

# JCC Kaleidoscope Arts and Science Camp

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION 2010

Summer Phone & Director's Line: 617 558-6523

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### Attendance, Pick-up & Drop-off:

- There is **no camp** on Monday, July 5, 2010.
- **Absence:** If your child is out for the day, please call the camp office by 8:45 am.
- **Pick-up Policy:** Campers will be released to their parents or to emergency contacts listed on the registration form. If your child will be picked up from camp by any others, please let us know this in writing and include the camper's full name and bunk. This includes all carpool plans. Any changes in pick-up plans must be given to the camp office or to the child's counselor; please do not phone the front desk. Please make sure your child is informed about any arrangements.
- **Early dismissal:** Should your child need to leave early, please notify us in writing at morning drop off. Your camper will be brought to the office to meet you. Campers must be dismissed from the office. Please leave extra time for early pick up. Frequent early dismissal is disruptive to the camp routine; please only pick up your child early when it is absolutely necessary.
- **Buses:** Campers traveling by bus will be escorted to their groups in the morning, and brought directly to the bus in the afternoon. Bus riders must fill out a separate form.
- **Extended Day and Early Drop-Off** are available by the session. Call the office if you have not already arranged this on your registration form. Daily services are also available, space permitting. Call the camp office directly to arrange these. There will be no extended day on the last day of camp.

### Parking Policies

#### Morning Drop-Off:

- You may park in the lot and walk to the building entrance or drive through the loop, dropping off campers directly to their counselors in the front of the building. For safety, place the camp placard on your dashboard to help us recognize your car. (We will send you a placard before camp begins.) Pull up to the curb to discharge passengers; do not have them cross between cars. If you are using early drop off (8:00-8:45am), you must park in the general lot and escort your child through the lobby and into the auditorium to sign in. In case of heavy rain, staff will be outside to escort campers from their cars into the auditorium.

#### Afternoon Pick-Up

- Camp groups will be at their designated outdoor areas for pick up. You are welcome to park in the general lot and walk over, or drive through the loop to pick up your child. **IF THERE IS NO SPACE AVAILABLE IN THE LOOP NEXT TO THE CURB, PLEASE CONTINUE TO CIRCLE UNTIL A SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE.** Campers should **NOT** cross traffic to get into your car. In case of heavy rain, counselors will be outside with walkie-talkies to call and escort campers to their cars from the auditorium.

- If you are using extended day (4:00-5:45pm), you must park in the general lot and sign out your child with the counselor on duty. Extended day is held in the auditorium, gym, or outdoors. Please use the main lobby entrance for pick-up.
- Please drive slowly. As you pull out of your parking space, be aware of the possibility of families walking behind your car.

### **JCC Security**

- Traffic security will be controlled by LSJCC employees who will be present at pick up and drop off to keep traffic moving safely. Please be courteous to them!
- JCC members must show membership pass for building admission. Others are to provide photo ID to gain entrance to the building.

### **To Bring**

**LABEL EVERYTHING!!** (See enclosed form for name tape labels.) Items do get left behind, so please be sure that the camper's name is on all clothing and towels.

- **Lunch:** Campers bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch, which is kept in an air-conditioned room, or pre-order lunch from our on-site caterer. In order to accommodate those with severe allergies, we have instituted a NO NUTS policy. All food served onsite is certified Kosher.
- **Snacks:** We provide one Kosher snack each day and lots of water breaks. Campers may wish to bring snacks and water bottles in their lunch boxes.
- **Bathing suit, towel, swim cap:** Campers swim each day, weather permitting. Swim caps are required for campers in grades K-8 - they may be purchased at the athletic desk. Counselors may assist campers in changing rooms, but will not change them. Please consider sending younger campers in their swimsuits.
- **Footwear:** Campers should wear sneakers or sturdy sandals which allow for running.
- **Sunscreen, hat, repellent:** Campers spend several hours outdoors every day. Parents should apply sunscreen at home before camp. Please consider sending a hat and/or a small labeled bottle of sun block. We will apply mosquito repellent at camp as necessary. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

### **Medications and Health Policies**

- **Completed health forms**, signed by a physician, are necessary for your child to attend camp. Physical forms are good for one year and are due by May 1. In the event of severe allergies or special needs, parents must contact the camp director before camp begins to discuss a management plan. The nurse is on duty throughout the regular camp day.
- **Medications to be administered at camp** must be delivered directly to our camp nurse by an adult. (Please do *not* give medications to counselors.) Medications must be stored in their original container, properly labeled with physician-written instructions. Parents must fill out a medication form. The camp nurse will not dispense Tylenol, Motrin, or other over the counter medications without a doctor's note. Medications are stored in a secure cabinet and a log is kept of administration and other health events. Parents must also personally pick up medications at the close of camp. Any medications not picked up will be disposed of after the last day of camp.
- **Please keep children home if they are not feeling well.** Campers with a fever (100.0° or higher) will be sent home. Feel free to contact the camp nurse at 617 558-6409 once camp has started.

**Birthdays:** We love to celebrate camper birthdays! Parents are welcome to send in small, non-food items to share with the camper's bunk, but we request that you check with the counselors or camp directors *before* sending in any edible items.

**Lost and Found:** The camp Lost and Found is located in the entranceway of the auditorium. Check it frequently! Items left at the end of summer will be donated to charity. *Please do not send valuables or special treasures to camp.*

**Camper Schedules:** The camp day is organized in six periods of approximately one-hour each. *Lower campers* travel with their counselors to a variety of activities including art, music, drama and sports. *Upper campers* chose from a wide variety of electives for much of the day, and travel with their groups to swimming and other scheduled activities. Upper campers will sign up for electives the first day of each session. All campers swim each afternoon; swim lessons are offered twice a week. Daily noontime performances (at 12:30 each day) include campers, counselors, and special guests performing for each other. Parents are welcome. Special Shabbat activities are enjoyed on Friday afternoons. Feel free to contact the camp office for specific schedules or activities.

**Group Assignments:** Bunk requests must be received by May 1. Please note that while we do our best to accommodate requests, it is not always possible to honor every preference. We will send out information about bunk assignments 1-2 weeks before each camp session.

**Payment of Fees:** The balance of all camp fees must be paid by May 1.

**Expected behavior:** Campers are expected to be respectful of each other, the counselors, and the facility. Any campers presenting serious inappropriate behavior may be asked to leave camp. Refunds are not given to campers who are asked to withdraw.

Feel free to call any time with questions or comments. We will stay in touch throughout the summer through weekly newsletters and updates to our website, [www.kaleidoscopecamp.org](http://www.kaleidoscopecamp.org).

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