

# **Dear Day Camp Families,**

Are you ready for the summer? Is your child ready for fun and friendships? (We are!) Then J Day Camps is the place for your family. Every child is welcome at the J, and our camps feature the activities kids love most – like swimming, sports, gymnastics and arts. Campers in 3rd-6th grade even get to choose most of their daily activities!

The J has provided camp and lifelong memories for more than 80 years! The J Day Camps program is accredited by, and a proud member of, the American Camp Association (ACA). This means we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing camp community, focused on your children.

This was never truer than in 2020. We utilized ACA, CDC and other professional guidelines to provide a safe experience where kids were able to **PLAY** with one another and **CONNECT** in a way that had been missing for months. As a result, campers **GREW** as individuals.

J Day Camps is growing because of last summer, too. We see the importance and power of community so we have changed our format to provide more of that environment.

This brochure provides an overview of J Day Camps and its programs. It is our sincere hope that conditions in our community will allow us to provide the programs as described. That said, we are also keenly aware of how unpredictable the world is. We will be prepared to safely pivot – just as we did last summer – should the need arise.

For details about all of our camps and to register, please visit jccstl.com/daycamps. Summer is right around the corner and our staff is preparing for your child's arrival. Register today!



### **What's New**

Instead of many camps, we offer one camp at each location and many activities and focuses from which your child\* can choose.

Creve Coeur campers will choose a specialty focus track each week. Focuses include sports, gymnastics, arts or traditional Camp Baer activities.

Chesterfield campers will be able to choose from various activities including sports, arts, science, cooking, swimming and more.

One camp community provides a safe space to be a kid and do kid things alongside kind, caring and safety-conscious counselors.

We have a new registration system. Please see instructions on page 6.

# What Will Never Change

All children are welcome
Before and after care available
On-site swim program (lessons and free swim) and most campers swim every day
Full-time, professional camp staff
Come for one week, all eleven weeks or any number in between

# **Safety**

As the summer approaches, we will share our plans for keeping the camp community safe during this pandemic.

\* 3rd-6th grade campers will be able to customize their schedules each week. K-2nd grade campers will enjoy a variety of camp activities.



# Blast Off Camp June 7 - 11



Creve Coeur Camps:
Arts
Sports
STEAM
Theatre

Create-your-own week From a menu of half-day options.

Half or Full Day
Options:
8am-12pm, 1-5pm or
stay for lunch
(bring your own)

Chesterfield Camps: Arts Sports

Please note that inclusion support and swimming are not offered during Blast Off Week.



# Amazing Camps in Creve Coeur and Chesterfield June 14 - August 20

#### **Two Locations**

We offer J Day Camps in Creve Coeur and Chesterfield.

# Preschoolers Included!

A camp just for the little ones, including swim lessons! Camp Nat Koplar in Creve Coeur and Camp Essman Katan in Chesterfield.

Full camp details online: jccstl.com/jdaycamps

# Flexible Start & End Times

Pre-care runs 7-9am. Camp's core day is 9am-3pm. Post-care runs 3-6pm.

#### Activities Abound\*

Daily swimming, sports, arts, climbing wall, team-building, cooking, nature and more.

#### **Teen Skills**

Camp fun meets skill building for campers with developmental disabilities.

# **Choose Your Path**

3rd-6th graders can customize their experience by picking custom activities and/or focus specialties each week.

#### We'll Provide Lunch

Kosher, nut-free lunches offered for \$30/week. See menu online.



#### **Online Registration for Your Convenience**

To register, please visit jccstl.com/daycamps. Program registration is by the week. During registration, you will be able to select all the weeks and programs that you would like your camper(s) to attend. Registration is completed one camper at a time. If you have additional campers, they can be added before payment is made. Online registration and all required forms must be submitted before your child's first week of camp. The last day to register for camp is the Monday before each weekly camp session.

#### **IMPORTANT!**

To register, you must first create an account in our system.
(If you've created an account since the October 1, 2020 launch of our new system, skip to How to Register.)

#### How to Create an Account on the J's Community

- 1. Create your personal online account in the new J online community at community.jccstl.org. This will be a brand new login and not a previous user name and password used on the old J system.
- 2. Select "Create Account" which is in white writing just below the password field.
- 3. Fill out the form

Important: if you are a member, or have participated in any J programs, you must use the same name, birthdate and email address that we currently have on file for you. Otherwise, you may receive an error, or you may create a duplicate account that will not receive the correct pricing or access to certain sections of this website. Please feel free to contact us to confirm your information currently on file. If you need assistance at any time, please contact us at memberservices@jccstl.org or 314.432.5700.

- 4. Click submit.
- 5. Check your email for a message from 'jccstl' from the address admin@tractionondemand.com. You may need to check your spam folder. Click the link provided in the email to verify the account.
- 6. Create your password following the guidelines. Click "Change Password."

#### How to Register once you have an account.

- 1. Log in to your account.
- 2. Click on "Register for Programs"
- 3. Enter your child's grade (i.e. 1st) in the search field (where it says "Keyword or Code"). For preschoolers, enter "Koplar" or "Katan" based on which location you prefer.
- 4. Click the "Options" button on the right side next to the appropriate location.
- 5. Select which weeks (including pre and/or post-care) for which you want to register.
- 6. Select the child within your account that you wish to enroll.
  - Note: If your child is not listed, you can add them to the account by clicking "Create a New Contact"
- 7. Select any add-ons you wish (3rd-6th grade campers MUST choose one of the Focus options).
- 8. Answer the custom questions.
- 9. Pay your deposit.
- 10. Set Up Payment for future amounts due. You must take this step to complete your registration.

For assistance with on-line registration, please contact Registrar Nick leardi at 314.442.3110

#### **Payment Info**

All registrations require a credit card on file. A \$50/week per camper non-refundable deposit is required for all registrations and this deposit is applied to camp tuition. Camp payments will be charged on March 1, April 1 and May 1. Registrations made on and after May 1 require full balance to be paid at the time of registration.



#### **Scholarship**

To apply for financial assistance, download a scholarship application at jccstl.org, or contact Sally Lang at 314.442.3241 or slang@jccstl.org. A Day Camp registration with non-refundable deposit and scholarship application must be on file within two weeks of registering in order to be considered for financial assistance. Due to the high volume of applications, the scholarship process takes 3-4 weeks. Because of this, Day Camp scholarship applications will only be accepted through April 15. Scholarship dollars are limited and awarded on a need-based, first-come first-served basis.

#### Inclusion

Many campers benefit from additional staff support, but we do not assume that all children with disabilities will require 1:1 support. Our Inclusion Supervisor will work with you to determine if 1:1 support will be **beneficial and available** for your child. If it is determined that your child will benefit from additional staff support, the level of support will be based on the specific needs of your child. Our goal is to fully integrate your child into the camp program. We observe each child in the Inclusion program throughout the summer and communicate with counselors and parents to help ensure success and make modifications when needed.

You must register for camp and speak with Shamecka Nichols to receive Inclusion services. We strongly recommend that you submit both your camp registration and inclusion intake forms as early as possible. Preference will be given to those families who register before March 5, for the entire summer. Next preference will be given to families who register before March 5, for the greatest number of weeks. In addition, all J day camp registration forms **and** inclusion intake forms must be completed and submitted no later than May 1 to be considered.

- Inclusion support is dependent on the availability of staff and the recommendation of our Inclusion Supervisor.
- Preference will be given to families who register before March 5 for the greatest number of weeks.
- Contact: Shamecka Nichols, M.Ed, Inclusion Supervisor, snichols@jccstl.org, 314.442.3295













