a smooth first week! This is also when camper backpacks can be picked up.





## Bus Procedures

Campers riding the bus to/from camp will be required to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wear a mask at all times (this includes the bus counselors and driver). We also require parents to wear a mask when interacting with the bus staff.
- Sit one camper per seat (siblings or campers in the same group can sit together).
- Bus windows must be down.
- Masks must remain on when the campers arrive at camp and get off their buses.
- **Camp buses are not considered pods; everyone will be masked, windows will be open and social distancing will be observed.**

**On Sunday, June 13, we will have bus runs between 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. for morning buses only so bus counselors can become familiar with the route. They will stop by your house, introduce themselves to campers and parents and deliver camper backpacks.**

All campers riding the bus to/from camp have received an email confirming their pick-up/drop-off address and timing.

Please contact Shira Gladstone at [sgladstone@jccnj.org](mailto:sgladstone@jccnj.org) with any bussing questions.

## Lunch, Snacks and Water



We want to be sure all our campers are well fueled throughout the day!

All campers will need to bring a nut-free Kosher-style lunch from home Monday – Thursday. Suggestions for Kosher-style lunch options are turkey, roast beef, beef salami, tuna, egg salad, yogurt, cheese, cream cheese and jelly, pasta (in a thermos), chicken nuggets (in a thermos), etc. When planning lunches, please keep your child's lunch Kosher-style (no meat and cheese together, no pork or shellfish).

All lunches brought from home must be clearly marked with the camper's full name.

For kindergarten and up, lunches will be stored in a crate by group and refrigerated. For Chaverim (preschool), lunches will remain in the air-conditioned classroom so we recommend packing an ice pack in your child's lunch.

**Fridays are pizza party days for all Chaverim through Na'arim campers so no packed lunches from home are necessary!**

Onsite campers will eat lunch outdoors under their tent; Chaverim campers will eat lunch in their classroom.

We will be providing snacks each morning and afternoon along with daily ice pops and Friday challah rolls and ice cream. Fresh fruit will be included in the snacks provided.

Please send your child to camp daily with a labeled reusable water bottle that can be refilled at our no-touch water fill stations both on the campsite and in our Early Childhood/Chaverim hallway. Please wash your camper's water bottle daily.

**We are peanut/tree nut aware.** We request that no children bring peanuts or peanut butter in any form to camp. Additionally, please do not send tree nuts or tree nut butter. Soy butter or sun butter are appropriate suggested alternatives.

Parents, this summer you can order a weekly challah for \$6.00 which will be sent home with your camper each Friday. Stay tuned for the JCC eblast with order instructions!



## Camp Activities

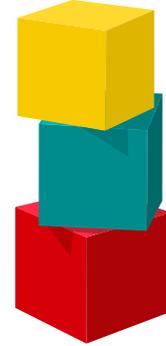
Our camp experience offers as much outdoor activity as possible; when indoors we will observe all health and safety protocols.

### Chaverim (2s, 3s and 4s)



Chaverim campers will enjoy:

- Messy art
- Outdoor block play
- Interactive stories
- Music
- Splash pool
- Instructional Swim (3s and 4s only)
- Tumble Jam
- Silly Science



- Bounce (a gross motor approach to sports)
- Blacktop games
- Special events



### Onsite

Onsite campers will enjoy:

- Art
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Dance
- Discovery Science
- Field games
- Free swim
- Instructional swim
- Gaga
- J Values
- Martial arts
- Rock wall
- Adventure
- Improv
- Soccer



- Imagination (creative writing)
- Special events



## Boker Tov, Shabbat and Tzedakah

Boker Tov, our morning welcome, is a great community gathering to start the day in a spirited, fun way. Everyone will be required to wear a mask.

At the end of the week, we will wrap up with Shabbat – a festive, lively way for all campers to close out the week. Everyone will be required to wear a mask.

Each week at Shabbat we will take out our big tzedakah jar to help raise money for camp families in need. This is a great way to instill our ROCKS values in campers. If you would like your camper to participate, please send them in with change each Friday. You can also Text to Donate each week if you choose – text WHYIJ to 707070.



## Swimming

Swimming is always a favorite camp activity, and in all three of our pools, safety is our #1 one priority.

Our 4:00 p.m. onsite campers will enjoy four instructional swims and five recreational swims each week; 2:00 p.m. campers will have one daily swim which alternates between recreational and instructional.

- Campers will have access to the indoor pool, outdoor pool and splash pool (Chaverim only).
- Instruction will be by group rather than by level. This ensures that campers remain in their pods. We follow the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program.
- Instruction will be tailored to the appropriate level for each camper; there will be additional swim instructors for each session to facilitate this. These lessons will be given by trained WSIs (water safety instructors).
- When onsite, Olim, Tiyulim and Na'arim will have one free swim.
- All campers will be swim tested the first day of camp to ascertain their level and need for support.
- All puddle jumpers will be sanitized after each group's use.
- There will always be staff in and out of the pool with campers.

## Travel Camp

Olim, Tiyulim, Na'arim and Chalutzim campers will enjoy day trips which will be mostly **private outdoor experiences**. We will have some **private indoor experiences** in the regular schedule. Travel camp calendars will be distributed in camper backpacks on Sunday, June 13.

On inclement weather days, trips will be moved indoors regardless of the prior plans. (Parents will be notified in advance if a trip is changing due to weather.)

All trips have been evaluated by our medical team which has created standards and criteria to assess the safety of each trip.

When not traveling, each unit will enjoy age-appropriate onsite activities, special programming and special events.



## Maccabi Sports Camp (MSC) and JCC Performing Arts Camp (JPAC)

We are so happy to offer MSC and JPAC specialty camps once again this summer. MSC and JPAC campers will spend their day at Wardlaw-Hartridge School on Inman Avenue in Edison. Wardlaw features a beautiful campus, a pristine indoor facility, ample outdoor space and turf fields for our use. Their commitment to COVID procedures and protocols including safety and sanitization matches our standards.

MSC campers will spend most of their time outdoors. Gym space is available in extreme heat or inclement weather.

JPAC campers will have a hybrid indoor/outdoor schedule. All singing will be done outdoors under a tent or in the bleachers. Masks will be required when singing.

MSC and JPAC both start their days at the JCC for Boker Tov and end their week on Friday afternoon at the JCC for our Rockin' Shabbat. They are bussed between the JCC and Wardlaw daily, and all bus safety protocols will be followed. When at Wardlaw, they will eat their lunch outdoors.

## TEKI Camp

This summer we are offering TEKI, the JCC's STEAM camp. All TEKI programming will be held indoors in a dedicated room where masks will be required by campers and staff. The TEKI programming includes coding, multimedia, robotics, rocketry and drones, Roblox, Minecraft and activities about space. To enhance this fun technology and STEAM programming, TEKI campers will also enjoy one recreational swim and one traditional outdoor day camp activity daily.

## Rainy Days

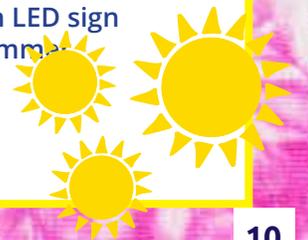
In order to minimize large groups indoors, we are building in three rain days into this year's schedule. (Just like built-in snow days during the school year!) We really hope we won't have to use these days, but if and when we need to (in case of a total washout), we will alert you in the morning by 7:00 a.m. via email and text alert.

In the event of pop-up thunderstorms, all campers not assigned to a classroom will have a designated area to report to in the building and face masks will be required.

## Birthdays

If your child has a summer birthday, we will help your child celebrate at camp! They will be acknowledged at Boker Tov; we will give them a birthday pin, and they can celebrate with their group! Campers may bring in a Kosher birthday treat, but please do not send in any item that contains nuts and/or nut products. Birthday treat suggestions include: fruit and/or Entenmann's Pop-Ems. **(Dunkin' Donuts and local kosher bakeries are not acceptable as these are not guaranteed nut-free.)**

You can also purchase a short happy birthday message for your camper on our front lawn LED sign for \$18. Visit [www.jccnj.org](http://www.jccnj.org), log into your account and search LED. The deadline for all summer birthday listings is Thursday, June 24.



# Staying Safe and Healthy This Summer



## Face Masks

**All campers** are asked to bring their own face masks to camp. (Please wash non-disposable masks regularly.) There will always be extras on-hand for those who forget. Please note that this year we are recommending mask chains so the campers can easily find their masks when they need to put them on. Staff will ensure they are worn and used safely and appropriately.

**All campers who are bussed** must wear their masks when boarding the bus, on the bus and when they get off the bus. (Parents must also wear masks when interacting with the bus staff.)

**All campers who are driven by parents** must wear masks when getting out of their cars and walking to their groups. (All parents must also wear their masks at drop-off and pick-up.)

When outdoors with their group, campers and staff are not required to wear masks, however all campers and staff must wear masks when gathering together and/or when social distancing isn't possible between groups. Campers will always be required to wear masks when indoors except when swimming, eating and sleeping. Staff will always be required to wear masks when indoors except when swimming and eating.

While masks have become an everyday accessory, staff will be trained to ensure that masks are worn correctly and safely and that campers will not be made to feel uncomfortable, scared or forced to wear a mask.

Staff such as the **camp leadership team and specialists**, who will be interacting with various camp groups, campers and staff throughout the day will wear face masks at all times during these interactions.

## Handwashing

Handwashing instructions will be posted generously throughout the areas where camp will be taking place and everyone – campers and staff – will be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

Handwashing time is literally built into the schedule! All activities allow for extra time during transitions for handwashing.

In addition to sinks in bathrooms, there will be hand-sanitizing stations throughout camp.





## Sanitization

Our Operations and Facilities Department has established sanitization protocols and procedures based on regulatory guidelines. Additionally we will be using EPA-listed COVID-19-killer cleaning products.

All camp facilities will be sanitized before, during and after camp on regular schedules by trained staff who are supervised by shift supervisors responsible for overseeing all cleaning and disinfection.

All activity areas and high-touch equipment will be sanitized after each use. Additionally, extra sets of equipment have been purchased to allow for swapping out and sanitizing between group usage.

All HVAC system filters meet CDC guidelines.

All camp staff will be trained in cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

## Nurse/Health Office

There will be one registered nurse, one EMT and one newly graduated nursing student sitting for her boards present during camp hours.

In addition to our current health office, there will be an isolation space for campers and/or staff with fever or symptoms that require immediate pick-up.

## COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures

As you read below, please note that all COVID reporting, monitoring, quarantining and isolation protocols are informed by NJDOH, including NJDOH Youth Camp and NJDOH Communicable Disease Service (CDS) guidelines. All are subject to change based on any changes made by NJDOH throughout the summer.

## COVID-19 Monitoring

Below are COVID-19 symptoms which staff will be trained to watch for:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



## What Happens if There Is a COVID-19 Diagnosis at Camp?

Camp Yachad will maintain the confidentiality of the individual at all times while mitigating the situation.

We will report the case to the NJDOH and at a minimum follow the quarantining and isolation guidelines that are in place at the time of reporting.

We will notify all campers and staff in the affected group and any other known contacts. After this group has been contacted, we will notify the larger camp community.

All facilities that the individual came in contact with will be vacated, deep cleaned and disinfected per CDC guidelines. Those guidelines for handling exposure and mitigating risk of exposure will be strictly followed.

Please note that we are still awaiting updated NJDOH Communicable Disease Service (CDS) guidelines. Those specific guidelines inform quarantine/isolation timing and exposure details and protocols.

## COVID-19 Return to Camp Policy

A 14-day isolation period is required for:

- individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are symptomatic
- individuals who are symptomatic but have not been tested
- individuals who are asymptomatic but have tested positive for COVID-19
- individuals who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (in order to monitor for symptoms)

## Family Travel Plans

As of May 17, 2021, New Jersey's travel advisory is no longer in effect for domestic travel. As always, the JCC and Camp Yachad adhere to state guidelines.

However in order to continue our success in mitigating COVID spread at the JCC and Camp Yachad, we strongly recommend that unvaccinated individuals follow travel guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Health and all local health and safety protocols of their travel destination. At this time, the CDC recommends delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated. The CDC currently also recommends that unvaccinated individuals get tested 1-3 days before their trip, 3-5 days after travel, and stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after travel. For more information, please visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).





## Non-COVID Illness or Symptoms

While we are all focused on COVID-19, we recognize that there are still non-COVID illnesses and conditions that children might have.

If your child has any non-COVID illness, please keep them home until they are symptom-free, are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine and/or have medical clearance from a doctor.

If a child shows symptoms for or has been diagnosed with a communicable disease (e.g., pink eye, impetigo, coxsackie, strep throat, chicken pox, lice), please notify the camp medical team immediately. A note signed by the child's healthcare provider allowing the child to return to camp must be sent to the camp office before the child will be re-admitted to camp. If your camper has been exposed to any communicable disease at camp, you will be informed via email.

A note signed by the child's healthcare provider is also required for any skin abnormality and/or rash. The note must include the diagnosis, plan of care (e.g., medicines, cream, ointments used in camp and/or at home) and whether or not the condition is contagious. If contagious, we will also need to know when the condition is no longer contagious. (This is required by the Aquatics staff.)

If at any point during the summer you find or suspect any evidence of lice or itching on the head/ scalp/neck, please call the Camp Nurse immediately. Camp policy requires that a child be kept home 24 hours and have no nits upon returning to camp.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep all of our campers healthy this summer!

## Medical Emergencies

Our healthcare team and camp director will carefully and thoughtfully assess all medical emergencies and respond accordingly to ensure the health and safety of all campers. If there is a medical emergency, parents and emergency contacts are always notified.

## Sunburn Prevention

Please apply sunscreen every day before your camper comes to camp. Camp Yachad staff helps children reapply sunscreen throughout the day as needed. Send either spray or stick sunscreen in your camper's backpack. Please do not give your child cream sunscreen unless they can apply it independently.

## Allergies

Parents should make sure that they have reported all allergies (medicine, food, environmental, insect bites/stings) to the camp office through the online medical history. If any new allergies or medical conditions arise, it is the responsibility of the parent to inform the camp health staff (and unit director) of any changes in the camper's medical profile. Specific questions regarding our snack or Friday lunch program choices and ingredients offered to campers with allergies can be addressed to Holly Friedman at [campoffice@jccnj.org](mailto:campoffice@jccnj.org).





## Immunization Policy



Updated immunization records are required yearly for all campers on our parent dashboard under the medical section.

The JCC and Camp Yachad currently honor religious and medical exemptions from immunizations. If we were to have a confirmed disease case in our catchment area (Union County and select towns in Essex and Middlesex counties – where we bus – and Jersey City), we would immediately disallow participation in our camp program for any child who has not been immunized.

## Medication

Only those campers (and staff members that are minors) that have the Camper Healthcare Form completed and signed by their parent will be able to receive the medication(s) needed (such as Tylenol for fever/pain, asthma medication, emergency allergy medication, etc.). Medication orders and doctor signatures are required for administration of prescription medication during the camp day. This includes regularly scheduled medications, as well as any other treatments that must be given during the camp day.

Camp policy states all onsite medication is administered by the Camp Nurse. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medications. Please notify the Camp Nurse of any special medication needs and be sure you and your licensed healthcare provider have signed the Healthcare Form which lists medication, dosage and medication times.

Medications must be brought to camp on Sunday, June 27 in their original containers with the prescription label on the front. Medications will be administered by the Camp Nurse and will be stored in a locked cabinet in the health office.



# Housekeeping



## Attendance

If your child will be absent from camp, please email [campoffice@jccnj.org](mailto:campoffice@jccnj.org) to notify us. Be sure to include your child's name, group and reason for absence. You will be contacted by a camp staff member if there is any need for further discussion.

If your child will be arriving to camp late or needs to be picked up early, this can only be done between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please email [campoffice@jccnj.org](mailto:campoffice@jccnj.org) with the details. We will email you back with a full outline of the procedures you must follow to either drop your child off late or pick them up early.

## Communication

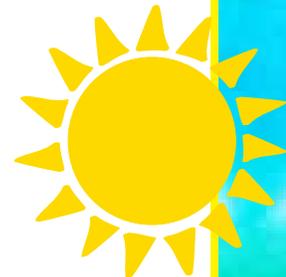
You can reach the **Camp Office via phone** from 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. (x234) where a member of our team will always be available to take your call. If you need to speak with your camper's unit director directly, they will return your call at their earliest convenience (as they're typically out and about with the campers throughout the day). If your call is urgent, please let the office staff know so your concern can be addressed immediately. Unit directors will also check in periodically throughout the summer via phone and/or email to discuss your camper's overall experience.

Parents who prefer to communicate via e-mail (with non-urgent matters) should use [campoffice@jccnj.org](mailto:campoffice@jccnj.org). If you would like to contact a member of the camp leadership team directly, please use the emails listed below.

## Administration

Camp Director (Mallory Zipkin)  
Assistant Camp Director (Cathy Pizzella)  
Assistant Camp Director (Pam Romanchuk)  
Assistant Camp Director (Barrie Schwarz)  
Camp Transportation Director (Shira Gladstone)  
Camp Office (Holly Friedman)  
Camp Nurse  
Camp Aquatics

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[campyachad@jccnj.org](mailto:campyachad@jccnj.org)  
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[bschwarz@jccnj.org](mailto:bschwarz@jccnj.org)  
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[campoffice@jccnj.org](mailto:campoffice@jccnj.org)  
[campnurse@jccnj.org](mailto:campnurse@jccnj.org)  
[aquatics@jccnj.org](mailto:aquatics@jccnj.org)



## Unit Directors

Please note that most of the following email addresses are not active until mid- June

Chaverim Unit Director (Karen Mayerson)  
Chaverim Unit Director (Jacqui Gross)  
Chaverim Unit Director (Heather Chernoff)  
Chaverim Unit Director (Jenna Diefenbacher)  
Yeladim Unit Director (Mindy Klein)  
Yeladim Assistant Unit Director (Jess Nagourney)  
Megalim Unit Director (Alexa Wilken)  
Sabra Unit Director (Jordan Baer)  
Olim Unit Director (Josh Tannenbaum)  
Tiyulim Unit Director (Rachel O'Gorman)  
Tiyulim Assistant Unit Director (Breanna Durham)  
Na'arim Unit Director (Megan Welch)  
Na'arium Assistant Unit Director (Manny Pereyra)  
Chalutzim Unit Director (Emily Lewis)  
Chalutzim Assistant Unit Director (Kaleb Rembert)  
Director of Inclusion and Diversity (Beth Mitchell)  
Shadow Director (Jen Nadel)  
Skills Training Director (Jourdan Spencer)  
Maccabi Sports Camp (MSC) Director (Beth Hickey)  
JCC Performing Arts Camp (JPAC) Director (Alora Eisen)

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[Jourdanespencer@gmail.com](mailto:Jourdanespencer@gmail.com)  
[msc@jccnj.org](mailto:msc@jccnj.org)  
[jpac@jccnj.org](mailto:jpac@jccnj.org)





## Visitor Policy

We will be adhering to a strict no camp visitor policy this summer with the exception of planned and scheduled camp vendors who oversee specific camp activities and have been thoroughly vetted.

## Personal Property and Behavior

Campers are responsible for their own personal property. Camp Yachad will not be held responsible for any lost or stolen items. All valuables should be clearly labeled with the owner's name on it. This year there will be no Lost and Found. Anything that is left and not labeled will be thrown away at the end of the camp day. All labeled items will be returned that day. We ask that you reduce the number of personal belongings that go back and forth between camp and home.

All campers are responsible for respecting the property of others.

## Social Media/Internet Usage

Our staff is not permitted to communicate with campers via their personal web pages, e-mails, instant messaging or any social media platforms or apps (Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, YouTube, etc.). In addition, we inform our camp staff that posting comments or pictures of campers on their own personal web pages or on websites (such as Instagram, SnapChat and TikTok) is prohibited also. When we post photos on our camp website, it is password protected, and we do not use names of campers.

## Security

At the JCC, several security measures will be in effect each and every day as follows:

- All exterior doors are locked with the exception of the main entrance. Only camp staff that have entry swipes may gain access to the JCC building via exterior doors (other than the main entrance).
- Two professional security guards will be in place during the camp day.
- Staff shirts and nametags will identify all staff members each day.

Global Mark Security will continue to fulfill Camp Yachad security needs while camp is in session. All Global Mark security guards are trained to understand and comply with all of our health and safety regulations.





## Emergencies

Camp Yachad staff are trained in many areas, including supervision, emergency evacuation, emergency procedures and emergency response.

**In the event of an emergency, Camp Yachad is set up to broadcast emergency and non-emergency information to all camp families via text message through our camp software.**

Camp families will be asked (and are encouraged) to opt in to Camp Yachad text messaging via an email sent through Campsite closer to the start of summer. If you opted in in past years (and have not unenrolled), you are already in our system and do not need to do anything further.

In the event camp needs to communicate quickly with all families, a text message will be sent.

In addition, messages will be posted on the JCC website [www.jccnj.org](http://www.jccnj.org). In case of emergency, **please do not call the Camp Office**. All phone lines need to be kept free (if in service) for township and other emergency management communications.

If a situation calls for emergency evacuation from our campsite, the JCC campers will be taken across the street to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA. In the event of an emergency, this information will be broadcast to the camp population via text message and posted on our camp website and Facebook.

**During all emergency situations, campers and staff will be required to wear their face masks.**

**If there is an emergency pick-up**, the staff will not release a camper to anyone other than parents or the individuals listed on the emergency contact portion of the camp health form.

**If an area emergency prohibits parents from commuting home on time by the end of the camp day**, all JCC campers will remain safe at the JCC building in Scotch Plains under camp supervision.

## Tipping Guidelines (based on full summer five-day program)

Every year we receive inquiries about tipping counselors. While tipping is not mandatory and is solely at the discretion of the camp parents, we are providing these guidelines.

Senior Counselors	\$40-\$50
Adult Assistants	\$35-\$45
Junior Counselors/Assistant Counselors	\$30-\$40
CITs	\$20-\$25
Bus Counselors	\$15-\$25
Early/Late Stay Staff	\$15-\$25
Shadow Counselors	Parent discretion
Leadership Team/Specialists	Parent discretion

All tips should be clearly labeled with counselor name, camper name and group and handed in on the **Tuesday of the camper's last week in camp** so it can be sorted by the camp office and distributed at the end of the summer.

## Camp Yachad Sunshine Fence

This year we are introducing our Camp Yachad Sunshine Fence! Personalized suns will shine year-round on the Camp Yachad campsite fence. These 18" diameter suns are \$118 and all funds raised from the Sunshine Fence go to Camp Yachad. You can order a Yachad sun at [www.jccnj.org](http://www.jccnj.org). Log into your account and search SUN. (Yachad suns are long-lasting weather-resistant acrylic. Sun color will be assigned randomly to each order.)





# It's a Shared Responsibility



Informed by the experience of last summer and this current school year, the JCC and Camp Yachad have carefully planned this summer to strike an important balance between the fun and play of summer camp with the health and safety of campers and their families.

But we need your help too. Please lean in and support all of our measures to further help us minimize health risks this summer and make it a COVID-free summer. Take the time to explain all of our precautions and procedures to your children before camp begins.

Once summer is here, please consider the number of people your child is exposed to after camp and on weekends. Please practice safe social experiences, wear masks and socially distance when applicable.

And if your child is sick, or you think may be sick, PLEASE keep them home.

It is also our expectation that you will notify us if any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19.

We also ask that you recognize that while many of our staff are vaccinated and we are following government and medical guidance to minimize risk of infection to run camp safely, we cannot eliminate ALL risk.

Thank you for sharing your children with us! We are looking forward to a summer that ROCKS!



# Important Dates

Medical forms are passed due and should be submitted as soon as possible!

Zoom links for all Parent Orientations will be emailed prior to the scheduled time.

Chaverim 2s Parent Orientation	Tuesday, June 1 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Chaverim 3s Parent Orientation	Wednesday, June 2 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
TEKI Parent Orientation	Thursday, June 3 • 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.
JPAC Parent Orientation	Thursday, June 3 • 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.
MSC Parent Orientation	Thursday, June 3 • 8:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Na'arim and Chalutzim Parent Orientation	Wednesday, June 9 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Chaverim 4s Parent Orientation	Thursday, June 10 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Drop-off/Pick-up/Carpool Trial	Sunday, June 13 • 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.
Trial Bus Runs (Morning Routes Only)	Sunday, June 13 • 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Yeladim, Megalim and Sabra Parent Orientation	Tuesday, June 15 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Olim and Tiyulim Parent Orientation	Thursday, June 17 • 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Meet the Staff Day Sunday, June 27

Group numbers will be listed on your child's backpack tag that they will receive on Sunday, June 13.

Groups 51, K1G, 11B, 21G	9:00 a.m.
Groups 2211, 3514, 349	9:00 a.m.
Groups K1B, K2G, 11G, 21B	9:45 a.m.
Groups 2311, 35B1, 348	9:45 a.m.
Groups K2B, K3G, 12B, 22G	10:30 a.m.
Groups 25A1, 35B2, 3410	10:30 a.m.
Groups K3B, K4B, 12G, 22B, 13B	11:15 a.m.
Groups 25A2, 3412, 347	11:15 a.m.
Groups 31G, OG, OB	12:00 p.m.
Groups 422, 443	12:00 p.m.
Groups 31B, TB, TG	12:45 p.m.
Groups 421, 444, 42F	12:45 p.m.
Groups 445, 446	1:30 p.m.
Na'arim, Chalutzim	1:30 p.m.
JPAC, MSC, TEKI	2:15 p.m.

Medications Due at Camp Sunday, June 27

First Day of Camp Monday, June 28

Camp Closed in Observance of 4th of July! Monday, July 5

Last Day of Camp Friday, August 20

**We're so excited  
for summer  
2021!**

