


CAMP JACOBSON

AT *Robin Hood*

PARENT GUIDE 2011

**BERNICE JACOBSON**
DAY SCHOOL AND CAMP
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SID JACOBSON
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
BROOKVILLE CAMPUS
340 Wheatley Road, Old Westbury, NY 11568



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Dear CJRH Families,

We are excited to be sharing the summer of 2011 with you! Our preparations have been under way all year. Our group leaders, specialists and staff members join us in welcoming you. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone when camp begins on Wednesday, June 29.

We would like to assist you in preparing for the opening day of camp by providing this Parent Guide. Your understanding of our procedures and policies helps ensure a successful, safe and fun summer for all!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 516-626-1094.

Thank you for trusting us with your children.

Camp Jacobson at Robin Hood Leadership Team

Paul Isserles, Site Director

Steve Miller, Assistant Camp Director

Matt Dorter, Assistant Camp Director

Gale Kaplan, Early Childhood Camp Director

Mikele Lieberman, Lower Camp Coordinator

Michelle Brier, Upper Camp Coordinator

Camp Jacobson at Robin Hood is one of the many programs offered by Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center (SJCC). The camp program, like all of the Center's activities, operates on the premise that each person is important and learns and grows through formal and informal experiences.

SJCC offers families and individuals a variety of programs at the main campus in East Hills, our satellite campus in Brookville and additional off-site locations throughout Nassau County. For more information about programs or becoming a member of SJCC, please log onto our website at www.sjcc.org or contact us at 516-484-1545.

CAMP MISSION STATEMENT

Camp Jacobson at Robin Hood provides a place for children to grow and flourish in a nurturing, safe environment based on Jewish values and ideals. Our program serves the needs of each camper and family by providing an environment that encourages individual exploration, fosters development and enables children to establish lifelong friendships.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Camp Jacobson at Robin Hood

Located at Bernice Jacobson Day School & Camp
340 Wheatley Road, Old Westbury, NY 11568
Phone: 516-626-1094 • Fax: 516-626-4677



CAMP DATES

Wednesday, June 29-Tuesday, August 23, 2011
(Please note that there is no camp on Monday, July 4)

CAMP HOURS

Office: 7:30am-approximately 6:00pm
After 6:00pm, please call Sid Jacobson JCC at 516-484-1545 and ask them to contact a member of the CJRH leadership team.

ACA ACCREDITATION

Camp Jacobson at Robin Hood is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA). ACA is a community of camp professionals who, for nearly 100 years, have joined together to share vast knowledge and experience to ensure the quality of camp programs. ACA accredited camps must meet over 300 standards for health, safety and program quality.

NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CAMP WITHOUT . . .

- ♦ Payment received in full or approved and up-to-date payment plan.
- ♦ Medical Form/Physical Examination completed (no earlier than August 23, 2010) and returned to camp.

MEDICAL

If your child requires medication to be administered during camp:

- ♦ Medical Consent Form must be completed and returned.
- ♦ All medication must be labeled (campers name, proper dosage, expiration date) and in its original container, with enough medication for the full 39 days of camp.
- ♦ If your child has asthma or allergies, please supply the camp with an extra inhaler and/or an epi-pen.
- ♦ Please note all allergies and medications on your child's Medical Form, even if he/she does not take any medication during camp.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from camp, please contact the camp office at 516-626-1094.

PARENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- ♦ No cars are permitted on our roadway from 8:45-9:30am and 3:45-4:30pm.
- ♦ Campers being dropped off at camp must arrive after 9:30am.
- ♦ Campers being picked up early must be picked up no later than 3:45pm.



Please notify the camp in advance so that we may have your child ready and waiting at the Summer Office. Parents must sign-in with security and sign your child out at the Summer Office.

TRANSPORTATION / BUS RULES



The bus driver and bus counselor work with your child to understand the bus rules and ensure their safety. Campers are required to sit at all times.

There is no eating or drinking on the bus at any time. Children must be greeted at the bus by a parent or approved adult in order to be taken off the bus. Playdates after camp must be arranged through our office, not through your bus driver. You can email our Transportation Coordinator at cjrtransportation@sjcc.org.

AQUATICS PROGRAMS

All campers will have two swims per day (mini-day campers will receive one swim). The morning swim is an American Red Cross instructional swim program. The afternoon swim is a supervised, recreational swim period. Reports will be sent home 5 times throughout the summer to inform parents of their child's progress.



CAMP T-SHIRTS

All campers receive their t-shirts on the first photo day.

- ♦ Early Childhood through Junior campers receive one t-shirt.
- ♦ Junior Travelers, Traveling Tweens and CSE campers receive two t-shirts.
- ♦ CITs will receive two t-shirts at orientation.



CJRH APPAREL

Families can purchase CJRH apparel on our website at www.campjatr.com. Choices include t-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball hats, shorts and more.

ORIENTATIONS

Come meet your fellow campers, counselors and leadership team.

Early Childhood-Three-Year Olds-Monday, June 27, 10:00-11:00am

Early Childhood-Four-Year Olds-Monday, June 27, 1:00-2:00pm

Grade K-2 campers-Monday, June 27, 5:00-6:00pm

CSE-Sunday, June 26, 7:00-8:00pm

TRIPS

Campers must wear their camp t-shirts for all designated field trips.

LUNCH

A kosher, nut-free lunch is provided daily, offering one hot item each day as well as a selection of cold item alternatives. A menu for the summer will be mailed home or can be downloaded on our website at www.campjatr.com.

HYDRATE!

Send in a labeled water bottle that we can refill throughout the day at one of our water coolers so that your child is cool and refreshed all summer. At home, make sure your child drinks plenty of water each night and in the morning before camp.



SUNSCREEN / INSECT REPELLENT

Apply sunscreen (and insect repellent if necessary) to your child every morning before camp. Send in labeled sunscreen/ insect repellent to keep in your child's cubby so we can reapply throughout the day.



RAINY DAYS

Send your child to camp in a raincoat and shoes that can get wet and muddy. Campers (entering grades 3 and above) may go out of camp for a rainy day field trip. Parents are notified if these are planned.



BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at camp, speak to his/her group leader about any allergies that children in the group may have. In addition, all food brought into camp must be kosher and nut-free. Please contact us for a list of kosher choices.

VISITING DAYS / EVENINGS

Visiting Days/Evenings are a special part of the CJRH experience for our families. It is a time when parents, grandparents, siblings and friends are invited to partake in special activities and programs with your child and his/her group. Please refer to the CJRH Calendar with dates of Visiting Days/Evenings. If you are unable to make the date for your child's group, you are invited to come another day during the summer. As always, CJRH has an open door policy for our families.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Remember to check out our website, www.campjatrh.com, every Friday for our weekly Camp Newsletter.

ONLINE PHOTOS

To set up an account and visit our online community:

- 1) Go to our website at www.campjatrh.com
- 2) Click the "Bunk1 for Pictures" link at the bottom.
- 3) Click the "Register Now" link.
- 4) Enter your pre-approved registration code: **9307JRH1**
- 5) Fill out all the required information.
- 6) View pictures of your camper each day!



WHAT TO WEAR / PACK EACH DAY . . .



Two bathing suits (one bathing suit for mini-day campers). Campers should wear one bathing suit each day to camp and bring a second one in his/her backpack.



Sneakers to wear at all times except during swim



Appropriate camp clothing that may get wet and/or dirty

Towels are provided and washed each day by CJRH.

WHAT TO LEAVE AT CAMP . . .



An extra set of clothing, including underwear, t-shirt, shorts and socks



Pool shoes to be worn during swim only



Sweatshirt and sweatpants for chilly days



Sunscreen/insect repellent



Water bottle



Raincoat

Remember

- * We are always interested in speaking with you about your children. Please do not hesitate to call our office anytime at 516-626-1094.
- * Our bus drivers will be visiting the homes of our campers to introduce themselves and to SAY HELLO on Sunday, June 26, starting at 3:00pm!
- * Our group leaders are calling the homes of our campers the week before camp to introduce themselves and find out any pertinent information about your child.
- * Our staff appreciates each thank you that they receive! When families choose to send a monetary gift, they consider the number of staff members that they wish to thank, as well as the length of their child's stay in camp, to determine the amount to be given. We will email home guidelines to help parents with this process during the middle of July. The range of gifts has been between \$25 and \$75 for each staff member.
- * We care about your opinion. Throughout the summer, we are offering families the opportunity to complete online evaluation forms about the staff, program and your overall camp experience. Please check your email with links for our surveys.
- * Thank you for trusting us with your children!