



JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER PITTSBURGH—SOUTH HILLS



WELCOME

Our camps are staffed by experienced professionals who support your child on a journey of self-discovery and encourage your child to learn new skills and develop confidence in a

community of friends. We promote a positive sense of Jewish identity and encourage Jewish values for all of our campers. Most important, JCC camps are FUN!

Here is what you will find at a JCC day camp:

- Lots of fun in a lively, unpressured environment
- Opportunities to explore individual interests and develop new skills
- Emphasis on good sportsmanship
- Philosophy and content consistent with Jewish principles
- Professional, year-round staff
- Excellent communication between parents, staff and children
- Safety and security come first in all of our camp settings. Fulltime JCC professionals provide ongoing security training for counselors, specialists and unit heads throughout the summer.

Let the JCC help you put together the best summer for your child.

Rachel Marcus
Associate Executive Director
JCC of Greater Pittsburgh



a CAMP FOR every age AND INTEREST

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JCC Membership

Membership at the JCC is required to register for camp. Families who live outside a 10-mile radius of the JCC in South Hills can register without membership for an additional fee. Membership is for one year and is non-refundable and non-transferable.



CAMP OVERVIEW

JCC–South Hills Day Camps provide children with an enriching summer filled with fun activities. We promote an environment of respect, cooperation and caring where children can discover new interests and talents. A special *ruach* (spirit) permeates our camp.

Our professional staff helps each child improve his or her skills in sports, arts & crafts, nature, music and drama. JCC facilities include an indoor pool, sports field, playground, wooded hiking trails and shelters. American Red Cross-certified instructors supervise free and instructional swim.

Groups and Units

Children are grouped according to age and grade, and each unit has its own special activities. A senior and junior counselor supervise each group of 12 to 15 campers. You may request that we group your child with friends the same age and in the same grade.

Daily Schedule

The camp day runs from 9 am-3 pm. The daily routine is appropriate to the needs of each age group.

Before- and After-Camp Care

7-9 AM: \$50/week or \$15/day
3-6 PM: \$75/week or \$20/day
Both: \$115/week

Register for eight weeks of Before- and After-Camp Care by June 13 and get a discounted rate of \$105/week.

Swimming

In addition to proper swimming techniques, our American Red Cross-certified instructors emphasize safety when in or around the water.

Our swimming program is a modified version of the American Red Cross “Learn to Swim” program. We begin by assessing the skills of each camper for assignment to the appropriate swim group. Through group and one-on-one instruction, campers expand skills at their own pace. When they have mastered specific skills, they advance to the next swim group, after receiving an award and acknowledgment of their accomplishments.

Lunch

We provide daily, kosher-style lunches, drinks and snacks. Children have a cook-out lunch once a week. We regularly serve fruits and fresh vegetables.

Chugim (Hobby Time)

Campers participate in an area of special interest each day. There is a wide variety of *chugim* to choose from, including sports, art, drama, nature, Israeli dance, newspaper, jewelry-making and much more. Campers can choose a different *chug* every two weeks.

Camp Communication

Our counselors and supervisory staff focus on the growth and learning of each child at camp. The camp directors are available to answer any questions you may have as well as to discuss your child’s personal growth.

Judaic Programming

Each year, Israelis from the Misgav/Karmiel region spend the summer at camp to help us learn about life in Israel through stories, songs and dances. We incorporate special themes such as a “Trip to Israel,” Maccabiah (sports tournament), or an Israeli-themed scavenger hunt.

Every Friday, we gather to welcome Shabbat with blessings, songs and dance. Some groups get a chance to bake their own challah.

Health and Safety

Counselors are trained in basic First Aid procedures and are instructed on how to take care of cuts, bruises and bumps. They are also instructed on how to administer an EpiPen. Half the camp day is spent in the sun, playing or walking to and from activities. Counselors help children apply sunscreen lotion as needed.

Inclusion Program for Children with Special Needs

Professional staff coordinate a program so that children from grade K-age 11 may participate in the mainstream camp program. A collaboration with the John Merck Program of Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic provides support for children within the group. For information, call 412-235-5405.

Register for camp by the week

The more weeks you register for, the lower the weekly fee. Weeks do not need to be consecutive.

Meet and Greet for Camp Families Thursday, June 14 • 7-8 PM

Join us on Thursday, June 14, at the JCC-South Hills to meet camp staff, tour the camp and ask questions. End your visit by playing on the playground or take a swim in our pool.

Director

Ann Haalman, Director of Family Services and Summer Day Camps, has a Teacher Certificate from the Hayim Greenberg Teachers College in Jerusalem, a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, an M.S.W from the University of Maryland, and an M.A. in Jewish Studies from Baltimore Hebrew University. She loves children.







CAMP SABRA: GRADES K-2

Half-Day Program
9 am-12:30 pm
For children entering
kindergarten

**Full-Day Program for children
entering grades K-2**

Register by the week:
June 18-August 10

Our traditional day camp features a variety of activities with an emphasis on Jewish values and group dynamics. Campers receive Red Cross swim lessons and a kosher-style lunch daily. Activities may include: free swim, sports, games, arts & crafts, nature, drama, Judaics, Israeli culture and dance. Special event programming includes carnivals, parades, holiday celebrations and Olympic-style activities.

Each camper selects from a variety of *Chugim* (hobbies) such as drama, sports, arts & crafts, dance, camp newspaper, jewelry-making, nature and much more.

CAMP CHALUTZIM: GRADES 3-6

Register by the week:
June 18-August 10

Chalutzim offers older campers traditional day camp activities: daily Red Cross swim lessons, free swim, sports, arts & crafts, nature, drama, Judaics and Israeli culture, as well as an extended specialty period, which may include newspaper, photography, drum karaoke, PowerPoint and balloon art. Special event programs may include carnivals, holiday celebrations and Olympic-style activities.

**What makes Camp Chalutzim
different from Camp Sabra?**

- Field trips to places such as EKC (our overnight camp in West Virginia), Kennywood and Idlewild Park & Soak Zone. Field trips will take place during weeks 2, 3, 6 and 8 of the summer session.
- *Chugim* (specialty periods) are for a longer time period each day.

CAMP OZRIM PRE-CIT PROGRAM: GRADES 7-8

Register by the week:
June 18-August 10

Ozrim combines traditional day camp activities with a counselor-in-training program. Campers are placed with a group in the morning to learn the ins and outs of being a counselor. In the afternoons, they participate in camp activities such as specialties and swimming. Ozrim will go on field trips to such places as EKC (our overnight camp in West Virginia), Kennywood Park and Idlewild Park & Soak Zone. Field trips will take place during weeks 2, 3, 6 and 8 of the summer session.

C.I.T. LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: GRADES 9-10

Register for 4-week block:
June 18-July 13
July 16-August 10

Through training and weekly workshops, counselors-in-training learn the responsibilities of a day-camp counselor, develop a spirit of volunteerism, and understand the impact that they can have on their community, develop stronger social skills and develop their own strengths and skills while working with children. Counselors-in-training participate in team-building exercises with their fellow CITs, share responsibility of a group of campers with a junior and senior counselor, lead a weekly activity with their group and participate in a community mitzvah project. After successfully completing the 4- or 8-week program, a rebate will be awarded.

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP: GRADES 2-6

Register for 4-week block:

June 18-July 13

Director Helaine Labovitz returns for her seventh summer. Campers are part of a complete musical show, from rehearsals to set production to opening night. Training in theater, music and dance culminates with two performances on Thursday, July 12. The musical will be chosen based on registration.

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP IS A PROGRAM OF THE PHILP CHOSKY PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

The Specialty Camp day is from 9 am-3 pm except when there are field trips and overnights. Lunch is provided. All camps include swim lessons when the schedule allows. Specialty campers enjoy free swim, sports, arts & crafts, nature, Israeli culture and dance.

Crazy Chemworks Camp: Grades 2-7

Week 1: June 18-22

Shake up a flask of fun in the lab as a junior chemist. Each Crazy Chemworks day will include 2 hours packed solid with cool reactions. Campers put on goggles and change liquid to solid and back again. They get to handle laboratory tools, build and break molecules and pick up tricks on chemical changes.

Wet & Wild Camp: Grades 3-7

Week 2: June 25-29

Week 3: July 2-6

Campers will experience many different water thrills! Adventures may include day trips to Sunset Beach, Moraine State Park and Settler's Cabin Wave Pool. They will travel to EKC for an overnight and enjoy lake activities. There may also be a canoe trip down the Yough at Hazelbakers and they will learn to SCUBA here at the JCC. There will be late pickups on some days. A certified lifeguard will accompany campers on all day and overnight trips.

Choose one or both weeks.

Adventure Camp: Grades 3-7

Week 4: July 9-13

Week 8: August 6-10

Campers travel every day to a new destination. Adventures may include the Pittsburgh Zoo, Carnegie Science Center, Settler's Cabin Wave Pool, Idlewild or a Wild Things baseball game. There will be late pickups on some days.

Choose one or both weeks.

Ceramics Camp: Grades 2-7

Weeks 5 and 6: July 16-27

Campers travel to Char Bailey's Ceramics Art Studio daily, where Char will teach campers the basics of clay construction, painting and glazing. In addition to a myriad of individual projects the children will create a special piece to commemorate their summer. It will be a gift to the JCC and will be put on permanent display at the JCC.

Ice Skating Camp: Grades 2-7

Week 7: July 30-August 3

Winter fun in the summer! Learn ice skating at Mt. Lebanon Ice Rink from a trained instructor. Fee includes skate rental when necessary. Children should bring winter wear to camp daily.





early CHILDHOOD CAMPS

Our professional staff works to create a safe and creative environment in which every child can build self-confidence, make friends, acquire new skills, and experience fun activities.

Young campers thrive in a safe and structured environment with a program that balances outdoor and indoor activities. Your children will have a great time:

- Swimming in our indoor training pool with Red Cross water safety instructors
- Participating in outdoor nature activities through our partnership with Scott Conservancy
- Climbing, sliding and running around in our outdoor playground
- Creating with our art specialist
- Enjoying dramatic play with our drama specialist

Kosher-style snacks and lunch are provided.

Days and times

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9 am–12:30 pm

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Two, three or five days a week

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Assistant Director

Kathy Schumacker, Assistant Director, Camps K'Ton Ton and Yeladim, has been with the ECDC for more than 14 years and served for five summers as a camp unit head. She has a Child Development Associate credential from CCAC.



CAMP K'TON TON: AGE 2

This traditional day camp features a variety of activities with an emphasis on Jewish values and group dynamics. Campers receive a kosher-style lunch daily. Activities may include: free swim, sports, games, arts & crafts, nature, drama, Judaics, Israeli culture and dance. Special event programming like carnivals, parades, holiday celebrations and Olympic type activity will also be a part of their experience.

Campers are introduced to the water through weekly swim time in the pool as well as through daily water play activities.

CAMP YELADIM: AGES 3–4

This traditional day camp features a variety of activities with an emphasis on Jewish values and group dynamics. Campers receive Red Cross swim lessons and a kosher-style lunch daily. Activities may include: free swim, sports, games, arts & crafts, nature, drama, Judaics, Israeli culture and dance. Special event programming like carnivals, parades, holiday celebrations and Olympic type activity will also be a part of their experience.

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