Cornerstone Fellowship 2027: Camp Application

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FOUNDATION FOR JEWISHCAMP

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP 2027

The 2027 Cornerstone Fellowship Seminar will take place at Capital Camps & Retreat Center in Waynesboro, PA from Sunday, May 23rd through Wednesday, May 26th.

Before completing this application, please be sure to thoroughly review our updated Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide.

To preview the questions of the application, you can access the PDF version here.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

This application will close at 11:59pm PT on Friday, January 22, 2027.

Completing Your Application

- To begin, select your official camp name below from the drop-down list, indicate what type of camp you are applying as, and let us know whether your camp is returning or new to the Cornerstone experience. Then select 'Next Page'.
- We've included instructions and guiding text along the way beneath questions to add clarity.
- This form should be completed by the person who will act as the Cornerstone Lead (for more information reference the linked Information Guide).
- Please respond to all questions in as much detail as possible. For some questions, we're provided help text to clarify.

If you have any questions, please contact Henry at Cornerstone@jewishcamp.org, or 646-278-4529.
FJC staff will be available during regular business hours to assist you.

Foundation for Jewish Camp will use the information on this form to contact you periodically with important updates and information, such as our monthly newsletter. We respect your privacy and will store your personal information securely. You can unsubscribe at any time.

SAVE AND RESUME OPTIONS

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 questionnaire 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 questionnaire through the proper credentials, you will be dropped at the beginning of the questionnaire. Please note that as you advance through the questionnaire to get back to where you left off, your updated data will be in each question you already responded to.
- Once you have responded to questions beyond the exact spot where you left off, you will need to start the "**Save-and-Resume**" process over to do it again. You can go through the "**Save-and-Resume**" process as many times as needed.

START YOUR APPLICATION!

Choose (or begin writing in) the name of your camp *

If you do not see the name of your camp, please reach out to Henry at Cornerstone@jewishcamp.org

I am applying as a/an... *

- ○ Day Camp
- ○ Overnight Camp

Has your camp previously participated in the Cornerstone seminar? *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No, we have never participated

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This application should be completed by the person who will act as the Cornerstone Lead.

The Lead plays essential roles in the Cornerstone process which include:

- Owning the Cornerstone process and communication from December 2026-March 2027, prior to handing it off to the Supervisor.
- Developing summer goals for Jewish life and overseeing the transition of that vision from their hands to the hands of the Supervisor ahead of the Cornerstone Seminar.
- Recruiting appropriate participants to create their cohort (i.e., Fellows, the Supervisor, and optional Career Accelerator Fellows).
- Onboarding the Supervisor to the Cornerstone experience and supporting them throughout the summer at camp while they run weekly meetings with the Fellows.
- Actively supporting the Cornerstone Fellows in their Action Plan implementation back at camp.
- Creating a schedule for and hosting your camp's Cornerstone Faculty Advisor visit on-site at camp and ensure all cohort members are present at camp on that day.
- Ensuring entire camp's cohort complete all evaluation materials, including the post-seminar and post-summer surveys, as well as both the Lead and Supervisor End-of-Summer Reports.

Cornerstone Leads must:

- Be employed full-time, year-round by camp to support the Cornerstone process from December 2026-August 2027.
- Be at camp for the entire summer.
- Be responsive and accountable in communication with the FJC staff and Faculty Advisor.
- Have the ability to influence Jewish culture at camp and support the implementation of Jewish activities throughout the summer.
- Have decision-making ability to approve cohort's plans and push Cornerstone work forward.
- Join cohort virtually twice during the seminar for Camproom and be available to support Supervisor between May 23-26.

CORNERSTONE LEAD INFO

The information provided below should be about YOU — the Cornerstone Lead.

Reminder: The Cornerstone Lead and Supervisor can be the same person, or they could be separate members of your team.

Lead First Name *

Lead Last Name *

Lead's role at Camp *

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Education Director
- Program Director
- Other (Enter role in the text box below)

Lead's Main Email *

This will be the address where FJC sends important and time-sensitive information. Please be sure this address is checked regularly and that Cornerstone@jewishcamp.org is added to any 'safe sender' list.

Lead's Secondary Email *

Please provide a different email from the one above, to *only* be used in cases we're unable to reach you.

Lead's Office/Work Phone * (##########) Enter without dashes, text, or symbols.

Extension (###) Numbers only.

Lead's Cell Phone * (##########) Enter without dashes, text, or symbols.

Which phone number should the FJC team primarily use to contact you during business hours? *

- Work Phone
- Cell Phone

Leads are expected to actively support their cohort during the duration of the seminar in May, both by joining two virtual camp room sessions with the entire cohort and being a resource to the Supervisor to answer any questions, track cohort progress, and approve necessary decisions. *

- [ ] **By checking this box, I commit to making myself available for two hours total during the May conference, between Sunday, May 23rd, and Wednesday, May 26th.**

ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSON

In the event you are on vacation or are unavailable, please provide information below for another member of your full-time team who could step in to be contacted about Cornerstone.

Colleague's First Name *

Colleague's Last Name *

Colleague's role at Camp *

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Education Director
- Program Director
- Other (*Enter their role in the text box below*)

Colleague's Email *

Colleague's Office/Work Phone * (##########) Enter without dashes, text, or symbols.

Extension (###) Numbers only.

Colleague's Cell Phone * (##########) Enter without dashes, text, or symbols.

Which phone number should the FJC team primarily use to contact this colleague during business hours? *

- Work Phone
- Cell Phone

CAMP DATES

Camp's Summer 2027 Start Date *

Please use the first day campers/participants arrive.

Camp's Summer 2027 End Date *

Please use the last day campers/participants depart.

Earliest date you anticipate seasonal staff arriving for orientation/training *

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VISION: DIRECTION & GROWTH

Before continuing, please review this year's Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide for details about expectations and various aspects of the Cornerstone Fellowship.

Camp leadership plays a crucial role in supporting the Supervisor, who is responsible for putting Cornerstone learning into action to spark Jewish culture change and growth within the camp community. Before the seminar, your camp will develop a Framework that guides your Supervisor and Fellows in bringing their Cornerstone learnings back to camp in a way that aligns with your camp's unique mission and goals for the summer.

When was the last year your camp participated in the Cornerstone Fellowship program? *

Please select...

What aspects of your camp's Jewish programming and culture are you most proud of? *

Please provide your answer in 3-4 full sentences.

What opportunities for growth can you identify for your camp's Jewish programming and culture? *

Please provide your answer in 3-4 full sentences.

Please share your **top three programmatic or community-oriented goals** for summer 2027. For each, please share how you think your Cornerstone Fellows could help to advance that goal. *

Example: (1) Provide all camp staff with opportunities to recharge daily. I'd love to see the Fellows create resources that their peers could use to relax. (2) Enhance Shabbat afternoon programming. Fellows could be integral to bringing back new ideas for engaging our younger campers in Shabbat prayer. (3) Enhancing Israel education at camp. Fellows could create a program that could engage our camp in Israel programming beyond just Israel Day.

Please list 2-3 commitments you and your leadership team are prepared to make in order to ensure that these goals are met.
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Example: (1) We are prepared to provide time during staff week to allow our Fellows to address this goal with our greater staff population. (2) We plan to give autonomy to our Supervisor and Fellows to revamp Friday night services.

Have there been, or do you anticipate, any major changes or obstacles leading up to summer 2027 that may impact your cohort's ability to successfully implement the Cornerstone program at camp this year?
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Example: new camp leadership, difficulty recruiting enough Fellows, major program changes, etc.

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SUPERVISOR INFORMATION

Your camp's Cornerstone Supervisor should be a representative from your camp who is a member of the year-round team, or someone returning to work in a supervisory role whose portfolio aligns with the goals of the Cornerstone Fellowship. They are uniquely positioned to help guide your Fellows through the Cornerstone seminar process, implement and evaluate their programs back at camp, and facilitate weekly cohort meetings during the summer.

Through Cornerstone, Supervisors can expect to bolster their resumes with professional development achievements, advance their coaching/mentoring and facilitation skills, and hone-in on their ability to give constructive feedback. Supervisors also have ample opportunities to network with other camp leaders and Cornerstone faculty.

FJC asks that you confirm your Supervisor in our Cohort Information form due on Friday, February 26, 2027. Our questions below aim to help you ideate on the ideal Supervisor for your camp and provide us with your initial thoughts.

While recruiting a Supervisor, please confirm they meet all necessary criteria updated and outlined in the Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide.

What is the current status of your Supervisor selection process? *

- ○ We have **selected** our Supervisor and can share a bit about them.
- ○ We are **still deciding** who will be the best fit for the Supervisor role.

FELLOW INFORMATION

Ideal Fellows are individuals your camp wishes to invest in and who are Jewish role models for their peers. They do **not** need to identify as Jewish, but should be interested in personal growth, developing the skills of a Jewish educator, and bringing creativity and innovation to camp programming.

You will submit information about your Fellows in our **Cohort Information form, due on Friday, February 26, 2027.**

As you recruit Fellows, please confirm they meet all eligibility criteria outlined in the Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide.

What is the current status of your Fellow selection ideation? Based on the criteria outlined in the Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide: *

- ○ I am **very confident**. I already have great people in mind who plan to return for Summer 2027.
- ○ I am **fairly confident**, but not sure.
- ○ I am **concerned** about finding the right people from our seasonal staff.

Tell us more about your response above. Whether you are feeling confident or unsure, we want to hear any context you are able to share. If you are anticipating challenges, please let us know how the FJC team can support you. *

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NEW CAREER ACCELERATOR FELLOWS

Career Accelerator Fellows are the next generation of camp and Jewish communal leaders. Through focused learning, mentorship, and hands-on skill building, Fellows will explore how the work they already love at camp can become a meaningful career.

Career Accelerator Fellows will apply for one of the four tracks based on their career interests. The tracks are for the person who has said:

- "I want to be a Camp Director." For emerging leaders excited by the people, programs, community, and business that make camp thrive.
- "I want to be a Community Care Professional." For those passionate about mental health, inclusion, wellness, accessibility, and belonging.
- "I want to be a Jewish Educator." For those who want to deepen their skills in experiential education and create innovated curriculum rooted in Jewish values and tradition.
- "I want to eb an Israel Educator." For those passionate about developing thoughtful and authentic approaches to Israel education that explore perspectives, navigate complexity, and reflect their camp community.

For each track, Career Accelerator Fellows will:

- Learn from and receive mentorship from outstanding professionals in their career area.
- Dive into specialized curriculum while remaining part of their camp cohort and the full Cornerstone community.
- Build a professional network of emerging leaders from camps across North America.
- Gain hands-on skills, practical experience, and clear next steps to grow as leaders at camp and pursue their career interestes.

Would you like to nominate someone to apply for the Career Accelerator Fellow program? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No, thanks

You may add additional Career Accelerator Fellow nominations by clicking the "Add another Career Accelerator Fellow nominee" button in the bottom right

CAREER ACCELERATOR FELLOW NOMINATION

Nominee's First Name *

Nominee's Last Name *

Nominee's Email *

Which Career Accelerator track should this nominee be considered for? *

- [ ] Camp Director
- [ ] Community Care Professional
- [ ] Jewish Educator
- [ ] Israel Educator

Check multiple options if applicable.

How will this nominee benefit from this Career Accelerator track? *

Add another Career Accelerator Fellow nominee

For additional details or clarification about the different roles of folks who participate in the Cornerstone Fellowship, please consult the Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide.

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Important Notes:

- This for acts as a Participation Agreement and confirms that you and your camp will adhere to any guidelines shared in this year's Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide, so be sure to review in its entirety.
- You will be asked to type your full name at the bottom of this page as an "e-signature."
- Upon submission, a copy of your responses will be sent to your email indicated on the first page. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please contact Cornerstone@jewishcamp.org.

CONFIRMATION & COMMITMENT

All Supervisors and Fellows are REQUIRED to attend the Cornerstone Seminar in its entirety. Please confirm you will only provide cohort information that includes members who can commit to attending the full May Seminar. *

- ○ Yes, our camp understands and agrees that our cohort will be present from May 23-26, 2027.

Camps may not participate in the Cornerstone Fellowship without a Supervisor present at all times throughout the Seminar.

Our camp acknowledges that ALL appropriate personnel have read and understand all policies and procedures set forth within the Cornerstone Fellowship Information Guide and the information in this application form. Submitting this application signifies our agreement to comply with the terms and conditions set forth to help create a successful experience for all participating in the Cornerstone Fellowship, accepting of all conditions and stipulations outlined. We understand submitting this application does not guarantee acceptance to the program. *

- ○ Yes, our camp understands and agrees.

Your camp's application for this year's Cornerstone Fellowship program is almost complete! **Your submission will not be final until you provide an e-signature below and click "Submit" at the bottom of this page.** *

- ○ I understand and have reviewed responses and am ready to submit my camp's Cornerstone application.

E-SIGNATURE

Type your full name below to affirm this statement:

I have the authority to agree to the information submitted, and I certify that all information provided herein is true and accurate. *

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The submit button will be disabled until you complete the CAPTCHA.

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