



**KOCHAVIM**  
Preschool Camp

# Everything You Need to Know About Kochavim Camp 2024

Families,

Welcome to Kochavim! We are so thrilled that you have chosen The J as your summer home! Now more than ever, children need the opportunity to socialize and connect with their peers. Kids need the chance to be kids and spend their summer being active and experiencing new activities. We want families to feel confident that the same high quality, engaging and super exciting summer that you have come to expect from Kochavim is in store for your camper again for summer 2024!

Below you will find answers to our most frequently asked questions. Once you have read through the document, please feel free to contact the Early Childhood Center with any additional questions. We can't wait to embark on an amazing summer with our campers!

## **ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:**

Throughout summer camp, your child will have a variety of activities. We will provide every family with an activity schedule once finalized. This schedule will contain things such as: swim, splash pad, sports, Havdalah, Shabbat, playground and more!

## **AM/PM CARE:**

Kochavim will be open Monday-Thursday 7am-6pm and Fridays 7am-5pm. AM care is from 7-9am daily, and PM care is from 4-6pm (Monday-Thursday) and 4-5pm (Fridays).

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

Birthdays are fun at Kochavim! We will provide Otter Pops for each child's birthday and each class has some sort of fun celebration. Outside items such as food or goodie bags to share with the classroom are not permitted.

## **COMMUNICATION:**

We have an app for that! It's called Procure: Childcare App. As parents, you will be required to download the app onto your phone. Once registration has been confirmed, campers will be added to app and parents will receive communication from administration and classroom staff, in preparation for the beginning of and duration of camp.

## **COVID:**

In the instance of COVID exposure to anyone in your household, you agree to immediately inform the Kochavim administration. If your camper or a direct family member gets COVID and cannot attend camp, no refunds will be issued. Kochavim Camp will abide the most updated COVID policies as dictated by the CDC and the Arizona Department of Health.



## **DROP-OFF/PICK-UP:**

You will walk your child into their assigned Kochavim classrooms, during the designated drop-off times. We ask that campers who are not signed up for AM care, arrive no earlier than 8:50am.

Children will only be released to those authorized by the parents during the designated pick-up times. It is your responsibility to inform the school if someone other than you will be picking up your child. This can be done by listing individuals on your child's emergency card, with written approval via Procure, email, or phone. At no time will your child be allowed to leave without this procedure being completed. Any individual may be asked to show a form of photo identification with first and last name. We ask that you inform your child of any change in their usual pick-up procedure.

Below, you will find the windows of times we will be available for drop-off and pick-up. Please note that if you arrive outside of a regularly scheduled window for drop-off or pick-up you will need to wait for a staff member to come for your child. The camp day is very busy and we apologize in advance for your wait in these instances; it can sometimes take us a few extra minutes to arrive for late drop-offs and early pick-ups. To make a change in your pick-up time, please send a message via procure. If you ever need to extend your child's day, flex time is available for families needing to attend outside of their enrolled hours. Flex pricing is outlined on the Kochavim 2024 pricing and Policies.

Drop-off times are:

- AM Care Only: 7:00-9:00am
- Regular Camp Day: 8:50-9:10am

Pick-up times are:

- Regular Camp Day: 3:50-4:10pm
- PM Care Only: 4:10-6:00pm

## **FORMS:**

We are working hard to eliminate printed forms; all forms have been converted to electronic documents and are sent out after completing the registration process. **Campers will not be admitted into camp unless all required forms are completed before the first day of camp.**

## **ILLNESS:**

If your child displays sign of illness they will be removed from their classroom and will be brought to a member of the Kochavim administration. Once notified, you are expected to pick-up your child within 30 minutes. If we are unable to reach a parent within 30 minutes, we will begin calling emergency contacts.



Below are some of the common illnesses that require children to be sent home:

- **Fever:** If a child has a fever above 100.0°F in both ears, children will be sent home and may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.\*
- **Vomiting:** If a child vomits 2 or more times they will be sent home, and may not return until they are free of all symptoms for 24 hours without the use of medication.\*
- **Diarrhea:** If a child has diarrhea 2 times, and not due to dietary issues or the use of antibiotics, they will be sent home. They may not return until they are free of all symptoms for 24 hours without the use of medication.\*
- **Extreme Fatigue:** If a child is extremely fatigued outside of their regular nap time, even if they do not have a fever, and is unable to participate in regularly scheduled activities we may call for an early pick-up and ask for a doctor's note in order to come back to school the next day.
- **Signs of Pink Eye, Head Lice, Rashes or other communicable disease:** Children with signs of pink eye, head lice, or any communicable disease may not return without a doctors' note stating they are not contagious.

If at anytime a child exhibits any noticeable changes in their usual behavior and they are unable to participate in the classroom activities, we may asked for them to be picked up for the day.

**\*Please Note:** Overnight is NOT considered 24 hours\*

## MEALS:

Kochavim will adhere to DHS guidelines and provide children with a variety of well balanced, Kosher, snacks. We will provide both an AM and PM snack, which will vary in time depending on the days' activities.

You are responsible for providing lunch for your child. You can send a lunch from home in a small, wipe-able lunch box, lunch container (ie. Bentobox), or in a disposable bag. We ask that you limit the amount of items (Tupperware, thermos, and bags) that need to return home. Families also have the option to cater your camper's lunch from milk + honey. Purchases can be made through [the website](#).

If you forget to pack your child a lunch, administration will notify you and you will be responsible to contact milk + honey and place the order.

## MEDICATION:

If your child is in need of medication throughout the camp day, complete the required medication consent form. This document is required for both prescribed and over the counter medication. For administration to administer any type of medication, the form must be filled out completely (with a start and end date and proper dosing), all medication must come in the original packaging and must not be expired.



When turning in the consent form and medication, be sure to take it out of your child's backpack and hand it directly to an administrative member. Also, be sure to indicate if medication must be sent home daily or on the desired end date.

## **MEET THE TEACHER:**

On Friday, August 9th | 8:30-10:00 am, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's camp teacher and to see the classroom.

## **NAP TIME:**

Will occur from 1-3pm every day. Children in the twos and under are required to nap. If your child requires a nap in the threes age group, accommodations will be made for them in another classroom.

## **OUTSIDE PLAY:**

We will not go outside if it is over 105, unless children will be participating in water activities.

## **PACKING LIST:**

Some items listed below will be expected to stay in your child's classroom, and some items are expected to be brought daily. Be sure to leave all personal belongings, not listed below, at home; this includes: toys, electronic games, etc.

- Lunch (refer to meal section for more information)
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Swim/Splash Pad items (if applicable)
  - Towel
  - Bathing suit
  - Water shoes
  - Swim diaper (refer to swim diaper section for more information)
  - Plastic bag for wet clothes
  - Change of clothes
- **Sunscreen**
- **Extra clothing (minimum of 2 outfits)**
- **Diapers, wipes and diaper cream (as needed)**
- **King sized pillow case for nap mat**

**\* Bolded items listed above will remain at school until sent home. \***

Everything must be clearly labeled with your camper's first and last name.



### **POTTY TRAINING:**

If your child is starting to potty train, be sure to have a conversation with Kochavim staff prior to sending your child in underwear for the first time. If your child has been working on potty training, be sure to share your child's potty routine with their teachers.

Keep in mind that potty training is a process and should always be handled with transparency and patience. Our excellent staff will always do their best to support what you are doing at home with your child. Independent potty use is required for all children in our Pre-K classrooms.

### **RATIOS:**

We will make decisions on camp groups that fall within the ECC ratios. Our goal is to keep each camper in the same classroom all summer.

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Teaching Staff</b>	<b>Max Capacities</b>
Infants	2	8
Toddlers	2	9
Twos	2	13
Threes	2	19
Pre-K	2	21

### **SAMPLE DAY:**

Please view our sample day, which can be found at the [end of this document](#).

### **SESSIONS:**

Kochavim Camp offers two-week sessions only. We understand this conflicts with those of you that have campers in Shemesh Camp. With our young student population, we believe maintaining consistency is in best practice to build stronger connections to their teachers and peers.

### **SWIM:**

Children in Toddlers–Pre-K will have the opportunity to have weekly swim lessons and splash pad time at The J Aquatics Department. Children in our Toddler’s program will have some outside water time on the ECC playground, as it fits into their schedules. A swim schedule will be included on our activity schedule, which will be released in the week prior to camp. Our Aquatics program is following all USAA Swimming guidelines.

If you would like to sign your child up for additional swim lessons, please reach out to The J Aquatics Department.



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## **SWIM DIAPER:**

To participate in any water activity at The J Aquatics Department, children 3 years of age or under, potty trained or not, are required wear both a disposable swim diaper and reusable swim diaper.

If your child does not have the approved diaper, he/she will not be able to participate in any water activity. For any additional questions about swim diapers, please contact The J Aquatics Department.

## **SUNSCREEN:**

Please apply your child's sunscreen prior to leaving the house. Be sure to provide the classroom with sunscreen to remain in the classroom, for additional application throughout the day.

## **VISITORS:**

Visitors and vendors will be invited to the ECC when the content they are providing is essential to the curriculum, provides crucial enrichment value for the ECC, and/or provides assistance to teachers for necessary projects that are fundamental to the ECC mission.



## SAMPLE DAY FOR INFANTS:

Infants follow their individual schedules, which will include naps, bottles, diapering, food (if applicable) and play.

## SAMPLE DAY FOR TODDLERS-3'S:

7am - Morning Care	12:05pm - Story Time/Circle Time
9am - Morning Mifgash (Circle Time/Exploration)	12:15pm - Lunch Time
9:50am - Clean Up	12:45pm - Handwashing & Bathroom/Diapers
10am - Handwashing & Bathroom/Diapers	1pm - Nap Time
10:10am - Snack	3pm - Diapers/Bathroom & Snack
10:30am - Outside Time	3pm - Circle Time/Story Time & Head Home
11:05am - Transition to Indoor/Handwashing	4pm - After Care
11:10am - Free Choice/Centers	6pm - After Care Ends

## SAMPLE DAY FOR PRE-K:

7am - Morning Care	12:05pm - Story Time/Circle Time
9am - Morning Mifgash (Circle Time/Exploration)	12:15pm - Lunch Time
9:50am - Clean Up	12:45pm - Handwashing & Bathroom
10am - Handwashing & Bathroom	1pm - 4pm - Join Shemesh Camp Specility Activites. See Kochavim Kindergarten program information sheet for more details.
10:10am - Snack	4pm - After Care in Preschool: free play and open exploration
10:30am - Outside Time	6pm - After Care Ends
11:05am - Transition to Indoor/Handwashing	
11:10am - Free Choice/Centers	

*\*Themed programming includes: Cooking, STEM, art and sensory activities. Specials will take place any-time between 9am-Noon. The activity schedule will be released separately. Each classroom's daily schedule is dependent on their activity schedule.*