



Center Day Camp – Summer 2021 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Session Registration: In order to create the safest possible environment at Center Day Camp this summer, we are introducing a session-based registration model to ensure consistent cohorts of children each month. First session will run from June 21st to July 16th, and second session will run from July 19th to August 13th. Families can choose one or both sessions. This will allow Center Day Camp to stay in the Maine CDC's lowest risk category by limiting exposure to multiple cohorts or program "bubbles".

Camper Capacity: While we don't yet have guidance from the Maine CDC regarding day camp capacity for summer 2021, we will share that information as it becomes available. Given what we know about last year's restrictions and the current limitations on group gathering size in Maine, we will initially open registration at 25% of our normal camper capacity. Registration priority will be based on when a camper signs up, so if you are sure you want to join us this summer, please don't hesitate to register right away. We have an amazing campus that can easily adapt and safely welcome more campers as limitations and restrictions allow.

Transportation: Because we still have many months to go before camp begins, we know that there could be many changes to current guidelines. However, if we were to open camp tomorrow, we would not be allowed to offer transportation, and instead families would need to drop off and pick up kids on site in Windham. For now, we have taken out the cost of transportation from the registration fee. Should transportation become an available option, we will let families know right away; we anticipate the cost staying level with the pricing in past years, about \$240 per session per camper.

Campers from out of state: Restrictions for visitors to Maine from out of state have changed several times over the course of the pandemic, as numbers have fluctuated both here and in other places. Whatever Maine is requiring at the time of your camp session, CDC will require as well (whether testing or quarantining). We will keep in touch with you with up to date information and ask that you also remain informed about changes to recommendations or requirements in your home state as well.

Finances: This year, families are asked to secure your spot with a deposit of \$50 per session, per camper, at registration. The payment plan will be spread over 3 months this year, with payments due April 1, May 1, and June 1. Deposits and payments will be non-refundable, unless we aren't able to open camp or offer a spot to the registered camper, in which case Center Day Camp would refund accounts in full. As in prior years, all camp charges must be paid in full prior to the start of the camp session. Campership funds will be available for those with income under 300% of the poverty level, or who have experienced changed circumstances recently.

Field Trips and overnights: Based on guidance we've received from the Centers for Disease Control and the ACA, we will not be offering trips or overnights this summer, but instead will provide special events at Camp each week.

Shabbat: The Center for Disease Control and American Camp Association suggest limiting any nonessential visitors, volunteers, or activities involving groups or individuals not from the local cohort. Center Day Camp will still celebrate Shabbat each week with our campers and counselors, and we are looking in to the possibility of sharing some of our most beloved songs and activities via video with friends and family wherever they are!



Family Open House: The Center Day Camp team will offer virtual open house this spring, and will create a platform for each group of campers to meet virtually with their counselors and other campers prior to arriving for their first day of camp.

Specialty Week: We have removed specialty week from the calendar for now, but will be revisiting the possibility of an additional one or two week program at the end of the summer as we get closer and know more about transmission rates, the availability of vaccines, and other factors.

Resources: In setting our policies, we rely on the guidance of local and national public health experts. In addition, as an American Camp Association accredited program and a member of JCC Camps, we have the benefit of support as we plan a program that is safe and incredibly fun!

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/large-social-gatherings>

<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/field-guide-camps>