

## **Bender JCC Camp JCC Summer 2020 FAQs**

### **Will There Be Camp?**

*When will you decide if camp is happening?*

Our goal is to have a plan in place, no later than three weeks prior to the start of each session. This will be based on guidelines provided by the state and county government, the CDC and other governing organizations along with our ability to deliver a quality, safe and fun summer program.

*Who is involved in the decisions about camp?*

Our Camp JCC leadership team has been in communication with the CDC, ACA (American Camp Association), MD Department of Health and many colleagues from across the country. In addition, we have been meeting with our Bender JCC leadership and board to determine what is best for our community. Our decisions about camp will be in accordance with guidelines set forth by the state and county government.

*What will camp look like?*

Summer 2020 camp will most likely not look like our previous summers. The plan for camp will depend on our capacity to serve our campers based on government guidelines such as group size, social distancing and cleaning and disinfecting regulations. We know this may look and feel different than other camp years, but we will do our best to create a program that is both safe and fun.

*What kind of protective measures will be put in place at the JCC?*

We will follow the guidelines set forth by the state and county government, CDC, MD Department of Health, ACA (American Camp Association) and JCCA for our health safety policies and procedures.

*Is it possible that camp will be delayed?*

Yes, as much as we want to hold camp, we need to make sure that we can provide a safe and successful environment. We are waiting for the State of Maryland to determine if camps can happen, once they give the go ahead, it will do our best to get camp up and running as quickly as possible. If the start of camp is delayed, there will be a virtual option for families who are interested.

*Is it possible that camp will be extended?*

At this time we are not aware that MCPS will be delaying the start of school for next year. That said, if MCPS does adjust their calendar and we are able to safely run extended summer programming we will continue to offer programming.

*Is it possible that camp will start one way and then switch as the summer progresses/the situation changes?*

Yes, our ultimate goal is to get kids to camp. If this is possible later in the summer, we will do everything we can to make this happen.

*My child is enrolled in a program that is trip-based. What is happening with those programs?*

We know that our field trip and trip based programs are a huge hit with our campers. The current guidelines are telling us that this type of program may not be the best option for this summer, so we are exploring ways to adjust their programming. If these new program options don't fit or are not what your camper is looking for then contact the camp office to talk about options for your child.

*My child is medically fragile or have differing needs, will they be able to go to camp?*

The safety of our campers and staff is our #1 priority this summer. We know that it is not in the best interest for some campers to attend this summer due to health concerns or differing needs. If your camper is medically unable to attend camp this summer please contact the camp office to talk about your options.

**Financial Questions:**

*When will you be charging the last two installments?*

At this time we are still finalizing our summer program options. No further payments will be processed until camp offerings are finalized and communicated with families.

*What if we are uncomfortable sending our child to camp due to the Covid-19 pandemic, can we receive a refund?*

We hope that everyone will be able to send their child to camp, we do understand that it may not be possible for every family. More information about how we will refund payments will be available starting June 1.

*What if camp is cancelled, can we receive a refund?*

We are planning for a camp experience, but if that is not possible, we will communicate the options for refunds once that decision has been made.

**Forms:**

*What should I do if I can't get my forms to/from the pediatrician or if I can't upload them to CampMinder?*

If you have forms that are completed, please email them to [campjcc@benderjccgw.org](mailto:campjcc@benderjccgw.org). We can upload them for you. Many pediatricians are still completing forms during this time, you can email, mail, or fax them to your pediatrician's office and ask them to email, fax, or mail them back to you. If your office can do it, fax is the best way as the forms can be faxed right to CampMinder, the fax number is at the bottom right of each form. Keep in mind, that forms are specific to each camper.

*What if we can't get a physician appointment right now for our camper's yearly physical?*

Please send in the form based on the last physical that your camper had. In addition, make sure that you have completed the online Health History form in CampMinder.