



2025 - 2026 Guidebook

DATES & RATES

Club Connect will run on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:30 PM beginning September 9, 2025 through June 16, 2026. The program follows the Scotch Plains – Fanwood school district calendar as well as the calendar of the JCC of Central NJ.

Club Connect will not be held on single session days, if there is an inclement weather day requiring an early dismissal or cancellation of the Scotch Plains – Fanwood school district and/or the JCC of Central NJ. We will notify you with as much lead time as possible if an unexpected closure is required.

Member rate: \$182/month, Community participant rate: \$218/month

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment for Club Connect will be automatically drafted on the first of the month through our membership billing system from September through June. [If you do not already have a JCC membership account or a card on file, you can create an account by clicking here.](#)

Credit Card Transaction Service Fee

Effective December 1, 2024 all credit card transactions* made to the JCC through your JCC account will automatically include a 2.7% service fee. This amount does not exceed the expense the JCC incurs to process these transactions. This service fee will apply to credit card transactions only. This fee cannot be waived and is non-refundable. In order to avoid the service fee, payment can be made by EFT, debit card, check or cash. If switching to EFT, our system allows you to securely enter your protected bank account information. Our staff can delete payment methods, but never have access to your account details.

Refund Policy

If you opt to disenroll your child from the Club Connect program, please do so prior to the 1st of the month via email. Please review our refund policy carefully.

- All refunds will be in the form of a system credit.
- System credits can be used for any outstanding balance, future purchase, or donation and are valid for 2 years from the date of issue.

- Full system credit will only be given when requested at least 7 days prior to a program start date. After that date credits may be issued for extenuating circumstances only and will be prorated based on the number of classes attended if applicable.
- Requests made between day 7 and the program start date will incur a \$25.00 administrative fee, if the program costs is less than \$25 no refund will be issued.
- No credits are given for missed classes. However, as a Community Center we recognize unusual circumstances arise and may be accommodated.
- The JCC reserves the right to cancel programs. For programs cancelled by the JCC system credits will be issued, no request is necessary.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Club Connect. If your child is eligible for district bussing through your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), please contact your transportation office to arrange for arrival at the JCC at 3:00 PM.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Participants should arrive to the lobby of the JCC at 3:00 PM where Club Connect staff will be available to greet them. If your child arrives after 3:00, they will be encouraged to check in at the membership desk and then proceed to the program room. Staff may not be available to supervise in the lobby before 3:00 PM, so please be sure your child arrives as close to 3:00 as possible.

Participants will be dismissed from the front entrance at 5:30 PM. In the case of inclement weather, parents/guardians or designated individuals should enter the lobby to pick up their child.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE OR CHANGE TO ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

If your child will not be attending Club Connect for any reason or there is a change to their regular arrival or dismissal procedure, please contact Stephanie Weiss before 2:00 PM via email at sweiss@jccnj.org.

Should you need to reach the program after 2:00 PM, you can contact the Member Services at (908) 889-8800 x200 or MemberServicesDesk@jccnj.org.

SNACKS

Club Connect provides a daily, dry snack. As a reminder, the JCC is a nut-free facility and follows a kosher policy, so we do not mix milk and meat products together (ex: turkey and cheese), permit pork or shellfish products into the facility. If you are sending food or drinks in with your child, please send snacks that meet our agency policies. We are happy to provide ingredient lists and work with you to select safe snacks for your child if there are allergy concerns.

Participants should bring a water bottle with them each week. We have contactless fill stations available around the JCC.

DAILY SCHEDULE

The format for each week will be predictable and follow the outline below. Variations will occur in the types of activities provided. Participants should dress appropriately to participate in our fitness center including comfortable clothing, socks, and sneakers.

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Arrival, snack, and social skills

3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Fitness (in the fitness center)

4:30 – 5:20 p.m. Recreational activities

5:20 – 5:30 p.m. Daily recap and pack up

5:30 p.m. Dismissal

WELLNESS POLICY

If your child is not well enough to attend school or is sent home from school early due to illness, they cannot attend Club Connect that day. If your child becomes injured or is feeling unwell during Club Connect, a staff member will contact you. The JCC will not administer over the counter or prescription medications during Club Connect, except for emergency rescue medications at staff discretion. If your child requires rescue medications while at the JCC, a doctor's note, care plan and discussion with our staff medical professional will be required.

PHONE & INTERNET POLICY

Club Connect is intended to foster social connections. In order to best help our teens navigate the temptations of phone usage and social media during Club Connect, participants will check in" their phones and/or smart watches upon arrival in a communal holder. Participants will be permitted to use their phones and smart watches in the fitness center while working out or to call or text parents/guardians at arrival and/or dismissal.

CLUB CONNECT CODE OF CONDUCT

Club Connect uses positive reinforcement to foster expected behavior skills, however this is not a therapeutic program that actively shapes behavior. Participants that display any of the outlined behaviors below, despite accommodations, may be asked to attend with 1:1 support staff to continue in the program or to exit the program at the discretion of the Director of Inclusion and Diversity. If your child requires 1:1 support to successfully participate in Club Connect, the family will be responsible for hiring 1:1 support staff that meet the JCC's Independent Contractor requirements.

Serious behaviors that may require immediate exit from the program, may include, but are not limited to:

- Elopement (running away or wandering off from the group)
- Physical aggression towards self, other participants and/or JCC staff
- Frequently disruption of group activities
- Refusal to participate and/or follow directions
- Use of profanity, vulgarity or obscenities
- Stealing or damaging property
- Bringing a weapon or threatening to use a weapon of any kind
- Bringing or using illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco products
- Overt sexual behaviors involving self, other participants or staff
- Inappropriate use of social media