



Criteria for New Camps to join the FJC Network

To be included on our website and participate in our programs, a camp must:

1. Operate in the USA or Canada
2. Be overnight, immersive, and self-contained*
3. Be a registered nonprofit organization
4. Have a program model that encourages multi-year participation
5. Have operated for at least one camp season
6. Camps must provide a Jewish Experience as defined by a majority of the following:
 - a. An explicit Jewish mission
 - b. Celebrate Shabbat in some manner
 - c. Instill a love of Israel in campers and staff
 - d. Jewish education
 - e. Jewish arts or cultural experiences
 - f. Jewish religious experiences
7. Camps are also expected to demonstrate good governance and sustainability by having written governance policies, an active board, and a financial plan and/or budgets that demonstrate fiscal health.
8. All Camps must agree to the following terms:
 - a. Mandatory JData census compliance
 - b. Yearly information verification/updates for FJC Find-A-Camp on jewishcamp.org
 - c. Full inclusion review every few years, including re-submission of required documentation

We also highly recommend that camps are accredited by the American Camping Association or a regional Canadian equivalent.

FJC highly encourages attendance at our biennial Leaders Assembly and participation in other FJC programs.

**Self-contained applies to programs that operate in non-traditional settings like dorms but do so independently of other programs that might be operating in the same space. These programs must also demonstrate that the program operates 24/7 with no camper 'time off' in the evenings or on weekends.*



If you believe your camp fulfills the criteria above, please submit the following:

1. Completed New Camp information form, attached
2. Documentation of the camp's tax exempt charitable status as a nonprofit organization 501(c)(3) for camps in US or CCRA nonprofit registration for Canadian camps
3. The names of the board of directors and nonprofit bylaws regulating your camp's governance
4. A copy of the camp's mission statement
5. A financial plan and the current and previous year operating budget of the camp as approved by the board of directors (including both projected expenditures and income)
6. A description of the population served by the camp, and the number of campers served in previous summers
7. The length of the sessions at camp
8. A link to the camp's website
9. The camp's ACA or OCA accreditation status (if possible)

Please submit all materials to Dan Rosen at Dan@jewishcamp.org. Once received and reviewed, an intake phone interview will be scheduled.

The deadline for new camp applications is April 1st, 2016 Submission by this deadline guarantees consideration for One Happy Camper and other FJC program eligibility for September 2016.

Camps who miss this deadline may submit their application by December 1st, 2016 Please note that submissions by this deadline only guarantee consideration for One Happy Camper and other FJC program eligibility beginning in January 2017.

Applications received after December 1st, 2016 will be considered for Summer 2018.



Please fill out all the information below with as much detail as possible. Please answer the questions EXACTLY as you want the information to appear on our website and materials. When completed, resave this document and return it to FJC.

CAMP NAME

SUMMER LOCATION (CITY, STATE)

Region:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Off-Season Phone Number:

Off-Season Address:

Main Email:

Website:

Tax ID:

Summer Phone Number:

Summer Address: (Physical address; not mailing)

Summer Mailing Address: (if different from physical address)

CAMP INFORMATION

Director

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Sponsor Information:

Gender

Boys Only Session

Girls Only Session

Co-ed Session

Affiliation:

Reform

Orthodox

Conservative

Pluralist

Reconstructionist

Nondenominational

Zionist

Other (please write below)

Other:

Accreditation—ACA/CCA:

Yes

No

Specialty Camp Offerings (*Please indicate if your camp offers specialty training in the following areas: Sports, Visual Arts, Dramatic Arts, Arts & Crafts, Science & Nature, Water Sports, Hebrew, Judaic Studies*):

Do you offer a program for children with disabilities? If so, who are the targeted campers?
(*e.g., autistic children, high functioning children w/ Down's Syndrome, etc.*)

Descriptive Paragraph: (*e.g., Camp Darian is a co-ed Jewish camp for children ages 8 to 16 located in the majestic Rocky Mountains. We offer drama, horseback riding and swimming. etc.*)

From which geographic communities do you recruit most heavily: (*e.g. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Maryland, etc.*).