

JCC Camp Guide



June 2 - August 1



25
YEARS



JCC Summer Camps June 2 - August 1, 2025

A high-quality summer camp experience is an investment in your child that lasts a lifetime. For over two decades, JCC Summer Camp and Aquatics programs have set a standard of excellence—creating memories, forging friendships, teaching life skills, building self-confidence, and providing weeks of pure fun for kids. The JCC's outstanding facilities, terrific activities, and supportive counselors create a perfect setting for children to flourish. JCC Camp Director, Matt Westerlund, returns for his 16th year and has planned exciting summer programming for children ages 5-12. The JCC is open to the entire community. Our camps fill quickly, so mark your calendar with the registration dates listed on the opposite page! Sign up for a JCC membership to take full advantage of the facility and member discounts. We look forward to playing, learning, laughing, and growing with your family this summer!

Sincerely,

Matt Westerlund, JCC Camp Director

Shelly Prant, JCC CEO



Registration Information & Important Dates

Summer Camp Registration Dates

JCC Members: Saturday, February 22 beginning at 9am

Non-Members: Sunday, February 23 beginning at 9am • Subject to availability

Registration can be completed online by visiting

<https://jccabq.org/summer-camps/>

JCC Members get access to registration a full 24 hours before the general public. Members also get significant discounts on camps, aquatics, and all other JCC programming - learn more about membership and join today at jccabq.org.

Camp Chai Summer Day Camp Dates

Parent Orientation: Tuesday, May 20th, 7-8pm (via ZOOM)

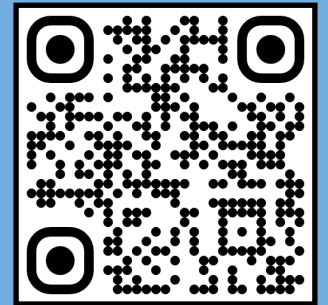
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Session 2: June 16 - June 27

Session 3: June 30 - July 11 (Excluding July 4th)

Session 4: July 14 - July 25

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Specialty Camp Dates*

*Please refer to Specialty Camp pages for details.

June 9 - August 1

Before & After Care

Available from 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm. Registration required.

Camp Chai: \$80/session

Specialty Camps: \$40/session

Camp Lunches & Snack Bar

provided by:



Rhubarb & Elliott

Campers' families will have the opportunity to create an online account with the on-site café, Rhubarb & Elliott, where you can:

- Order Lunches
- Add-on Snacks
- Add-on Drinks
- Pre-Pay Café Tab

<https://www.rhubarbandelliott.com/>

A bit about *Rhubarb & Elliott*

"Rhubarb & Elliott has been feeding communities throughout New Mexico since we first started cooking delicious lunches and delivering them to local schools and community centers. We began our adventure more than ten years ago, when a Manzano mom (Rhubarb) started R&E in the school kitchen. Back then, it was just Rhubarb, her mother, and ambition: to bring fresh, creative food to the community. Today, while we serve more than 2,000 students, we remain committed to our core principles and to the communities we serve.

We believe that by providing healthy, diverse food, we help everyone. We help students focus, teachers engage, and parents have one less thing to worry about."

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2025 Camp Chai

June 2 - July 25 • 9am - 4pm • Ages 5-12

JCC Member Price: \$500/2-week session

Non-Member Price: \$625/2-week session



2025 Session Dates

Session 1: June 2 - June 13

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Camp Chai day campers participate in a variety of daily activities, including structured and elective time periods taught by specialists in their areas of expertise, to create their own unique summer experience. During each two-week session, campers enjoy a variety of classes and activities as part of their structured periods including: daily swim lessons and recreational swim time, art, dance, martial arts, social studies, outdoor education, science, Israeli culture, creative writing, movie making, gymnastics (K-2), digital media, performing arts, sports, and more. Themed weeks, special events, field and camp spirit days, and field trips are incorporated into each session. Before and after care services are available from 7-9AM and 4-6PM.

Cancellations can be made up to two weeks before the session begins.

There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit per camper.

For more information contact: Matt Westerlund, JCC Camp Director, at mattw@jccabq.org



LEGO® Robotics & Intro to Drones Specialty Camp

Monday-Friday, July 28 - Aug. 1, 2025

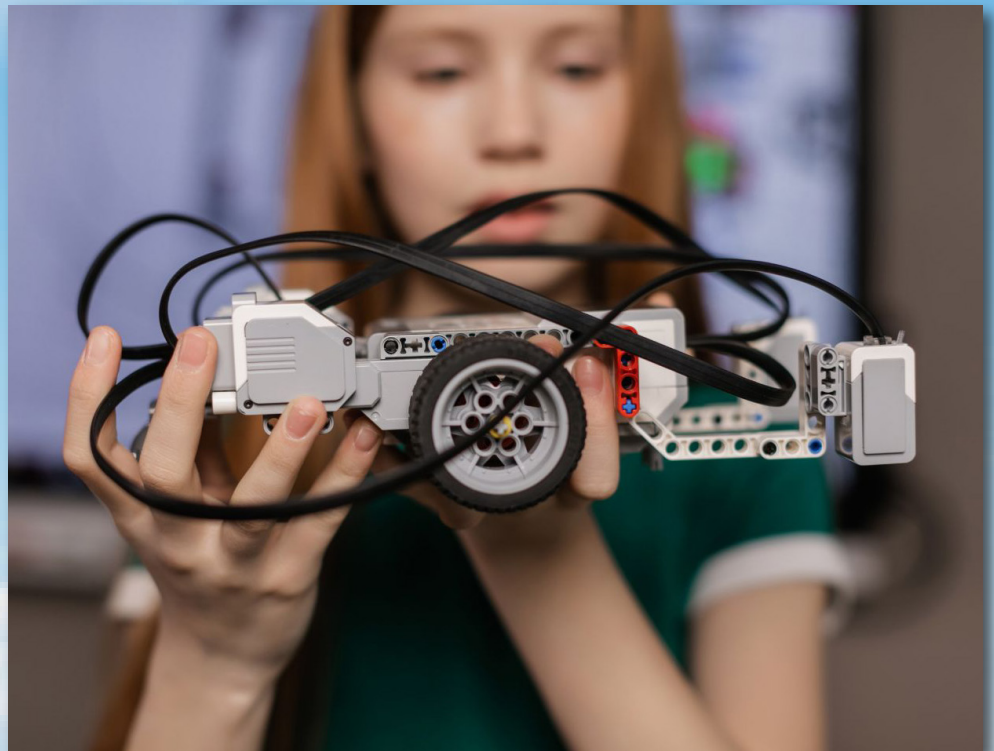
\$325 member / \$425 non-member

Campers will investigate the fundamentals of designing, constructing, and bringing their own robots to life with LEGO® bricks, motors, gears, and many other electronic devices, in addition to learning how to maintain, fly, and understand the science behind flying drones, all while developing problem solving skills in both individual and small group activities. All materials are provided; bring your creativity and an open mind to join in the fun! In addition to the robotics and drone fun, campers will have the opportunity to enjoy the amenities of the JCC with daily swimming throughout this 5-day camp. Campers must bring athletic shoes, a bathing suit, a towel, and lunch, daily.

Cancellations can be made up to 2 weeks before the session begins.

There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit per camper.

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Arts & Crafts Specialty Camp

Monday-Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, 2025
\$315 member / \$395 non-member

Art camp is a great opportunity for young artists to spend an entire, fun-packed week immersed in art making! Fun, creative themes will be woven into a full day of clay, two days of 2-D multi-media projects (drawing, painting, collage), and a day of 3-D recycled art.

Cancellations can be made up to 2 weeks before the session begins.
There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit per camper.

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Sports & Recreation Specialty Camp

Monday-Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, 2025
\$315 member / \$395 non-member

This camp will include games in the gym, play time outside on our field and playground, and much more. Daily recreational swimming will also be included. Campers should bring gym shoes, bathing suit, towel, lunch, drinks and snacks.

**Cancellations can be made up to 2 weeks before the session begins.
There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit per camper.**



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Horseback Riding & Aquatics Specialty Camp



Session 1
Monday-Friday, June 9-13, 2025
\$465 member / \$565 non-member

Session 2
Monday-Friday, June 28-Aug. 1, 2025
\$465 member / \$565 non-member

Campers will learn the fundamentals of horseback riding, experience hands-on grooming, leading and basic care for horses. Each morning campers will ride for approximately 1.5-2 hours. Professional staff provide individual and group instruction. Campers must wear shoes with a heel for safety reasons, no tennis shoes. Finish the day with a refreshing splash in the beautiful JCC pool. Parents will drop off and pick up children at the JCC campus. Can be combined with a Camp Chai Session (contact mattw@jccabq.org for details).

Cancellations can be made up to 2 weeks before the session begins. There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit per camper.



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"Let's Get a Reaction" Science Specialty Camp (Ages 6-12)

Monday - Friday, July 28 - Aug. 1, 2024
\$325 member / \$425 non-member

Our world is a continuum of reactions: electrical, chemical, in food, in nature, and in you... they're everywhere! Led by certified elementary education teachers, participants will learn about the beauty and magnificence of the many transformations around us, in chemistry, biology, and physics. Additionally, science camp will include daily recreational swim, and a field trip at the end of the week.

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Israeli Shlichim (Ambassador) Program



Camp Chai is very fortunate to be able to offer a great experience to our campers this summer, as we will be welcoming TWO Summer Schlichim to our camp! The aim of the Summer Shlichim Program is to send qualified, professional staff from Israel to add a uniquely Jewish and personal Israeli dimension to Camp Chai. Shlichim are mature, educated young adults who have completed army or national service and are experienced in the areas of formal and informal education as counselors, teachers, and youth or child care workers. Shlichim possess leadership, as well as other skills and talents that make them highly motivated and dynamic role models to be working with our campers and staff.

The JCC needs families to host our two Israeli Schlichim camp counselors during the summer. This is a great way to bring an incredible cultural experience into you home for your campers and family! Host families will be asked to host for a minimum of two weeks, and during that time will be expected to provide: all meals; a comfortable, private bedroom space; and daily transportation to and from camp. For more information please contact Alyssa Atias at 505-418-4480 or alysaa@jccabq.org.

Host families that commit before camp registration begins will receive a 10% discount off their 2025 camp enrollment!!!



JCC aquatics programs

The JCC Summer 2025
Aquatics Guide will be
posted by late-February.

Registration for summer
aquatics programs opens
Sunday, March 1st!

- ☀ **Group Swim Lessons**
- ☀ **Private & Semi-Private Lessons for kids & adults**
- ☀ **Adaptive Swim Program**
- ☀ **Orca Swim Team IS BACK!**
- ☀ **Stroke Clinics**
- ☀ **Aqua Fitness**
- ☀ **Lifeguard Certification Course**



SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS

at the JCC!

Winter Break Camp

Spring Break Camp

Mini Break Camps

Fall Break
Thanksgiving Break
and more!

Discounted rates for JCC members!

Information and registration for each camp will be available at jccabq.org closer to each camp's start date. Questions? Contact Youth & Family Engagement Coordinator, Susan Minkus, at 505-418-4455 or susanm@jccabq.org.





SPRING BREAK S.T.E.M. CAMP

March 17th to March 21st from 9am - 4 pm
Member: \$375 | Non-Member: \$425
Before and After Care options are available for \$50

Join us for a week of exploration, innovation, and fun! Our engaging camp combines exciting STEM activities—like science experiments, engineering challenges, and tech-based projects—with creative art and outdoor play. Plus, special guests from Explora will inspire young minds! Perfect for curious kids ready to



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