



Parent Information Series

#1 – Transportation

Dear parents,

Carpool will be especially challenging this summer due to the construction at the Weingarten campus and the city of Houston construction on the Braeswood bridges. We encourage you to form carpools with friends, and ask that you please be patient and cooperative as we work together to move carpool along as smoothly and quickly as possible!

1. Morning Carpool

Morning carpool runs from 8:30-9:00AM. ([View the Carpool Chart](#)) The carpool line will not start moving until 8:30AM. If you need to drop-off earlier than 8:30, please consider AM care. Counselors will be there to greet your child and help them get out of the car. Parents should not get out of the car in carpool line. Counselors and staff will return inside at 9:00. No child should be dropped after 9:00. If you arrive at camp after 9:00, please park your car and walk your child inside the building. This is for their safety.

Temperature checks will be done in the carpool lines before you reach the drop off point.

Weingarten Building carpool ([View Map](#)) will be located in the front J parking lot. Parents will enter from Atwell and make an immediate right to snake around the parking lot. Cars will form two lanes in the parking lot and merge into one before the overhang. Parents will continue to the overhang and counselors will be there to greet your child. Parents should not get out of the car. Parents will exit back onto Atwell but they will ONLY be able to turn right.

Please approach Atwell from S. Braeswood and avoid driving through neighborhood streets to reach Atwell.

Kinder, 1st and 2nd graders will be escorted to their camp rooms. 3rd graders and up will be allowed to walk to camp room on their own and escorted if needed. Campers attending camp on the 1st floor will use the outdoor stairs.

Camp BAMI/Tennis carpool ([View Map](#)) will be self-contained in the back parking lot. Parents will enter off of S. Braeswood through the furthest west gate and form two lanes. **Tennis campers** will be dropped off at a marked location near the outdoor tennis courts. Counselors will be there to greet your child. Parents will then be directed to exit back on to S. Braeswood without entering the BAMI carpool line.

BAMI parents will bypass the Tennis Camp drop-off and continue to the over-hang in front of Bertha Alyce. Parents will then exit onto S. Braeswood through the furthest east gate.

Siblings – If a family has children enrolled in BAMI or Tennis and another camp at the Weingarten Building/Levit Campus, all campers can be dropped off at the front of the J. BAMI and Tennis campers will wait with a staff member and be escorted to their camps at 9AM. If a family has campers at both the Levit

Campus and Merfish, parents will be expected to drop-off campers at both locations. Campers will not be transported from Merfish to the J in the mornings.

Camp Kaleidoscope/Merfish ([View Map](#)) parents will enter the first gate off S. Rice (further north) and pull into the over-hang in front. Cars will then exit the second gate (further south) and turn right onto S. Rice. This part of S. Rice is under construction and currently down to one lane. Please be mindful and respectful of other cars on the road. A staff member will be there to help you exit onto S. Rice.

2. Afternoon Carpool

Afternoon carpool runs from 3:30-4:00PM. The carpool line will not start moving until 3:30. All parents/guardians picking up children must have their carpool sign visible in the front window. This is how we know what child you are picking up. **If you do not have a carpool sign, you will have to show a valid picture ID and you will need to be on the authorized pick-up list.** Parents cannot park and walk into pick up their child. Parents should not get out of the car during carpool.

Weingarten Building carpool will be located in the front J parking lot. Parents will enter from Atwell and make an immediate right to snake around the parking lot. Parents will continue to overhang and counselors will be there to put your child in the car. Parents will exit back onto Atwell but they will **ONLY** be able to turn right.

Please approach Atwell from S. Braeswood and avoid driving through neighborhood streets to reach Atwell.

Camp BAMI/Tennis carpool will be self-contained in the back parking lot. Parents will enter off of S. Braeswood and exit back on to S. Braeswood. Counselors will be there to put your child in the car but will not be able to buckle them. Parents should not get out of the car in the carpool line. **BAMI** parents can pull over to marked spots to the left of the carpool line to help with seatbelts if needed. Cars will not be permitted to drive past the pool towards Atwell from the Bertha Alyce parking lot.

Siblings – If a family has children enrolled in BAMI or Tennis and another camp at the Levitt Campus, all campers can be picked up at the front of the J. **Be sure to let your camp director know if you would like your BAMI or Tennis camper picked up in front.** If a family has campers at both the Levitt Campus and Merfish, parents will be expected to pick-up campers at both locations. Campers will not be transported from Merfish to the J at the end of the day unless they are enrolled in PM Care.

Camp Kaleidoscope/Merfish afternoon pick-up will be at Lovett Elementary. ([View Map](#))

As a way to make carpool run more smoothly and easily for all, we have partnered with Lovett Elementary to provide an alternative pick-up spot. This is for your convenience and will allow you to avoid the intersection of S. Rice and N. Braeswood where traffic is reduced to one lane. Campers will be accompanied by staff to walk carefully through our parking lot and for two blocks on the sidewalk on S. Rice. Campers will be adequately supervised and monitored as they walk.

To enter the carpool line, please drive south on S. Rice and turn right on Birdwood. Cars will line up on Birdwood and S. Rice. Children will be loaded into cars in the order the cars arrive. You will then be able to continue west on Birdwood and exit the neighborhood via Prichett to Jason or Imogene, without getting caught in the S. Rice/N. Braeswood traffic.

Pick-up will be at Lovett Elementary RAIN or SHINE. Please send a poncho or raincoat your child can leave in his/her cubby and use as needed. We will also have extras available at camp. In the event of heavy thunderstorms, we will communicate a rain plan.

3. West Houston Bus

The West Houston (WH) Bus is available to transport campers to/from the Weingarten Building and Merfish. The bus will load at the West Houston JCC at 1120 Dairy Ashford Rd, Houston, TX 77079. The bus will depart at 8:00 AM sharp. Please make sure that you have chosen that option on your transportation forms so that we have an accurate accounting of who should be on the bus. A counselor will take role. **Please call or text Rene Kariel at 281-979-3330 if your child will not be riding the WH bus in the morning or afternoon.**

The bus will make stops at the Weingarten building and the Merfish Teen Center. Campers will be escorted to their camp groups.

Campers riding the West Houston bus at the end of the day will come together and the bus counselor will take role. Please let us know if your child does not need to ride the bus back to West Houston. They bus will pick up campers from Merfish and Weingarten and should arrive at the West Houston JCC by 4:15-4:30PM. We will communicate if the timing will be drastically different.

4. AM Care

AM Care is available 7:30-8:30am. AM Care will be at Weingarten, Merfish, and Bertha Alyce, and children will attend AM care in the same location where they are attending camp. Parents must park and walk their children into the building for AM Care. A J staff member will meet them at the front desk or lobby and escort them to their camp room. Campers will be escorted from AM care to their camp groups.

5. PM Care

PM Care is available 4:00-5:30pm. PM Care will be at Weingarten and Bertha Alyce. Campers at Merfish who are participating in PM Care will be brought by bus to the Weingarten Building at 4pm.

Campers will be escorted to their PM Care room at 4pm. Campers will be brought downstairs and be available for carpool pick-up from 5:15-5:30pm. Parents must park and walk in if picking up before 5:15pm. Parents must present their J membership badge or carpool tag at the front desk/lobby and a J staff member will escort your child down.

6. Teen Extended Day

Teen Extended Day is available 3:30-5:30pm for campers entering 7th, 8th, and 9th grades in Fall 2021. Campers will have a designated classroom on the first floor where they will check-in and stay. They will also be allowed to visit Laykie's Café. J Camps staff will be onsite should an emergency arise but will not be directly supervising the teens outside of camp hours. There is no charge to participate, but you must register through our website. The J Camps staff has the right to revoke Teen Extended Day privileges for those campers who do not follow the check-in and check-out procedures and/or misbehave on the J property.

7. Early and Late Pick-up or Drop-off

Parents who need to pick-up or drop-off their children outside of the regular carpool times must park and walk in to the building. A staff member will take your child to their camp room. Please be sure to let your camp director know so we can be sure to get your child to the right place. This is especially important for camps that go off campus, for example Culinary Creations or several sports camps. The cut-off time for early pick-up is 2:30. **After 2:30, you will be asked to wait in the carpool line.**

8. Contact Information

Please communicate all carpool changes to Jasmine Mueller at jmueller@erjcchouston.org. Please put CARPOOL CHANGE in the subject line of your email and COPY your camp director.

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