



PARENTS MANUAL

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CAMP KLURMAN PHILOSOPHY

Camp Klurman promotes a child-centered, enriched environment. Each camper is viewed as unique, important, special, and deserves the chance to feel that way at camp every day. Camp is a place where children have an opportunity to grow in confidence, develop new skills, and experience enjoyment both as individuals and as members of a community. Our campers form important relationships with staff and peers. Each camper feels a sense of personal worth and appreciation in a nurturing environment.

Camp is a place to have fun and to take full advantage of new experiences. Emphasis is placed on cooperation, sportsmanship, and growing as an individual. Camp relieves the pressures that may exist in academic settings and allows a camper to flourish through maximizing their strengths. We encourage the campers to try new activities, develop new skills, bond with old friends, while creating new relationships in a safe and FUN atmosphere with positive leadership.

IMPORTANT CAMP DATES

Pre Camp: June 9 – June 13

Camp Season: June 16 – August 8 (**NO CAMP July 4**, in observance of Independence Day)

Post Camp: August 11 – 15

Specialty Camp Dates

Sports Camp: June 9 - August 15

Driven Basketball Training Camp: June 9 - August 15

Aquatics Sports Camp: June 9 – 13, July 7 – 11, August 11 - 15

Gymnastics Camp: June 9 – 13, July 7 – 11 & 14 - 18

LEGO Robotics: July 7- 11 & 14 – 18

AI coding and game development: June 23 – 27

AI and App Design: June 30 – July 4

Drone Stunts and racing: July 21 – 25

3D printing and product design: August 4 – 8

Fashion Design and digital creativity: July 28 – August 1

Minecraft architecture and MODS: August 11 – 15

Cheerleading Camp: July 21 – 25

Fashion Focus: graphic design for young creatives: July 29 – August 2

Performing Arts Camp: July 28 – August 1, August 4 – 8

Princess Dance Camp: June 9 – 13 & 16 – 20, June 23 - 27, August 11 – 15

Mini Mady's Dance Camp: July 7 – 11, 14 – 18 & 21 – 25

Mady's Dance Camp: June 16 – 20 & 23 - 27, June 30 – July 4, August 11 – 15

Art Camp: August 11 - 15

Football Training Camp: July 16 – 20, August 4 – 8 & 11 – 15

Skateboarding Camp: June 16 – 20, July 14 – 18, August 4 – 8

CAMP HOURS

Pre – Care* 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Morning Carpool – All Camp..... 8:45 am - 9:15 am

Camp Hours.....9:00 am - 3:45 pm

Afternoon Carpool.....3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Post – Care**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

* Campers dropped off before 8:30 am or picked up after 4:15 pm will be placed in pre or post care. Additional fees will apply.

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CAMP STAFF

Highly trained, professional staff who have a strong commitment to children and families supervise our camp. Our counselors are carefully selected, background checked, and attend required, intensive training on program development, childcare and safety.

Unit Heads – Each unit is assigned a unit head who is responsible for the safety of all campers and staff within their unit.

Counselors – The role of the bunk counselors is to focus on your children to keep them safe and happy. They motivate and encourage the campers throughout the day. They help the specialists. They establish rules for their bunks so that they can function as cohesive groups. They get involved, play with the kids and are enthusiastic. They check for parent notes and any changes to their campers' day. The counselors are the rocks of camp. They know your children, love them, care for them and do everything they can to make sure the kids have the summer of their lives.

CIT's are Counselors-In-Training (entering 9th – 10th Grade) – The counselor in training program is designed to give CITs a first-hand experience in child development, conflict resolution and proper child supervision techniques.

Specialists – Develop and teach programs in the following: Music, Swim, Arts & Crafts, Israeli Culture, Sports, Judaic Culture, Karate, Zumba and more.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT TO WEAR.... WHAT TO BRING

A list of items to bring to camp every day (**Please label everything**)

- Bathing suit & Towel
- Goggles and Swim Caps are recommended in the swimming pool
- Flip flops/Pool Shoes (to wear only to the pool)
- Backpack labeled with the camper's name on the outside
- Sunscreen (label and leave with instructions for counselors)
Please note: Sunscreen should also be applied before arriving at camp.
- Change of clothes
- **Water bottle (must be brought to camp)**
- Each child should wear (DAILY) to camp:
 - Play clothes that can stand dirt
 - Socks, sneakers (non-marking soles)

What NOT to bring to camp

Food, jewelry, toys, handheld electronics, cell phones and money. The MBJCC is not responsible for loss of these items should your child bring them to camp. If your child's counselor sees them using any of these items during camp, they will store them in the camp office for you to pick up at the end of the day.

CAMP T-SHIRTS

- Every camper will receive one camp T-shirt to wear in camp for specialty days and field trips.
- Additional T-shirts may be purchased for an additional cost of \$10 for each T-shirt.

LOST AND FOUND

Label everything!

Everything your child brings to camp should be labeled with his or her name. In the event your child loses clothing or any other articles, please check with the lost and found located in the Camp Office. Any articles not claimed at the end of each camp session will be donated to a local charity.

LUNCH/SNACK (Caterer: Seventeen)

We provide a hot Glatt Kosher lunch on a daily basis. In addition to the primary entrée, we always have a salad, fresh fruit, pasta, jelly sandwiches, tuna and egg salad available. Campers with food allergies will be accommodated individually. If your child is a finicky eater, we will work with him/her to encourage healthy eating habits. However, we are not able to provide individual meals or allow outside food to be brought onto campus. In addition, two snacks will be provided daily to campers. Campers will not be able to access the snack machines during camp hours. Please do not send snack machine money.

TIPPING POLICY

Acknowledgment of staff by tipping at the end of your child's stay in camp is appreciated. There are no designated tipping recommendations. Parents are encouraged to use their own

judgment.

ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

CampMinder is our web-based camp management and communication system. This user-friendly system allows you to register, add weeks and access everything from financial information to medical forms directly from our website.

Below are the steps to help you login.

1. Go to **mbjcc.org/camp**
2. Select the "**Camp Login**" button and proceed to view and update your account.

Selecting Camp Weeks – With this system, if you need to add camper weeks, please log into your account and you can easily select to add weeks. We ask that you do this before your camper starts camp that week. It is important for us to maintain staff ratios and have an accurate count before Monday morning.

*Prior registration is required. If you do not register your camper for the upcoming week, a spot may not be available, to maintain proper ratios and limit capacity. Please email or call the camp office ahead of time if you are not registered. Parents will not be able to walk into the facility during morning arrival. Campers may not be allowed to automatically join a group even if it is the one they have been in for prior weeks without advanced registration.

*If you need help with anything regarding your online account, click on the HELP LINK at the top right of the screen and browse the FAQs. If your questions aren't answered, click on the HELP TICKETS LINK and create a help ticket. These help tickets will be sent directly to CAMPMINDER and will be answered as quickly as possible.

OUR UNITS

Camp Klurman provides a camping experience for children 3 years old through 8th grade.

Chalutzim (Pioneers) is for campers 2.5, 3 and 4 years old

Chalutzim campers thrive in a nurturing, enthusiastic, supportive and structured environment. Special attention is given to social growth, emotional development and physical needs of each individual camper. Campers participate in daily activities and enjoy special entertainment on campus. Campers who are 3.5 years old by the first day of camp must be potty trained.

Chaverim (Friends) is for campers entering Kindergarten

Chaverim campers are challenged by a wide range of athletic, creative and social activities in a Jewish environment which encourages independence and growth. Chaverim campers will have weekly on-campus entertainment. The Chaverim unit also has a Jr. Sports group where campers' concentration will be a variety of sports as well as a mix of traditional camp activities.

Yedidim (Children) is for campers entering 1st – 2nd Grade

This program is perfect for campers who are ready to try new things. Yedidim campers enjoy a full day of fun activities including theme days, special activities and entertainment. Yedidim campers will have on campus entertainment and field trips.

Achim (Siblings) is for campers entering 3rd – 4th Grade

Achim camp encourages adventure, new challenges and skill building. Achim campers have the opportunity to choose from a variety of chugs (activities/hobbies) and unit programming. Campers participate in sports drills and variety of specialized activities. Achim campers will have on campus entertainment and field trips.

Tzofim (Scouts) is for campers entering 5th – 8th Grade

Tzofim camp is all about bonding with peers, sharing experiences and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Tzofim campers will engage in specialized activities to learn with professional instructors and coaches to wet their appetite for learning while providing challenging and fun opportunities to grow as individual and gain new knowledge. Tzofim campers will have on campus entertainment and field trips.

Sports Camp is for campers entering 1st – 4th Grade

MBJCC Sports Camp is an in-depth sports program committed to developing fundamental sports skills. Campers are separated by grades into groups to create level based competitive teams. This multi-sport specialty camp is designed for the sports enthusiast. Each day the campers enjoy a “sport of the day”, focusing on Basketball, Football and Soccer drills Their daily routine also includes a variety of other sports and camp activities including swim. Field trip included.

Specialty Camps: *Princess Dance, Dance, Drone Flying, Gymnastics, LEGO Robotics, Coding & Graphic Design, 3D printing, AI coding, Drone camp, Fashion Design, Art, Minecraft Coding, Cheerleading, Performing Arts, Basketball Training Camp, Football Training Camp and Aquatic Sports Camp, Skateboarding Camp.*

Campers spend most of their time in specialty areas, but spend a portion of each day with the camp specialists, swimming and general camp activities.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events enhance our day camp programs and experiences each week.

Parents will be informed about which special events will be taking place, on the camp schedule prior to the camp session or via newsletters that are sent home. Please note that scheduled events are subject to change.

SUMMER THEME:

We at Camp Klurman believe camp is about exploring, using our imagination and of course having fun! A camp theme helps each week be more memorable. This summer our theme is “**A place for everyone to SHINE**”, which will guide each week’s creative activities curriculum.

Pre Camp - Simcha/Joy

Week 1 - Shalom / Peace

Week 2 - Hakarat Hatov / Gratitude

Week 3 – Kavod / Respect

Week 4 - Tikkun Olam / Repairing the World

Week 5 - Avodat Tzevet / Team work

Week 6 -Ahavat Israel / Love for Israel

Week 7 – Savlanut / Patience
Week 8 – Nedivut / Generosity

FIELD TRIPS

Campers travel in school buses with seat belts. Campers are supervised on all trips by a unit head and bunk counselors. Camper to counselor ratios on field trip days will remain consistent with their group ratios. The camp director will be in contact with unit heads on field trip days via cell phone. Please send your child well prepared for trip days. Dress your child in proper attire for the individual trip. Campers need to wear their Camp Klurman T-shirt, bring a water bottle and a hat for shade for outdoor trips. Notifications will be sent in advance for certain trips which require waivers to be completed. J Café catering packs to go lunches and snacks for campers. All trips return in time for regular afternoon carpool.

Field Trip Days

Yedidim (1st – 2nd Grade) – Tuesdays
Achim (3rd – 4th Grade) – Mondays & Thursdays
Tzofim (5th – 8th Grade) – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Sports Camp (1st – 4th Grade) – Wednesdays

*Please note that field trips days are subject to change and may vary.

JAZZ IT UP WITH WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Wacky Wednesdays are a chance to dress up and be silly. Campers who dress up get to walk the runway at Boker Tov and show off their creativity. We encourage everyone to wear a simple costume to get into the spirit of the day! Our Wacky Wednesday dress up days are:

Pre Camp – Peace. Love Happiness

Week 1 – Shine Like a Movie Star – Favorite Movie day
Week 2 – Shine like an MVP – Sports Jersey Day
Week 3 – Shine like the 50 stars – Red, White and Blue Day
Week 4 – Wave your flag – Family Heritage day
Week 5 – Star Light, Star Bright – Pajama day
Week 6 – Kajol Ve' Lavan – Israel Spirit day
Week 7 – Shine like nobody is watching – Crocs and Socks day
Week 8 – Camp a place for Everyone to Shine – Neon Day
Post Camp – Space is the place to reach the stars – Space day

AQUATICS PROGRAM

All campers will participate in recreational and instructional swimming taught by Swim Gym in the camp's heated outdoor pool. Everyone has swimming at least once a day (unless a special event has been scheduled in its place). The swim program is an important and integral part of camp life and is greeted with enthusiasm by campers. Our Swim Gym aquatics staff are supervised by Swim Gym Program Director Jennie Strauss. Lifeguards and water safety instructors (WSI), certified by the American Red Cross with skills in helping campers to adapt to the water and to develop stronger swimming techniques. Instructors will encourage the campers to participate in the swim program. ***Goggles and swim caps are recommended in the swimming pool.**

Chalutzim campers swim first thing in the morning, please send your child to camp in their bathing suit. Campers change in their bunkrooms therefore they will be walking from the pool

to their rooms. Make sure to send flip flops/water shoes for your child so they don't have to walk barefoot through the halls. Please send plastic bags with your child for wet suits and towels.

Chaverim and older campers change in the locker rooms. Counselors will help your children to get dressed and will help to make sure all items go home with your child at the end of the day.

AQUATIC SPORTS ACTIVITIES

The MBJCC offers aquatic sport activities on the Intercostal Waterway during our summer camp. The Sol Stern Docks, just off the Kotzen Aquatics Center and the Athletic Field, are a great addition to the Camp. All age groups (K and up) will have a chance to engage in a variety of fun water activities, where safety is our number one priority. Trained & certified instructors and lifeguards will teach your children water safety, proper use of equipment and love of the water.

Water sport activities include:

KAYAKING

A Kayak is a low-to-the-water boat in which the paddler sits facing forward, legs in front, using a double-bladed paddle to pull front-to-back on one side and then the other in rotation. Campers will learn several different stroke movements, safety skills and rescue tactics with the use of a kayak.

CANOEING

Canoeing is a recreational sport which involves paddling a canoe with a single-bladed paddle. Campers will learn several different stroke techniques and team coordination since more than one person in the canoe will be paddling, as well as skills for speed, rescue, and safety.

STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING

Stand up paddle boarding, or SUP, involves standing up or kneeling on boards while using a paddle to propel themselves through the water. Campers will learn body balance, several different paddle techniques, racing strategy, as well as gain strength and relaxation techniques.

***Safety** is our number one concern and priority. With that in mind, we have teamed up with **Swim Gym** to help provide the safest environment possible. The docks have an American Red Cross certified guard that has an additional open water certification. We have a lifeguard stand in an optimal location with a specialized view point, so they are able to see all participants during water activities. The designated area where activities take place is surrounded and marked by buoys. A Lifeguard is in the water on a kayak or small safety boat. Coaches that are certified American Red Cross lifeguards lead programs and activities. A MBJCC staff member is always on hand and present during all water activities. And camp counselors will also be in the water assisting and supervising the water activities.

JUDAIC AND ISRAELI PROGRAMMING

Camp Klurman is the ideal space for children of all religious and ethnic backgrounds; we strive to nurture campers to develop into responsible, respectful, global citizens. Complemented by our informal Jewish environment, campers develop a deeper understanding of and appreciation for Jewish heritage and traditions while also developing a true sense of community. This will be reinforced not only through daily activities like Boker Tov, but also when the campers go to specialists throughout the camp day. With the help of our Jewish Educators we spend the summer learning about Israel through interactive activities like dance, art, music and more. We

also put together an Israel Day Carnival for the children to experience the culture and the food of the country.

BOKER TOV (Good morning)

Each morning the campers begin the day by gathering with their own groups to welcome the day. We dance, sing and cheer to start every morning with "Ruach" (spirit).

ISRAELI SHLICHIM

We will have a Shinshinim this summer from Israel. He will teach our Israel specialty activities.

SHABBAT

Each week we celebrate Shabbat as a camp community. Shabbat is a time where we all come together to prepare for the day of rest with special prayers, songs and programs. Shabbat is also an opportunity to acknowledge campers and staff, showcase new skills and socialize with one another.

***HEALTH SAFETY PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURES**

The below protocols and procedures are reviewed often and adjusted accordingly. Overall reevaluation and assessment is conducted based upon new recommendations from local authorities and Department of Health. Our community's health and safety is our top priority. We assure you that we take the threat of communicable diseases (COVID-19, FLU, RSV, other viruses) very seriously and continue to implement additional cleaning and sanitizing practices to ensure a safe environment for our Members, Participants and Staff. We have and will continue to follow recommendations from the CDC, Department of Health, local authorities and best practices from JCC's around the country.

Our MBJCC team has been preparing for many weeks to create a safer summer of 2024 with various modifications. We have been training our camp staff and staff of the entire facility to follow these guidelines.

We ask parents to help us and prepare campers before camp begins. Please speak to your children about these guidelines and the behaviors and precautions children should take while at camp. Additionally, we will go over these guidelines/precautions with your children during camp as well.

- How to and when to effectively wash and sanitize hands.
- Which symptoms to look out for and report to staff.
- Staying home when sick.
- Coughing etiquette.

HAND HYGIENE & COUGHING ETIQUETTE

All campers and staff will engage in hand hygiene throughout the day.

- Before and after every activity
- Before and after eating or handling food
- After touching high-touch surfaces
- After using the bathroom
- After using common items (sports equipment and other limited use supplies)

- After coughing sneezing or blowing your nose

MANDATORY MEDICAL FORM*

Medical examinations must be arranged with your family physician and the medical form #3040 and immunization form #680 (supplied by your physician) must be completed and returned to us no later than the child's first day of camp. Please go online and upload a PDF copy to your camper's profile in our camp system (CampMinder). Information pertaining to any medications that you will be sending with your child to camp is to be included on the medical form, as well as information indicating what medications will be given to your child. In addition to the required medical forms, as part of the terms and conditions of enrollment in camp, we ask parents to inform us about other medically related personal issues affecting your child. This includes any pre-existing medical conditions, including cognitive, social and/or motor disabilities.

***Campers will not be permitted to attend camp without completed medical forms.**

****All Campers are required to be immunized according to the Florida state regulations.**

MEDICATION

If your child is to take any prescription medication during the camp day, his/her medicine must be kept by the Camp Office unless special circumstances exist. Children will be allowed to take medication only under the following conditions:

- The medication must be in the original container. The container must have a label with the name of the child, name of the medicine, dosage, the date and the name of the doctor.
- The prescription medication will be administered according to label instructions only.
- A signed note from the parents **must be submitted** allowing the child to take the medication at camp with instruction of how to take medication.

ILLNESS

Please note that good health habits are always stressed at the Miami Beach JCC. Maintaining a safe environment for everyone is of the highest priority. Please help us stay healthy by covering coughs and sneezes, washing your hands often and always practicing general good hygiene.

Please monitor if your child(ren) are exhibiting any symptoms of:

- Fever 100.4+
- Sore Throat
- Chills
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Loss of taste and smell

If any of these symptoms appear, please take them to a doctor and have them stay home for the duration of their symptoms. They can return to the MBJCC when they have no symptoms and no fever has been present for at least 24 hours without taking fever reducers.

Please cooperate in preventing the spread of anything contagious by notifying the MBJCC immediately if you are exposed. It is extremely important for us to know if there are any cases in your viruses or diseases in your household, while your child is at camp.

More information can be found here at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/index.html>

In cases when we feel the child should be taken home due to illness, we will ask parents to come pick up their child. If your child is not feeling well (and you know this better than anyone else) in the morning, please keep your child home. A child that is vomiting or has fever will not be permitted to remain at camp. We wish to protect all the children coming to camp and also to prevent you from making an unnecessary trip to camp. If your child contracts any contagious diseases including the below, please notify the Camp Office immediately. For the protection of all campers, children with an illness will not be permitted to attend camp without a note from the doctor of good health.

Examples:

Molluscum Contagiosum

Pinkeye

Coxsackie (hand, foot, mouth)

Flu

COVID-19

Others

HEAD LICE

Having lice is not a pleasant experience for anybody. In an effort to control lice and nits at our camp, we strictly adhere to a no-nit policy. You must notify the Camp office immediately if your child has had or been exposed to Head Lice within 2 weeks prior to Camp or contracts it during the summer season. Before your camper may return to camp he/she must have a note from a doctor or treatment company. Your camper will also be checked by the camp office. Thank you ahead of time for your cooperation in this matter.

For important information on things you can do to help your child have a great camp experience please visit.

- **A healthy camp begins and ends at home**
<https://campnurse.org/2020/03/18/a-healthy-camp-begins-at-home/>
- **Respiratory Virus Symptoms to look out for**
<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/prevention/precautions-when-sick.html>

ACCIDENT AND INJURY

In the event an accident or injury occurs, first aid will be administered on-site. Should the accident or injury require more than basic first aid, 911 will be called and the camper will be taken to the hospital. In this event, you will be immediately contacted. Our supervisory staff and lifeguards are certified in CPR, first aid and emergency procedures.

SAFETY AND GENERAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The MBJCC provides a safe and nurturing environment for your child. Every precaution is taken

during all our activities. During an emergency we will do our best to provide communication via a variety of methods. It is possible for cellular service to be overwhelmed with traffic during emergency. While a phone call is usually the preferred method of communication, if this is not possible we will also use text messages, emails, and/or website postings. Our supervisory staff and lifeguards are certified in CPR, first aid and emergency procedures.

Communicable Disease Mitigation Plan (Respiratory Viruses/other)

If a positive case of COVID-19/Flu/RSV/other viruses may become evidenced the following steps will be implemented.

- The Member, Participant or Staff will be asked to remain at home while symptoms are present. They can return to the MBJCC when they have no symptoms and no fever has been present for at least 24 hours without taking fever reducers.
- The MBJCC will identify, when possible, all who might have come in close contact with the said individual, and will notify them
- Communication will be sent to Members, Participants and Staff as appropriate in reference to exposure.
- The facility will be additionally sanitized and thoroughly cleaned.
- Notification to appropriate local/health authorities if necessary. Closing and reopening of the facility will be subject to local health department recommendations.

EXTRA CLEANING & SANITIZATION

The entire facility has been properly cleaned and sanitized by our cleaning company Service Keepers Maintenance, Inc. before opening and will be continuously and systematically cleaned throughout the day. Service Keepers Maintenance, Inc. is a privately owned and operated commercial facility maintenance and janitorial firm that has been providing socially responsible services in South Florida for over thirty years. They are long-standing Members of BSCAI and ISSA, the two largest worldwide cleaning organizations that track industry trends, data, and facility maintenance best practices. They were one of the first 200 organizations in the world to get certified by CIMS GB (Green Building) with Honors. All of their disinfectants are EPA compliant including the Total Release foggers which can be used to eliminate 99.99% of germs within 20 minutes of a reported issue. Service Keepers Maintenance has been certified by the Global Bio Risk Advisory Council (GBAC) to prepare for, respond to and recover from biohazards in the workplace resulting from COVID-19 infection, as well as the implementation of contamination control measures for infectious disease outbreak situations such as the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). In addition, the staff has been trained to safeguard the health of staff and visitors by cleaning and disinfecting high-touch points such as door handles, elevator buttons, table tops, restrooms, fitness equipment, lunch areas, classrooms and other environmental surfaces that will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day. The Service Keepers Team practices a cleaning for health initiative with a focus on 3 stages: clean, measure and monitor.

We emphasize an all-inclusive approach to cleaning by campers, camp staff and our maintenance team.

Extra hand-wash stations, hand sanitizing stations and wipe dispensers are available throughout the facility.

COMMUNICATION

CAMP NEWSLETTER & PHOTOS

Every week throughout the summer we will include camp information in the MBJCC weekly newsletter.

Facebook & Instagram

Like us on Facebook: [FACEBOOK.COM/CAMPKLURMAN](https://www.facebook.com/CAMPKLURMAN). Follow us on Instagram: @MBJCCSummerCamp. We will be providing updates and weekly camp photos.

*Camp Klurman does not authorize the use of photos or videos of campers or staff on the internet by campers, staff, or their families.

Campanion App for parents:

We're striving to bring parents closer to their camper's experience, and this summer we're using an amazing new app called **Campanion** to do just that.

The best things about it? It helps with all of your pre-camp preparations and you get fun updates and photos of your camper right on your phone. Campanion makes you feel closer to your camper's experience than ever before.

To get started, follow these simple steps:

- Download the Campanion app
- Use your CampInTouch Account email address and password to log in
- Complete forms online and upload completed paperwork right in the app
- Upload a training photo of your child, which enables the app to send you photos of your camper over the summer
- Ensure you have push notification enabled within your phone settings so you can receive important updates from camp all year long!

CAMP OFFICE COMMUNICATION

When calling the MBJCC please use extension 235 or email camp@mbjcc.org for the Camp Office. The Camp Office will take messages from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. If you wish to contact your child, child's Unit Head, Counselor or the Camp Director, please indicate this and leave the number/email where you can be reached. We cannot call staff members away from the supervision of your children unless it is an emergency. Your call/email will be returned after camp hours unless it requires immediate attention. Should your child express any concerns or fears about camp or should there be any unique or unusual situations at home that may affect your child, please let us know. Private parent/staff conferences may be arranged; we ask that you refrain from trying to hold a meeting with staff during drop-off/pick-up times. The children need our full attention at those times. **Dismissal changes must be called or emailed into the Camp Office by 2:00 pm.**

VISITING CAMP

Parents are not generally allowed to visit camp. If you require special assistance or need to meet in person with your child's counselors, Unit Head or the Camp Director, please email/call us ahead of time to make a scheduled appointment. Please note that during the hours of camp the staff is occupied with your children. Contact us at camp@mbjcc.org or 305-234-3206 ext. 235.

Camp registration and adding camp weeks is available through our website
www.mbjcc.org/camp

During the hours of 9 am – 4:00 pm, the following rooms and areas will be designated for camp use only. Basketball Gym, Field, Racquetball Court, Program Office, Family (parenting) Room, Childcare Room, Art Room, Gymnastics Studio, Swimming Pool, Playground, Field and Colonnade, Dance Room, MP1+2, MP3, MP4 and Locker Rooms.

EMAIL/ONLINE COMMUNICATION

Please make sure we have your email address. We will send out emails to parents during and leading up to the summer. Emails may include weekly newsletters, daily updates on camp, pictures of the camp day and/or evaluation surveys. Email addresses will be used by the MBJCC only and not shared with any third parties.

EXTENDING CAMP SESSIONS

After the start date of camp a \$50 change fee will be applied for each change/drop. Campers may register during the camp season for additional camp weeks for no penalties as long as there is space available. If you choose to extend/change the camp session, your request must be in writing/email and accompanied by full payment.

GUARDIAN DOCUMENTS

Camp Klurman requires copies of all appropriate legal documents relating to custody matters or any other matters that deal with your camper. Written authorization is required to release your camper to designated adults. Please notify us, in writing/email, of any changes on any of the contact or medical information.

ABSENCES

For your child's safety and protection, please notify the Camp Office if your camper will be absent from camp due to illness, vacation or any other reason. Please note that if your child is absent from camp, there is no refund or credit for the day.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

***Carpool times are very busy. Please be slow, patient and cautious when driving on to our campus. Please refrain from cell phone use when AM/PM carpool is in session.**

Car Entrance Sticker:

You must have your Camp Klurman sticker on your dashboard to be allowed to enter the MBJCC parking lot to pick up your child(ren). Additionally, please display on your dashboard or present in the lobby (if walking in) the 8x11 **Pick Up Card** with your child's name and group.

MORNING ARRIVAL

AM Drop-off (8: 45 am – 9:15 am)

At 8:40 am carpool begins. Parents should drive through the south side entrance gate towards the right lane closer to the building and proceed through the designated carpool lane as guided by camp staff until directed to stop. Cars will not be allowed to get in or out of the line. Cars that are not part of camp carpool should make the immediate left turn upon entering, to park in the designated parking spots. The camp staff are responsible for getting your child out of the car and taking him/her to their group. Please pull up to designated area (tent at the north field gate) and wait for a counselor to greet you and your child. Morning carpool ends at 9:10 am. Please be patient.

***Walk Up Drop-off** – will be inside the parking lot at the north field gate tent area. If you need to walk your child to camp, please park in the parking lot and walk your child to the field gate tent area, where a counselor will meet them and walk them into the facility. If you need to walk your child into the facility, please arrive after carpool 9:15am and walk them to the camp office or contact the camp office in advance to make proper arrangements.

LATE ARRIVAL

If a child comes to camp after carpool is over (after 9:10 am) you are responsible for taking your child to the Camp Office and signing him/her in to camp. Your child will then be brought to their group by a staff member. Please try your best to be on time! If for any reason you expect to be unable to drop off your child on time on a regular basis, please contact the Camp Director to work out an individual plan.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

PM Dismissal Times (3:45 pm – 4:15 pm)

The carpool line **opens 5 minutes before** dismissal begins. If you arrive early you will be directed to exit and asked to re-enter at a proper designated time. **Each camper will be given an 8x11 Pick Up Card and Car Sticker that needs to be displayed on your dashboard to help speed up the process, if you do not have the sticker on your window you will be asked to show proof that you are a MBJCC camp parent.** A staff member and security guard will be at the South Pine Tree Dr. entrance gate to navigate the process. Staff will walk out campers to their parents' car. Same procedure will apply to the carpool line as at AM arrival.

Walk Up Dismissal –

(Parents who park on or off-site and walk up to pick-up Campers)

- Parents may park in the parking lot and walk to camp dismissal area for pick up.
- Parents may walk to the north emergency gate area, located next to the building entrance, designated for camp pick-up only during dismissal time, to pick up their children.
- Parents will form a line by the north emergency date area and present their child's 8x11 Pick Up Card to Camp Klurman staff.
- Campers will be walked with staff to area for exchange.

Please note:

- **Early Pick Up: Parents will not be allowed to come into the MBJCC after 3:00 pm to**

pick up Campers. (After 3:00 pm you will have to wait until 3:45 pm Dismissal).

- The 10 East parking spots near the field along the fence and the 10 parking spots along the North side of the lot, will be reserved for AM and PM Carpool for the pick-up and drop off lane, from June 10 – August 16, 2024
- **If you are coming from 42 Street you will be directed to park in the JCC parking lot and walk up to pick up your child or you will be directed to park on Pine Tree Dr. along the JCC campus and walk up to pick up your child.**
- Carpool traffic must stay in the right lane (East lane) of Pine Tree Dr.
- Do not leave your car unattended in the carpool lane or in front of the MBJCC.
- **No blocking of intersection or driveways.**
- Both East lanes are unavailable during drop-off and pick-up hours in the MBJCC parking lot
- Staff will not buckle campers into car seats.
- U turns are not permitted on Pine Tree Dr. and 42 Street. It is illegal and dangerous.
- Please follow the traffic lights and street signs for appropriate driving directional
- Dismissal changes must be called into the Camp Office by 2:00 pm.
- No parking on or near residential property.
- No Parking on the Pine Tree Dr. median.

IN CASE OF HEAVY RAIN

When heavy rains fall at drop-off or dismissal, please be patient and wait on the carpool lines. Once the rainstorm subsides and it is deemed safe to resume carpool, camp staff will greet you.

ALTERNATIVE DRIVER

If your child is to be picked up from camp by someone other than yourself or pre-authorized designee, please submit in writing/email the name of the alternate driver to the Camp Office. In order to preserve your child's safety, **proper identification will be required from the alternate driver.** Dismissal changes must be called into the Camp Office by 2:00 pm.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If you want to pick-up your child in lieu of participating in the carpool dismissal, you must notify the Camp Office by 2:00 pm and pick up at the Camp Office by 3:00 pm (after 3:00 pm you will have to wait until 3:45 pm dismissal).

PRE-CARE/POST-CARE (*additional fees apply)

Parents in need of earlier and/or later drop-off and/or pick-up may register for pre-care/post-care.

Pre-Care begins promptly at 8:00am, campers that are registered for pre-care must be escorted to the Family Center Room.

Post-Care is available until 5:00pm.

During post-care, campers will have opportunities to play games, eat snack, and do interesting projects until they are picked up. When picking up your child, parents need to go to the main lobby and notify the reception person at the front desk who will contact Post-Care staff and bring your child to you in the lobby. All campers must be picked up by 5:00 pm to avoid late fees.

AM/PM BUS TRANSPORTATION (*additional fees apply)

All bus information will be sent to you via email prior to the beginning of camp. Every effort is made for an enjoyable daily bus ride.

What if my child is not riding the bus on a specific day?

If your camper will be absent from the bus PLEASE call the Camp Office to let us know. This will prevent delays in picking up the other campers.

How long will the bus wait for me?

Please be at your designated bus stop 10 minutes prior to the pick-up time. The bus can only wait for 5 minutes at the designated location.

What if I'm not at the bus stop for my child?

If an adult is not at the bus stop, the bus will wait five minutes for the parents to arrive, if the parents do not arrive in a timely fashion, campers will be brought back to the MBJCC and will need to be picked up by the camper's parents.

What if I want my child to go home with a friend or I want to pick them up?

An email or written note must be sent to the camp administrator as early as possible on the day that the change will take place, but no later than 2:00 pm.

Please be flexible!

A bus may encounter traffic or unexpected delays either to or from camp, which will affect the anticipated time. If we are aware, we will contact you to keep you updated. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, patience and understanding.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Our camp abides by a certain set of rules, which ensure the safety and wellbeing of each camper and staff member. Some of these rules are established by the camp administration, and some are created by the counselors and their campers. Knowing what is expected and what will happen help each child grow in self-discipline, become more responsible and learn how to treat others.

Our staff uses many positive approaches in dealing with children's behaviors. Counselors talk with campers, find out what's happening and may use a 'time out' periodically when needed. Staff may call parents, develop behavior plans and use positive reinforcements. We also work with the counselors to set objectives and goals for campers who are having difficulty working and playing with others. Our goal is for every camper to have a fun, safe summer camp experience. In the extreme event that all efforts fail and participation at our camp is not in the best interests of the child or the camp, the Camp Director will, in consultation with the counselors and parents, determine whether or not the child should stay at camp. Any camper asked to leave camp for disciplinary actions will not receive a refund.

CODE OF CONDUCT – PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR CAMPER

Camp Klurman has developed and maintains a Code of Conduct for the members of its community. The code is intended to be a guide for general behavior.

1. I will be respectful of my fellow campers and all program staff. This means that I will speak to others in a respectful manner and tone of voice, I will follow directions and I will not cause or threaten physical harm towards others. I understand that disrespectful behaviors include, but are not limited to, hitting, punching, kicking, biting, spitting, swearing, lying and refusing to listen to the staff. This includes bullying behavior, which is defined as repetitive behavior against a fellow camper(s), which can include physically hurting (as stated above), purposely excluding, telling negative stories about someone, name calling, teasing and using abusive language.
2. I will be respectful of the Camp facility, places we may visit and the belongings of others. This means that I will not litter, vandalize, steal or destroy items that do not belong to me. I will act in a behavior that will not give a negative image of the MBJCC or Camp Klurman.
3. Each person is expected to think about the results of one's actions and how it affects others.
4. Each person is expected to solve disagreements by talking, listening and compromising.

Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

If a counselor is unable, through discussion with a camper, to get the camper to cooperate, the counselor will send the camper to camp administration (Camp director, Assistant Camp Director and/or Program Director) where the following procedure will be implemented:

1. First time - The Camp Director gives a warning, which includes clear understanding of the concerns and some alternative behaviors that should be used in the future.
2. Second time - The Camp Director gives a second warning and sends communication to the parent(s) explaining the concern(s).
3. Third time - A conference with the camper, parent(s), Camp Director, Assistant Director and/or Program Director will be arranged to discuss a plan for resolution of the concern. This could include suspension from camp for a period of time*

If the situation is judged by the administration as very serious, the above steps may be waived and a parent/guardian may be asked to pick up the child from camp and/or the camper will be asked not to return for a designated period of time.

In compiling this manual, we tried to cover as many items as possible that you will need to know about camp this summer. We value your comments and feedback, so please let us know!

We want camp to be the best for all the campers. Not only are you part of our camp family, but you are also part of the MBJCC community. Let's work together, have fun and enjoy every day of this camp season! Thank you so much for trusting us with your children.

