

# **2023 PARENT MANUAL**

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#### **GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION**

The Jewish Community Center offers membership, employment, and other benefits to all, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status.

#### 1. Location/Directions:

JCC Camp Daleville is located off Route 502 in Daleville, PA. From Scranton, take Moosic Street (Route 307) to the second blinking light in Daleville (PA-502 E/Daleville Hwy). Turn right onto Route 502 E. Go 3/4 mile and look for the camp sign and entrance on the left.

## 2. Camp Phone Numbers:

570-842-8594 – During camp season: June 19 – August 11, 2023 570-346-6595 - ext. 115 - JCC in Scranton during the camp off-season

# 3. Camp Office Hours:

Weekdays during camp – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

#### 4. Camp Hours:

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

#### 5. Early Drop Off & Late Pick Up:

JCC Camp Daleville offers an early drop-off at Camp Daleville (8:30 AM) for a \$25/week fee per camper and a late pick-up at Camp Daleville (until 5:45 PM) for a \$25/week fee per camper. Please pre-register for early drop-off &/or late pick-up prior to the start of camp. Staff coverage will not be available prior to 8:00 AM at the Scranton JCC or 8:30 AM at Camp Daleville.

## 6. 2023 Camp Dates:

Week 1: June 19 - June 23 Week 2: June 26 - June 30 Week 3: July 3 - July 7 Week 4: July 10 – July 14 Week 5: July 17 – July 21 Week 6: July 24 - July 28 Week 7: July 31 - August 4 Week 8: August 7 - August 11

\*\*If your child will miss a day of camp, for any reason, please call or send in a note so that we may expect and maintain correct attendance.\*\* Camp reserves the right to call the parent(s) or guardians of the camper to verify that they know where the camper is.

# 7. Camp Groups:

Starlight 3 to 5-year-olds (must be potty trained)

Pioneer entering 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
Trailblazer entering 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades
Venture entering 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades
Voyager entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
C.I.T. entering 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades

#### 8. Camp Photographs:

Camp photographs will be taken on the Friday of the first week of session 1, June 23 and the first Friday of Session 5, July 21. Order forms will be sent home &/or emailed.

# 9. 2022 Camp Tuition:

GROUP	One week
Starlight	\$290
Pioneer	\$290
Trailblazer	\$290
Venture	\$290
Voyager	\$290
CIT	\$215

<sup>\*</sup>JCC Family Membership discount is \$25 off each session the child attends.

#### **CAMP ATTIRE & SUPPLIES**

# 10. Camp Dress:

We encourage you to apply sunscreen and dress your child in the morning in a bathing suit with a t-shirt and shorts over it.

# **EACH CHILD SHOULD WEAR/BRING:**

- a) Socks and sneakers (no flip-flops, sandals or open toe shoes)
- b) Hat (we encourage your child to wear this for sun protection)
- c) Shorts and shirts (appropriate for summer time play)
- d) Bathing suit under clothes in the morning
- e) "Swim shoes" (the bottom of the pool is a rough surface)
- f) Sunscreen
- g) At lease one mask

#### **EACH CHILD SHOULD HAVE:**

- a) One bathing suit (no cut-offs or gym shorts)
- b) Towel (s)-(Please write your child's name with permanent marker.)
- c) Extra t-shirt

- d) Sweatshirt or light jacket, for cool days
- e) Waterproof bag (for wet bathing suit/towel)
- f) Comb or brush
- g) Lunch bag with child's name on it we provide the drink & snack
- h) Sunscreen
- i) Face mask

**Personnel items:** The JCC is not responsible for lost, broken, or stolen, personal items brought to camp by the camper. Campers should label every belonging they bring to camp.

\*\*Campers may not bring cell phones, or other electronic devices to camp\*\*

# 11. Shabbat Dress: (Friday)

To make Shabbat more meaningful and special we encourage campers to wear any combination of blue and white or their camp t-shirt on Fridays unless otherwise specified.

#### 12. Lost and Found:

All lost items will be kept in the lost and found box at camp. At the end of the summer, all unmarked and unclaimed clothing will be available to parents at the JCC. Any articles not claimed (1) week after camp is over will be sent to a charitable organization. We are not responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

## 13. Name Tag/Labels:

To ensure that your child's personal items will make their way home, we ask that name tags/labels be placed on all clothing, towels, bags, swimsuits, etc.

#### 14. Camp Daleville T-shirts:

Each camper will receive his/her complimentary camp t-shirt the first week of camp. Camp t-shirts should be worn on picture days, Shabbat, and other special camp days.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

We believe that communication is a two-way street. The camp staff will provide continual communication to keep parents informed throughout the summer. And, we encourage you to reach out to the camp director regarding your child's camp experience. Information communicated from you &/or your child is the most helpful to us if it is shared in a timely manner. We welcome suggestions and feedback regarding our camp program, facilities or staff.

In the event that we are unable to speak with you immediately, because we are busy with camp activities between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, please leave a message and your call will be returned as promptly as possible. Unless it is an emergency, we are unable to call staff away from the supervision of children.

Prior to the start of the camp season, direct questions to camp director Vince Kalinoski at 570-346-6595, ext. 115. When camp is in session, Vince can be reached at 570-842-8594.

Sign up to receive Text Message Alerts by texting DALEVILLE to 833-415-1600. Msg & data rates may apply.

## 15. Visiting Camp:

Please alert Camp Director, Vince Kalinoski, if you would like to visit camp.

# 16. Security & Safety Measures at Camp:

To ensure the safety of our campers, all parents/guardians are required to report to the side window of the camp office to sign in/out upon their arrival and departure at camp.

#### 17. Bringing Items to Camp:

Campers may bring personal sports equipment to camp with prior approval from the camp director. **Campers may not bring cell phones or other electronic devices to camp.** Animals are prohibited from camp.

#### 18. Discipline:

Our expectation is that every camper acts in a manner that ensures the safety, respect, and well-being of the Camp Daleville community. Any and all inappropriate behavior will immediately be brought to the camp director's attention and access and deal with the situation. The use of drugs and/or alcohol or possession of a weapon at camp is grounds for immediate expulsion.

#### 19. Emergency Procedures:

Camp staff participates in a three-day orientation and training prior to the start of camp. In addition to being trained in first aid and CPR by the American Red Cross, the staff is taught procedures in the event of a fire, an intruder, and weather-related incidents.

In the event of an emergency at camp or off camp property our staff follows procedures to ensure the safety of your child. The camp director is immediately notified and will assess the situation to determine the necessary steps and decide on further actions. Do not hesitate to contact the camp director if you have questions, concerns, or are seeking further details.

#### 20. Health & Safety:

There is a registered nurse on staff at Camp Daleville who is responsible for the distribution of medication and oversees general health and wellness. The camp is equipped with standard first aid equipment, including a backboard, neck brace, and AED for emergencies. If the nurse determines that a health-related situation is serious or beyond the scope of being treated at camp, s/he will arrange transportation to the hospital &/or contact 911. Camp Daleville unit heads are trained in Red Cross first aid and AED. Their role does not supersede the nurse's, however, in an emergency situation, unit heads are prepared to assist.

If a camper shows signs or symptoms of ill health while at camp, s/he will be isolated and the parent/guardian will be notified. In the event that your camper receives any medical attention during the camp day, you will be notified (for example, received ice, a band-aid, or a bee sting). In an emergency situation, the parent/guardian will be immediately notified. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact listed in the camp brochure application will be contacted. Should your child show signs of illness, we ask that you do not send them to camp and contact the camp office at 570-842-8594 (prior to 9:15 AM). A TSS must accompany any child with special needs.

#### COVID-19

The camp COVID response plan follows the CDC guidelines and includes notifying parents and isolating any possible positive people. Vaccinated campers/staff in close contact may be required to receive a COVID test after five days and provide proof of a negative test result. Campers or staff who become symptomatic should be free of symptoms for 24 hours and also provide proof of a negative test result prior to returning. Unvaccinated campers/staff in close contact will be required to quarantine for 10 days after their last exposure to the infected person or provide a negative test result on or after day 5 of quarantine, prior to returning to camp.

#### 21. Medications:

If your child needs to take any prescribed medication at camp, a consent note must be sent giving us permission to administer and the medication must be in its original pharmacy container. No medication will be administered, including aspirin or other over-the-counter medication without a written consent note. Please include the child's name, name of the medication, time medication should be given and dosage as well as a parent's signature in the consent note. We would prefer that you hand-deliver the consent note and medication.

#### 23. Lunch:

All campers should bring their bag lunch daily. This summer for health and safety reasons, we are not offering lunch for purchase. We apologize for the inconvenience. However, a snack is provided each day. Campers must also bring their own water bottles. Refill opportunities will be provided, but children are not permitted to do it themselves. A designated staff person will refill their bottles. Please label your child's lunch container/box/bag with your child's name and group.

We kindly request kosher-style lunches. Please do not mix milk products and meat and do not prepare pork or shellfish products.

# 24. Birthdays:

A child's birthday is a special day. We request that you do not send treats or snacks with your child, rather you bring the treats to camp. Please contact the camp director to make arrangements.

When sending snacks for any celebrations please be mindful of the "OU" kosher symbol on the packaging and inquire at the bakery to ensure that any baked goods are kosher. If you are not sure of a product's acceptability, please call the camp for verification. We appreciate your understanding.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

#### 25. Swimming:

The camp swimming program is designed to complement our excellent year-round aquatics program offered at the JCC of Scranton. Our goal is to help campers become comfortable and confident in the water. Campers are tested during the first days of camp and placed in appropriate ability groups and taught water safety, aquatic independence, and stroke development. Individual attention is given to each camper and counselors assist the certified water safety instructors. There are instructional sessions as well as general swim sessions. As

children grow and develop their skills in swimming, recognition is given for their ability by our camp staff through Red Cross certification badges.

**NOTE:** If your camper cannot swim on a given day, s/he is required to bring a note from a parent/guardian or physician. We ask for your support with the following:

- Do encourage your child to swim every day.
- Do follow your child's progress.
- Please discourage your child from staying out of the water whenever s/he wishes.
- Please do not emphasize water-related accidents.

# 26. Camp Programs and Activities:

Participation in activities is determined by the age and ability of each camper. If a camper does not wish to participate in an activity, they are not required to do so. The camper does, however, need to remain with the group and act appropriately as not to disrupt the group activity. For any activities, if the camper's behavior is not acceptable, the camp reserves the right to have the camper not participate. If the parent has a concern they are to contact the camp director prior to camp starting or within a week after the activity occurred to remedy the situation. By signing the camper application parent/guardian (s) grant permission for the camper to participate in camp activities.

A sample of activities (subject to change) offered is sports, swimming, arts & crafts, drama, music, Jewish culture, boating on the lake, cooking, science, nature, dance, forts, and STEM. The following activities have eligibility requirements: swimming, boating, archery, and cooking. The age requirement for archery is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older.

A Judaic atmosphere is achieved with programming, from celebrating traditional Oneg Shabbat on Fridays to welcoming the Sabbath, to special celebrations and events of Jewish, historical significance.

### 27. LAST DAY OF CAMP:

Camp will conclude on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> with a traditional late-night ceremony. Please plan to pick your campers up at 7PM.

#### A FINAL WORD

Surely, after reading this comprehensive manual, parents/guardians should be assured that every aspect of their camper's welfare has been considered. Our number one priority is ensuring that your camper has a fun, safe, positive, memorable experience. We encourage campers to learn interpersonal skills, achieve personal growth and gain a sense of independence. JCC Camp Daleville enriches campers' lives by instilling positive values and building life skills in a fun, nurturing environment while creating lasting friendships and memories!

# Camp Daleville Code of Conduct

Camp Daleville prides itself on four key pillars of conduct; Respect, Honesty, Cooperation, and Safety. The success of Camp Daleville is not only in the hands of our staff but in the community. Camp Daleville values the relationships we build with our camp families because, without you, there is no camp. Together, we ask that you, the camp family, take the Code of Conduct pledge, and together we can continue to make camp a safe, nurturing environment where our campers learn and grow.

I will not intentionally or repeatedly, verbally, physically, or socially make another camper(s) feel unsafe in or outside of camp. The use of drugs and/or alcohol or possession of a weapon at camp is grounds for immediate expulsion. The JCC and the Camp Director reserve the right to handle each offense on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Parent**

#### Respect:

I will respect and comply with camp policy, and understand policies are for the greater good of Camp Daleville. I will treat staff, campers and other parents with thoughtfulness and consideration and refrain from using negative or abusive language.

#### **Honesty:**

I will be honest in all interactions with camp staff, counselors, campers, and parents. I will inform camp administration of all medical, emotional and psychological factors that may influence the behavior of my camper. I will respect the decisions made by the camp staff and administration.

#### **Cooperation:**

I will work in cooperation with the administration and staff to secure that myself and my camper are following the code of conduct to achieve a fun and safe camp for every camper and family.

#### Safety:

I am committed to making Camp Daleville a secure place for my camper, and every camper. I accept and understand there will be consequences for my own or my camper's behavior.

#### Camper

#### Respect:

I understand that others are different than me. I will treat all of my fellow campers with respect. I am responsible for my camp community and will treat the staff, campers, grounds, and equipment with respect by not damaging or stealing.

#### **Honesty:**

I will tell the truth.

I will be helpful and participate in discussions regarding my actions.

#### **Cooperation:**

I will be a valuable member of Camp Daleville. I will take responsibility for my actions, what I say and the choices I make.

#### Safety:

I will keep my hands to myself. I will not physically, verbally, emotionally hurt a fellow camper or staff member. I will follow all of the camp rules because that will keep me and my fellow campers safe.