



## 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 16<sup>th</sup>, and second session will run from July 19<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 open registration at 50% 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:** This summer families will need to drop off and pick-up kids on site in Windham. We have taken out the cost of transportation from the registration fee. We will be providing more information on the traffic plan this spring.

**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>