

FJC Jewish Family Camp: Capacity-Building Pilot

APPLICATION

This initiative will provide overnight camps with financial and programmatic support to launch and/or expand their Family Camp offerings. Participating camps will be required to offer a minimum of three different family camp weekends (or holidays) per year for up to five-years (in cooperation with area partner organizations, who will recruit participant families to each camp). Similar to the Specialty Camp Incubator model, FJC will provide a variety of resources including training, capital funding, staff capacity funding and family subsidies.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 15, 2020

Program Criteria:

- Each camp will offer a minimum of three family camps per year.
- Each family camp will serve a minimum of 20 families in Year 1 with the expectation of capacity growth per weekend over the course of the five years and eventually become financially viable (break even or net positive).
- Each family camp weekend will be hosted in partnership with an organization/s that targets an underserved Jewish population (under-engaged, interfaith, RSJ, Honeymoon Israel, PJ Library, etc.).
- Each family camp will have deep Jewish educational content that is appropriate and geared towards the populations/communities being served.
- Each family camp must take place over Shabbat or a Jewish holiday, must last a minimum of two nights, and must have a Jewish educator designated as the educator-in-residence for planning and executing the family camp weekend.
- Camps participating in this program will brand each of the supported family camps with a master “JFam” brand and logo, with each camp and partner organization featured alongside it, per the parameters to be set forth by FJC.
- Camps must participate in a family camp evaluation protocol to be developed by FJC in consultation with the pilot camps.

[Click here](#) for full criteria, grant eligibility and program participation details.

Saving Data (for the online application form)

You can stop the application at any time and save your work up to that point.

- The **“Save-and-Resume”** function (available at the top or bottom of this questionnaire) will allow you to save progress, and return to that exact spot in the questionnaire at another time.
- When you choose to **“Save-and-Resume”**, you will need to submit your email address and a password.
- Thereafter, you will receive a link to access the incomplete application in the future. If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your spam folder.
- This link can be accessed at any time by anyone with the correct credentials, and will save your work up to the exact spot where the questionnaire was saved when the link was sent.
- When you get back to the application through the proper credentials, you will be dropped at the beginning of the application. Please note that as

you advance through the application to get back to where you left off, your updated data will be in each question.

- Once you have responded to questions beyond the exact spot where you left off, you will need to hit the **"Save-and-Resume"** button again to save any new work. You can go through the **"Save-and-Resume"** process as many times as needed.

If you have questions, please contact .

Camp Information:

Overnight Camp:

Official Name of Camp (as printed on the camp website):

Executive/Director of Camp:

Executive Director E-mail:

Board President/Chair/Camp Committee Chair:

Name of point of contact for this proposal:

Point of Contact E-mail:

EIN:

Form completed by:

Title:

First and Last Name:

Telephone:

Extension:

Email:

Camp URL:

Current Family Camp Offerings:

Why are you interested in applying for the Jewish Family Camp capacity building pilot? How is this a part of your mission?

Do you currently offer any family camp programming (in reach to current camp families, alumni or outreach to new families)?

[Yes]

[No]

[IF YES] How many family camps do you operate?

[IF YES] How many families attend your family camp per weekend?

[IF YES] Please describe your programming.

[IF YES] How many beds/families does your facility?

[IF YES] Who is your primary target population? (select all that apply)

Current Camp Families

Prospective Camp Families

Alumni

Families from partner organizations (youth group, synagogues, day schools, etc)

Other

[IF YES] Please upload any relevant material pertaining your current family camp offerings (schedules, curriculum, etc)

Camp's Facilities:

This grant requires a minimum of 3 family camp weekends per year. We are trying gauge whether your camp has the capacity and ability to host these weekends during the off season.

Do you have 3 or more weekends a year available to operate a family camp?

[YES]

[NO]

Please select the seasons in which your facility can operate:

Fall (September – November)

Winter (December – March)

Spring (April – June)

How do you use your facilities during the year for Family Camp retreats/overnight experiences?

Host outside groups that are mission aligned (youth group, synagogues, day schools, etc.)

Rental facility for outside groups (camp is not running these weekend programs)

Camp hosts our own programs

Other

If other, please describe.

Does your camp have a designated retreat center or have facilities appropriate for families? If you have a retreat center, where is it held?

Please describe your current housing facilities available for year-round programming (capacity/how many beds for families, types of spaces available, etc.)

Please describe your programming spaces and other spaces available for year-round programming

Can your facilities accommodate families with young children (0-8 years old)?

[Yes]

[No]

[Somewhat]

If no, what challenges do you anticipate?

As part of the grant, you will receive money to make capital improvements to your facilities to support your ability to serve families. Using your capital grant money, what upgrades or supply purchases would you consider? How will this capital project increase camp's ability and capacity to serve more families with young children?

Please include a link to your year-round facilities website, if applicable.

Partnership and Outreach:

This Family Camp pilot is primarily intended to reach families that are less engaged in Jewish life. Camps will be required to partner with different Jewish organizations that engage under-engaged Jewish families as part of their mission.

Do you currently partner with any organizations on any projects? (Ex: PJ Library, Keshet, etc.)

[Yes]

[No]

If yes, please explain some of the partnership opportunities you have previously or currently engaged in.

What local or national organizations or types of organizations are you interested in partnering with for Family Camp? Please list the organizations and briefly describe why you want to partner with them. Also, let us know if you have had any communication around Family Camp or partnership you've had with them up to this point (if applicable).

What are your models of outreach to engage families in your camp community?

How does camp engage families not currently in your camp pipeline, not alumni or current camp families?

Staffing Structure

Part of the grant provides matching funding for staff capacity to ensure camp has the appropriate staff to manage and execute the program.

What is your current year-round staffing structure? How would you structure/enhance your professional team to offer these programs both operationally and in terms of Jewish program/content?

Do you have someone on staff devoted to year-round family engagement or retreats?

[Yes]

[No]

If yes, what does this role encompass? Is this 100% of this person's job or part of a larger portfolio?

Do you foresee any challenges staffing these weekends?

Camp's Jewish Commitment

Please provide an overview of your camp's Jewish mission, vision, and values; and how your camp brings your mission, vision and values to life (IE: please cite examples from programming, staff training, professional development, etc.) Which of these elements can you bring to Family Camp?

Does your camp currently have a Jewish educator?

Yes, Full Time Year-Round

Yes, Part Time Year-Round

Yes, Seasonal

No

Confirmation Acknowledgement

[CHECK BOX] I commit to being part of the Family Camp Capacity Building Pilot for 5 years and attend the in-person and online trainings for the first three years of the pilot.

Required Attachments

File Upload:

- Most recent audit or accountant's review and most recent financials (2 Years of Documents)
- IRS letter of determination
- Most recent Form 990

- List of board of directors, including a description of each member's professional and volunteer affiliations and any relationship to camp personnel.

We affirm that, to the best of our knowledge, the information provided in this application and the attached documents is accurate. **(STAMPED SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.)**

Camp Director Name (please print) Camp Director Signature

Date