



May 21, 2020

Dear J Day Camp Families,

We hope this email finds you and your family safe and healthy. This has been a trying spring for all of us, but with St. Louis County beginning to reopen this week, we're starting to see glimmers of light at the end of the tunnel.

Please read all the way to the end of this email for important information.

One of the areas that we are monitoring closely is when the County will authorize the opening of summer camps and the guidelines that will be issued. Dr. Page announced at his press conference yesterday (May 20) that he expects to allow summer camps to operate beginning June 1. We have been working on our internal protocols for several weeks, but we must wait for the County complete set of guidelines to be issued. Once those are issued, we will complete a week of staff training in preparation **to offer camp programming from June 8 – August 14!**

This year's summer program will be unique. As a traditional summer day camp, we would provide different camp curricula (e.g. gymnastics, sports, arts), swim lessons and large group events. However, given the guidelines already released by the American Camp Association, the Center for Disease Control and other experts, we recognize that significant changes in protocol and programming are necessary.

That said, we also recognize the need for kids to get outside and out from behind a screen. We know that working parents need care for their children. And, we DO think that we can safely provide fun activities for kids this summer. So, **beginning June 8, we are thrilled to offer our 2020 program "Summer Fun at the J."** Although programming will be different than what we traditionally offer, we are focusing on ways for kids to have fun in a world of social distancing.

- Summer Fun at the J will be offered at each J location (Chesterfield and Creve Coeur)
- Two great scheduling options: select either a 9am-3pm (with staggered drop off/pick up times from 8:40am-3:20pm) OR 7:50am-5:30pm (with staggered drop off/pick up times from 7:30am-5:50pm) day for your child(ren)
- Activities will include free swim, sports, nature and arts designed to foster team building and skill development

As soon as St. Louis County guidelines are shared, we will be in touch with details about our new health protocols including:

- Daily health screenings
- Smaller group sizes, separated from one another
- Staggered dropoff and pickup
- Cleaning protocols
- Regular handwashing

In the meantime, here's how we plan to transition from J Day Camps to Summer Fun at the J:

Current Camp	New Camp	Price Difference
Camp Sidney R. Baer Hyman Multin Multi-Sports Camp Milton Frank Camp of the Arts Gymnastics Camp	Summer Fun at the J in Creve Coeur (9am - 3pm)	None
Any of the above camps accompanied by enrollment in Before AND After Care	Summer Fun at the J in Creve Coeur (7:50am - 5:30pm)	None
Any of the above camps accompanied by enrollment in Before OR After Care	Summer Fun at the J in Creve Coeur (7:50am - 3pm OR 9am - 5:30pm)	Depends on your choice. Please contact us to discuss your options.
Camp Essman Gadol Maccabi Sports Camp J Players Camp (rising 3rd-6th grade)	Summer Fun at the J in Chesterfield (9am - 3pm)	None
J Players Camp (rising 7th-9th grade) Travel Camp	Unfortunately, due to space limitations we are unable to offer programming for older campers	N/A
Last Blast Camps	Unfortunately, we are unable to offer programming the week of August 17-21	N/A
Not yet enrolled (Either at all or for certain weeks)	Summer Fun at the J in Creve Coeur (9am - 3pm) Summer Fun at the J in Creve Coeur (7:50am - 5:30pm) Summer Fun at the J in Chesterfield (9am - 3pm)	\$280 per week \$410 per week \$280 per week

Please note that the extended day option is only available at our Creve Coeur location.

Of course, if you don't feel comfortable sending your child(ren) to our program this summer, there will be several options for you, including applying your account balance to future J programs, donating all or part of your tuition, or requesting a full refund. If you were enrolled for Week 1 (May 26-29), Week 2 (June 1-5) or Week 13 (August 17-21), please contact us in order to facilitate moving/donating/refunding your fees for those weeks.

Please let us know your intentions regarding your registration. We have a limited number of spaces, and we want to make sure that you have priority over new registrations if you'd like to add additional weeks. **If we do not hear otherwise (before May 26), we will assume that you wish to transition your current registration into Summer Fun at the J.**

We thank you for your patience. This has been a difficult time for all of us. We hope to see your child(ren) this summer!

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P.S. Should dates move beyond our current expectations, we will notify you.



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