

Camp Kaleidoscope



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COVID PRECAUTIONS

We continue to follow the science, guidelines and best practices from the Newton Department of Public Health, the American Camp Association and the CDC. We encourage vaccines for all eligible campers. Vaccines are required of all JCC staff. As of this writing, masks are optional for campers and staff in most instances. Masking and non-masking choices will be supported.

Current camp mitigation strategies include:

- Daily informal health attestation - make sure your child is healthy each morning
- Masks are required and seats are assigned on the Brookline bus
- Masks are required in the nurse's office during camp
- Masks are encouraged or may be required in crowded, indoor spaces (for example, on rainy or excessively hot days)
- Masks are encouraged and may be required in indoor theater and music rehearsals
- Masks may be required for audience members attending the Upper Camp musical
- Campers with cold or virus symptoms will be sent home. Campers may return to camp once they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours. Campers with COVID symptoms must submit a negative test before returning to camp.

Complete JCC COVID policies, including "test to stay" option to attend camp after COVID exposure, are at <https://www.bostonjcc.org/how-we-are-keeping-our-families-and-staff-safe-0>

ATTENDANCE, PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

- **July 4** - There is no camp on Monday, July 4, 2022, in celebration of Independence Day.
- **Absence** - If your child is out for the day, please call contact the office.
- **Pick-up policy** - Campers will be released to parents/guardians or those listed on the registration form. If your child will be picked up from camp by anyone else, please let us know. **Dashboard cards will be mailed to you to help us recognize your car.** Additional cards are available at camp.
- **Early dismissal** - Notify us before 11:30am if you are picking up your child before regular pick-up. *All campers must be dismissed through the office. Please allow extra time for early pick-up.*
- **Buses** - Notify the camp office or bus counselor if campers are not riding the bus that day.
- **Extended day and early drop-off** are available by the week. Please contact the office to sign up. *We regret that there is no extended day on the last day of camp, August 19.*

MORNING DROP-OFF

- **Morning drop-off is 8:45-9:00am.** Cars drive through the loop, dropping off in designated areas.
- **Early drop-off is 8:00-8:45am.** Park in the lot and escort your child or pull up to drop off area by the theater as instructed.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

- **Pickup is from 3:50-4:00pm.** Be patient - we have a LOT of cars driving through. Please do not arrive earlier than 3:50pm. You can park in the lot and walk over, or join the pick-up line:
- Parents pull up to the curb next to the sidewalk. Campers should not walk through traffic to enter cars. Please follow our staff's directions to ensure safety at pickup.
- **Dashboard cards** will be mailed. Campers are released to drivers with a card; drivers without a card may be asked for ID. Notify the office in advance if your child is going home with someone not on your dismissal list.
- **Extended day** is 4-5:45pm. Park in the lot and walk into the building to meet your child.

JCC SECURITY

• All visitors must show their JCC pass or ID for admission into the building. Only campers and camp staff enter by the auditorium door. Parents must enter the building by the front desk and show ID.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP: LABEL EVERYTHING!!!! *We are PEANUT-FREE.*

Campers should bring a backpack with all of the items they need. **BACKPACK TAGS** are mailed a few weeks before camp. Please attach the **BACKPACK TAG** to your child's backpack.

- **Masks** - Masks will be required in some instances. Label reusable masks.
- **Lunch** - Campers bring a kosher-style dairy or parve lunch, unless they already ordered from our kosher caterer. We are no longer accepting lunch orders. *Please do not bring peanuts, meat, poultry or shellfish to camp.* Lunches brought from home are stored in air conditioned rooms.
- **Snacks** - Campers should bring peanut-free, meatless snacks for a mid-morning break. We will supply ice pops to all campers in the afternoon. Campers may bring snacks for afternoons, too, if they prefer. These can be kept frozen.
- **Water bottles** - Summer days get hot! Send labeled **water bottles** to camp each day.
- **Bathing suit, towel and swim cap** - Campers swim daily, weather permitting. Consider sending younger campers in their swimsuits. Swim caps are required for lessons in the indoor pool. Campers taking lessons should bring a swim cap the first week. After their first lesson, campers will be issued color-coded caps. These are stored here at camp.
- **Footwear** - Campers should wear sneakers or sturdy sandals to allow for running.
- **Sunscreen, hat and bug repellent** - Apply sunscreen at home before camp. Send a hat, sunscreen and bug repellent with your child.

ARTS FESTIVALS

You are invited to camper shows and exhibits! Art projects will be on display in the lobby on July 20-22 and August 17-18.

- Bunks Asher, Benjamin, Dan and Esther perform on Wednesday, July 20 and Wednesday, August 17 at 12:30pm at our outdoor theater on the West Lawn.
- Bunks Gad, Hannah, Isaachar and Joseph perform on Thursday, July 21 and Thursday, August 18 at 12:30pm at our outdoor theater on the West Lawn.
- Bunks Judah and Leah perform on Friday, July 22 and Friday, August 19 at 12:30pm at our outdoor theater on the West Lawn.
- Upper campers perform **The Wizard of Oz** on Thursday, July 21 at 6pm and **High School Musical** on Thursday, August 18 at 6pm. Parents and friends are invited to these free evening events - no reservations necessary!

MEDICATIONS AND HEALTH POLICIES

- **Medications** must be delivered directly to the camp nurse by a parent or guardian. The nurse will be on-site beginning the week before camp starts, and each morning at 8:30am. Medications must be in their original container, not expired, and properly labeled with physician-written instructions. Parents must pick up medications on their child's last day or before camp ends on August 19.
- **Illness:** Keep children home if they are not feeling well. Campers with a fever will not be admitted to camp. Campers who develop a fever or other symptoms of illness will be sent home. Campers will be asked to follow precautions and regulations regarding COVID-19, which will be updated based on current conditions.
- **Parents are expected to arrange prompt pickup of any child who is ill.**

LICE POLICY

- Campers with signs of lice will be checked by our health staff. Any camper with lice or significant nits will be sent home until proper treatment has been completed. Complete lice policy and information sheet is available upon request. *Campers who would like to be checked before camp may contact us for an appointment with the nurse.*
- All campers with lice must be checked by our health staff before re-entry to camp.

CAMP OR BUNK CLOSURE POLICY

In the event that Camp Kaleidoscope must close your child's bunk, or all of camp, due to state or local mandate, we will do our best to fit you into another week, session or JCC camp program as you prefer. If we are unable to accommodate you, the JCC will credit your account for use in a future program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Phones** - Campers and CITs are **NOT** permitted phones at camp. **All phone communication must go through the camp office, 617 558-6523.** If you are late for pickup, or need us to get a message to your child, please call the office and we will respond immediately. Campers who use cellphones will be required to bring them to the office for safekeeping. Camp is a time to unplug.
- **Lost and found** - We make every effort to reunite items with their owners. Label everything! Please do not send valuables to camp. Lost and found is located in the theater and at the pools.
- **Birthdays** We love to celebrate birthdays at camp. Let us know in advance if you would like to send items to share. (We are happy to advise you on kosher rules, allergies, etc.)
- **Expected behavior:** Camp is an exciting, fun, sociable and nurturing experience. Campers are expected to be respectful of each other, staff members, JCC members and guests, and the facilities. Any campers endangering themselves or others may be asked to leave camp. Parents may request a copy of the discipline policy at any time. Refunds are not given to campers who are asked to withdraw.
- **Camper Readiness:** All campers should be able to enjoy a day full of activity without a nap. All campers must be able to use the restrooms independently in order to attend camp. This includes having ample awareness to get to the bathroom in time, ability to manage clothing, wiping, and flushing, and ability to wash hands independently. Please contact the camp office if you have any questions

We are proud of the kindness and support which are the foundation of the Jewish values embraced by the Camp Kaleidoscope community.

Welcome to camp!



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