

the common ground fellowship



Jewish Summers. Jewish Future.



KICK OFF EVENT

JUNE 12, 2022

HENRY KAUFMANN CAMPGROUNDS

LONG ISLAND

WHEATLEY HEIGHTS, NY

OVERVIEW

The Common Ground Fellowship provides professional development for 14-16 year olds from across NY area day camps. The Common Ground Fellowship explored the middah (value) of leadership and how it relates to the middot of patience, humility, joy, kindness, and foresight. Common Ground will enable Fellows to significantly grow their skills in childcare, communication, and near-peer management. As Common Ground Fellows, young teens will find a community of peers and colleagues with whom they can exchange ideas and build meaningful relationships. Common Ground participation will result in a cohort of young teens who are not only highly skilled and extremely knowledgeable, but who seamlessly integrate and embody Jewish values in their lives.

KICK OFF EVENT

The Common Ground Fellowship will kick off with a one-day teen conference at the Henry Kaufmann Campgrounds in Long Island on Sunday, June 12th. Sessions will be led by skilled Jewish and teen educators with additional expertise in teaching communication skills and providing training in youth development and childcare. These areas will be explored alongside the guiding middot, Shabbat, ritual, Hebrew, and Jewish texts and learning.

Participating camps will be expected to identify staff liaisons who will attend the kick off along with the Fellows and act as the link between FJC and the camp throughout the program.

SUMMER SITE VISITS

Throughout the summer, Common Ground Fellows will receive two on-site trainings when Common Ground educators visit the three different HKC sites. These sessions will expand upon content covered at the kick off event, exploring implications and impact in real-time at camp.

MIDSUMMER VIRTUAL GATHERING

On the evening of Tuesday, July 12th fellows and liaisons from across all participating camps will join Common Ground faculty for a virtual gathering to reconnect with peers and receive guidance and support from field experts in applying their newly-acquired professional skills to camp and beyond.

YEAR-ROUND ENGAGEMENT

New this year, FJC is partnering with Repair the World to provide fellows with year-round opportunities to bring their camp skills back to their home communities in pursuit of justice!

In the winter, FJC will hold a reunion for fellows to reflect on their experiences, celebrate their successes, and receive official certificates of completion.