



Parent Information Series

#1 – Camper Health & Safety

Forms

The forms that J Camps requires can be found by logging in to your J account. <https://erjcc.force.com/s/login/> Forms are required for each session; however, responses to questions will be remembered which should make for easier completion. Please be sure to complete all forms for each session, as certain camps may have additional, camp-specific questions. All forms must be complete for the camper to attend camp. No campers will be allowed to remain at camp without these forms.

Behavior Policy

J Camps strives to provide a safe, well-supervised, and fun experience for all campers. We understand that minor behavioral issues are a normal part of camp. However, more severe behaviors such as intentional kicking, unprovoked hitting, biting, or bullying at camp will result in the following steps being taken as outlined below. Please assist us with explaining to your child what behaviors are and are not appropriate at camp and what the consequences are for inappropriate behavior.

First Incident: The first behavior incident will result in a phone call home. The camp director will explain to the parents what happened, so they are aware of the incident and assured that the matter is managed appropriately. The director will remind the parents about our behavior policy. The parents of all campers involved in the incident will be called so that they are aware of the incident and assured that the matter is handled appropriately.

Second Incident: If a second behavior incident occurs, the camp director will again phone the parents. At this time, the parents and director will discuss ways to ensure this behavior does not happen again and agree on a behavior modification plan for the camper. A one-day suspension may be given (with no refund). It will be explained to the parents that the next occurrence could result in the camper's expulsion from camp without refund. The parents of the recipient of the incident will also be called, so that they are aware of the incident and assured that the matter is being handled appropriately.

Third Incident: The third incident can result in the camper's further suspension or immediate expulsion from camp without a refund. The camp director will decide on expulsion/suspension. Parents of the recipient of the incident will also be contacted.

Inclusion Director

The world that we live in is ever changing, and the needs of our campers are always evolving. J Camps and the Children and Camp Committee feel that it is vital that while we are teaching new skills, helping kids make new friends and having fun, we also support the social and emotional well-being of our campers. We are happy to welcome Dalia Lasky as our inclusion director. Dalia will work with J Camps counselors and camp directors to help us better serve campers and their families. She will facilitate the inclusion of campers who need special accommodation by partnering with campers and their families to design a successful inclusion plan. She will be a staff resource throughout the summer and will help communicate with parents about camper struggles. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dalia at campercare@erjchouston.org.

OT and Speech Therapist Policy

Campers who see an OT or speech therapist may continue to do so while at camp. Space and time slots are limited, so please contact the camp director to schedule a day and time. Only licensed therapists are allowed at camp.

Illness Policy

The health and safety of your child is the priority of our staff. Do not send your child to camp if they are not feeling well. When children become ill at camp, they will be isolated from the group and a parent or emergency contact will be notified immediately to pick up the camper without delay. This policy protects your child and other children. Parents must keep emergency names and numbers up to date. Please notify the camp office if you will be out of town for an extended period. Some illnesses that may be considered infectious include strep throat, head lice, and mononucleosis may require a minimum 24-hour departure from camp. Children taking antibiotics may return to camp only after being on the prescribed antibiotic for a full 24 hours.

Any child or staff who has symptoms of Covid 19 or tests positive for Covid 19 must adhere to J health and safety protocols outlined on our website.

Accident and Injury

In the event of an accident or injury, first aid will be administered on-site and parents will be notified by the camp director. Should the accident or injury require more than basic first aid, 9-1-1 will be called and the camper will be taken to the hospital at the discretion of the emergency responders. In this event, you will be immediately contacted. If an ambulance must leave before you can arrive, a J Camps leadership team member will accompany your child to the hospital until you arrive. All camp staff have first aid and CPR training.

Food Allergies

Please be sure to complete the allergy portion of the camper forms. Each classroom will have a list of allergies for each camper. If your child has an allergy that requires an EpiPen, please send it to camp with your child. It will be kept in the classroom and will travel with your child as they visit other areas in the J or participate in any off-campus activities. J Camps is nut free, so please do not send any food items for lunch or snack that contain nuts.

Medication

J Camps encourages all campers who routinely take medicines during the school year to continue their regimen throughout the summer. If your camper requires medication, you must complete the medication portion of the camper forms. Medication must be sent in the original container and be labeled with dosage information or include a doctor's note with this information. This includes prescription medication, over-the-counter pain medicine and allergy medicine. Medication should be sent on Monday morning of each camp week and will be returned on Friday afternoon. J Camps will treat minor scrapes and bruises with icepacks, Band-Aids and antibiotic ointment. In addition, we have hydro-cortisone cream for insect stings and bug bites. All medications will be stored in the camp director's office and dispensed by the camp director or assistant director. EpiPens will travel with campers around the J or to various camp destinations. Campers are not allowed to carry any medications on their person during camp. Camp BAM! campers may require additional forms per Texas State Licensing.

Sunscreen and Bug Spray

Campers are encouraged to bring and use their own sunscreen and bug spray. We ask that campers come to camp with sunscreen and bug spray already applied. Campers who need help with re-applying will be assisted by counselors. Sunscreen and bug spray will not be shared between campers, so please label these with your child's first and last name.

Security

The safety and security of the campers and staff are the top priority of J Camps. All people entering the building must have Brivo access or they will be stopped at the front desk and asked for identification. Campers will not be released to anyone not listed on the child's authorized pick-up list. We utilize bag tags to ensure that all bags around the building are supposed to be here and to help expedite the carpool process. Please make sure to place the J Camps tag on your child's backpack. This also helps decrease items in the lost and found! No camper will be placed into a car during carpool without a carpool tag hanging on the mirror. Carpool numbers will be available to families for pickup at the J in the last week of April. Parents/guardians without tags must park their car and walk in to pick up their child. Two officers and two licensed security guards are always on campus to ensure camper safety.