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2018 Parent Manual

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Welcome to J Day Camps!

We are thrilled your children will join us at J Day Camps, where four generations of campers and staff have been inspired by the spirit of camp. We look forward to guiding your children as they enjoy a marvelous experience filled with fun, friendships, new skills and great activities.

This manual is your J Day Camps road map. It gives you the who, what, where and when of our summer together. Please read it and keep it throughout the summer for reference. If you have any questions please contact Brad Chotiner, the Camp Director at 314.442.3423 or bchotiner@jccstl.org or Michelle Carbone, Day Camp Operations Coordinator, at 314.442.3432 or mcarbone@jccstl.org. We look forward to creating a wonderful summer camp experience together!



IMPORTANT DATES

May 29	Camp begins
June 3	Open house
July 4	No camp
August 10	Last day of camp

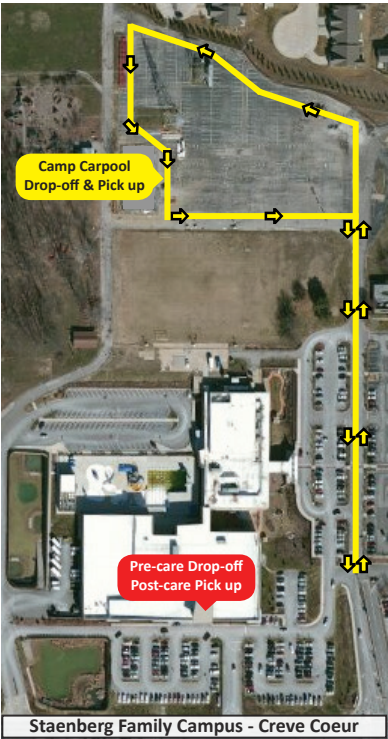
DROPOFF AND PICKUP

Times:

Dropoff	8:45 – 9:00am
Pickup	3:00pm

Camp Nat Koplar and Camp Essman
Katan-Half Day pickup is 12:30pm

*STEAM Camps take place at Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School:
348 S. Mason Rd, 63141. Dropoff and pickup times are the same. If signed up for pre/post-care and STEAM camp, dropoff and pickup occurs at SFC. The bus leaves for Mirowitz at 8:40am.*



DROPOFF AND PICKUP Maps



Carpool Locations:

Creve Coeur - Staenberg Family Complex

All campers will be dropped off and picked up at the back parking lot near the Day Camp Pavilion on the north side of the building.

Chesterfield - Marilyn Fox Building

All campers will be dropped off and picked up at the fields near the Ascension parking lot.

In order to keep the carpool line running safely and smoothly, please place your carpool tag in the dashboard of your car so that your camper's name is clearly visible. Campers will only be released to individuals whom you have authorized to pick up. All campers are dropped off and picked up in the car pool line.

If you need to speak with your campers' counselor or director, you may park in the parking lot. Otherwise, please proceed through the carpool line in order to pick up your child(ren). Carpool tags will be included in your welcome letter email sent 3-5 days prior to the start of your camp.

****LATE FEE:** If your child is not picked up from camp by 12:30pm or 3:15pm, s/he will be escorted to our Post Care program and a fee of \$25 will be applied to your account. If your child is not picked up by 6:00pm you will incur a late fee of \$25 for the first 1-10 minutes late and an additional \$1 per minute thereafter.

For Pre- and Post-Care, please park in the parking lot and use the main entrance to enter the building to drop off/pick up your child(ren).

What to bring to camp

Campers should bring lunch in a reusable soft lunch sack (or disposable bag), swimsuit, sunscreen, towel, & water bottle daily. Please label **EVERYTHING** (i.e. clothing, towels, camp bags, water bottles etc.) clearly with the **first and last name** of your child. Send your child with a swimsuit without metal rivets or accessories, as metal causes damage to the slide and play equipment. Only closed-toed shoes and socks are to be worn to camp.

Please apply sunscreen to your camper before s/he leaves home each day. Also, please send a bottle of your own sunscreen for reapplying throughout the day. Make sure that it is labeled with your camper's name. If your child is allergic to any brand of sunscreen, please notify his/her counselors.

Please make sure your camper brings a full and labeled water bottle daily. Water coolers and drinking fountains will be available throughout camp for refilling purposes.



Lunch

Campers are to bring lunch in a reusable soft lunch sack (or a brown paper bag) Monday through Friday. Out of concern for the health of other campers, please refrain from bringing items containing nuts. If your child has food allergies, please notify the camp director. Due to the different food needs of all our campers and staff, individual lunches may not be shared. Since all lunches are refrigerated, your choice of items to send is really unlimited; the most important elements are nutrition, variety and sustenance. We provide campers with a Kosher and nut-free snack daily. If your camper has any other dietary needs, please feel free to send a snack from home.

Tired of making lunches? Order ...Plus Lunch! and we'll provide a complete lunch each day. Please see our website or brochure for pricing and menu. This option may be added up to one week in advance. Contact Michelle Carbone at mcarbone@jccstl.org.

Swimming

Our Aquatics mission is that each camper has a safe and enjoyable experience while developing skills they can use for a lifetime. All campers, except Blast Off Week and those in STEAM, Craft Alliance and Specialty Sports Camp, are required to participate unless s/he brings a note from their parent that excuses him/her for that day. Swim progress reports will be sent home every Friday. If you have any questions or concerns, please call either your camp director or an aquatics director.

Quick Notes

Quick Notes will be provided to campers' families as a means of communicating messages from home to camp. Just fill out the Quick Note with the information you'd like to convey and hand it to your child's camp director or counselor.

Lost and Found

Although we make every effort to make sure that your campers have all of their belongings at the end of the day, things do get misplaced. Please help us by LABELING ALL of your child's belongings. Toys, stuffed animals, radios, watches, iPods and cell phones are not to be brought to camp. J Day Camps will not be responsible for lost or damaged items of value. If items from home are needed for special programs, instructions will be sent home in advance to notify you.



The summer camp lost and found tables are located:
Creve Coeur - Pavilion, pool or front desk
Chesterfield - Conference Room A, front desk or pool

Open House

Both Locations

Sunday, June 3

10:00 – 10:30am

Parents' Informational Meeting - An orientation session, which is ideal for new camp families, but all are welcome.

10:30 – 11:00am

Camp Meet and Greet - This is an opportunity for you and your child to get acquainted with the counselors, meet other campers, see the facilities and check out camp.

Locations:

Creve Coeur - Staenberg Family Complex

Informational Meeting - Mirowitz Performing Arts Center

Meet & Greet - Camp Pavilion

Chesterfield - Marilyn Fox Building

Informational Meeting - Lobby Meeting Room

Meet & Greet - See signage in Lobby



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