

TEAM HOUSTON

2018 JCC MACCABI GAMES® & ARTSFEST®



Orange County, California, August 5-10 (Games only)
Long Beach, California, August 5 - 10 (ArtsFest only)

Team Houston is going back on the road again for 2018! The JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest is a week-long, Olympics-style program, where thousands of Jewish teens meet, volunteer, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

The JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest serve a larger purpose than athletic competition and artistic expression. They also promote community involvement, teamwork, and pride in being Jewish. JCC Maccabi is the largest Jewish teen event in the world with over 6,000 Jewish teens participating each summer. Over 100,000 teens have benefited from the programs since its inception. The energy and excitement makes it a unique and unforgettable experience for all athletes, artists, volunteers, coaches and host families.

The JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest offer Jewish teens a unique social, cultural, and life shaping experience. The Games were introduced in 1982 as a Jewish Olympic style event, where each athlete participates in various sports. In 1996, the JCC Maccabi ArtsFest was designed to inspire Jewish teens through a dynamic combination of workshop, performance and exhibition.

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**2018 JCC Maccabi Games Only
Orange County, CA
August 5 – 10**

GAMES OFFERINGS

Team Sports

- Boys Basketball 14U
- Boys Basketball 16U
- Girls Basketball 16U (ages 13 – 16)
- Boys Baseball 14U
- Boys Baseball 16U
- Boys Soccer 14U
- Boys Soccer 16U
- Girls Soccer (ages 13-16)
- Girls Volleyball (ages 13 – 16)
- Flag Football (ages 13 – 16)

Individual Sports

- Track & Field
- Dance
- Table Tennis
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Golf
- Star Reporters

sports offerings subject to change

JCC MACCABI GAMES ELIGIBILITY

- Open to Jewish boys and girls ages 13 -16.
- Participants **MUST** have reached their 13th birthday as of July 31, 2018.
- Participants **MUST NOT** have reached their 17th birthday before July 31, 2018.



**2018 JCC Maccabi ArtsFest Only
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ARTSFEST SPECIALTIES

- Acting/Improv
- Culinary
- Dance
- Musical Theater
- Rock Band
- Social Media Squad
- Visual Arts
- Vocal Music/Glee

specialty offerings subject to change.

JCC MACCABI ARTSFEST ELIGIBILITY

- Open to Jewish boys and girls ages 12 - 17.
- Participants **MUST** have reached their 12th birthday as of July 31, 2018.
- Participants **MUST NOT** have reached their 18th birthday before July 31, 2018.

Contact Sarah Foster for further details sfoster@erjchouston.org or phone 832.408.3529

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

- Attend all practices and team gatherings, but no less than 50%.
- Participate in Team Houston JCC Maccabi scheduled events:
J-Serve – Sunday, April 15, 2018
- Adhere to all deadlines:
 - Scholarship Application Deadline - February 16, 2018 (see page 5)
 - Complete Registration - March 23, 2018
 - Pro-rated** Refund Deadline - May 1, 2018
 - Submit Medical Forms - May 18, 2018

Note: Our local Evelyn Rubenstein JCC sets participation fees, deadlines, late fees and other application procedures are created and administered by the JCC Association.

- Have/maintain an Evelyn Rubenstein JCC membership, in good standing through July 31, 2018.
- Attend Mandatory Parent/Teen Team Houston Meeting: July 31, 2018 at 7pm
- Participate in all Games/ArtsFest events, activities, and competitions or performances during the week of JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest defined as Sunday through Friday.

Teens are encouraged to try out and audition for multiple sports or arts specialties, but must choose one sport or arts specialty if accepted to Team Houston. An appropriate level of proficiency in a sport or art is mandatory for an athlete or art participant to be selected for Team Houston. Coaches and Delegation Heads have sole discretion on selection, as this process ensures athlete safety and artistic ability.

Tryouts will dictate team selection. Athletes on team sports will participate in each game; however, actual playing time will be decided by the team's coaches and is based on athletic ability and attendance at practice.

Artists will participate in a final showcase, in front of an audience.

100% attendance is required during workshop hours and rehearsals throughout the week.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

There are several registration and application procedures associated with teen participation.

Participants may only begin the registration process once they have been accepted to a sports team or arts specialty upon receiving an Official Team Houston Acceptance Letter.

There are **four steps** in the registration process. Details for each of these steps are detailed below:

1. Evelyn Rubenstein JCC Membership
2. Deposit and Program Fees
3. Online Registration
4. Medical/Vaccine Forms

1. Evelyn Rubenstein JCC Membership

All participants are required to be Evelyn Rubenstein JCC members in good standing from Feb. 1, 2018 – July 31, 2018. Teens may be members either as part of an Evelyn Rubenstein JCC Family

Membership or purchase a Maccabi membership. All joining fees are waived* for JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest[®] participants.

For those who are not current members, two individual options are available to meet the membership requirement:

1. A 6-month Program Membership at a rate of \$108.00 or
2. A 6-month Teen Health, Sports & Fitness membership at a rate of \$210.00.*

Program Membership

A Program membership gives access to classes and programming at member pricing, and includes access to camps, CIT, etc.

Teen Health, Sports & Fitness Membership

A Teen Membership includes facility and program access at the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC. Teen members can enjoy the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC facilities including the Fitness Center, indoor/outdoor pools, weight room, racquetball & basketball courts, gymnasium, and can enroll in a variety of after-school, evening classes, and programming at all locations.*

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gift Certificates

If a teen will celebrate his/her Bat/Bar Mitzvah by July 31, 2018 he/she will receive a gift certificate valued at \$216.00 that can be used toward an annual Program membership or the fees of a teen health, sports & fitness membership. If a certificate was received and a teen has not already become an Evelyn Rubenstein JCC member, please complete a membership application and return it to the Membership Office, along with your certificate, to activate.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift certificates may only be used toward membership renewals or new memberships. Certificates may not be used towards the fees for JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest[®] participation.

All Maccabi memberships must be purchased no later than March 12, 2107

ID cards are required for entrance into the Weingarten building and for facility use. For more information on membership contact Melissa Gordon mgordon@erjcchouston.org or 713-595-8194.

2. Deposit and Program Fees

Program Fees TBD (Fees will be announced by January 14, 2018, and will not be higher than 2017 rates of \$1675 Early Bird and \$1775 Regular)

Fees include travel to/from Houston and within host city, baggage fees, all meals, all activities during the week of the program, registration fees, uniforms/pins, etc.

Fees may be paid online by credit/debit card at www.erjcchouston.org/teamhouston. Payments may also be made over the phone or in-person by cash, credit card or check with the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC front desk/Member Services.

Deposits: A non-refundable \$250 deposit, is required to hold a spot within two weeks from the date the teen has been accepted to be a member of Team Houston. Failure to submit the deposit on time will result in forfeiture of space on the team.

* Facility Orientation and parental consent required; must be 13 years old.

Balance of Fees: Remaining fees must be paid in full upon registration no later than March 23, 2018. An electronic fund transfer can be utilized as a payment option, with monthly funds withdrawn from March – June. Balances not paid in-full or not having payment arrangements by March 23, 2018 will result in a forfeiture of being a participant at the JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest®. To make arrangements to process an EFT contact Sarah Foster sfoster@erjchouston.org or 832.408.3529.

Financial Assistance

Limited financial assistance is available. Scholarship applications are due February 16, 2018. We will notify you of scholarship distribution by March 16, 2108. For more information please contact Nohemy Vasquez at nvasquez@erjchouston.org or

3. Online Registration

Online registration is conducted by JCCA and is available at www.jccmacreg.org. The form will ask a series of demographic, medical, and housing information. You will be required to upload a close-up head shot photo of your teen, and provide birth certificate and insurance documents.

You will be asked to create an account before completing the form. If you have participated in JCC Maccabi in 2017 your log-in is still valid. **Deadline to complete on-line registration is March 23, 2018.**

4. Medical/Vaccine Forms

The medical form is attached will be included in your acceptance letter. Your completed form including vaccination records are due by **May 18, 2018.** **A \$125 fee will be applied for a late medical form.**

Please book a doctor's appointment immediately. The information recorded on the Medical Form must reflect results of a physical conducted within one year prior to July 30, 2018. **Every line/box must be filled out,** and the form must be signed and stamped by your teen's doctor. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. ***If your insurance policy will not permit a physical prior to the deadline,*** contact Sarah Foster (sfoster@erjchouston.org or 832.408.3529) for further assistance.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds on fees paid prior to May 1, 2018 may be made on a prorated basis contingent upon expenses such as local expenses and uniform costs paid to vendors at the time of the request of the refund. Fees paid to the JCCA are non-refundable. All refunds will be made at the discretion of the ERJCC. **There will be no refunds made after May 1, 2018** except for approved medical refunds. Travel expenses will be deducted from medical refund amounts.

Late fees (\$125.00/item) are assessed to the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC by the JCC Association for forms and online registrations that are not submitted by the deadlines. **March 23, 2018** is the deadline to complete the online registration and pay balances.