DISABILITY PROGRAM SERVICES SUMMER CAMP 2025 ENROLLMENT SUPPLEMENT

TUCSON JCC SERVICE PLEDGE

We create community based on Jewish Values by providing the highest quality programs and services in a safe and secure environment for all people of all ages.

CHILDREN. YOUTH. AND CAMP MISSION STATEMENT

Camp J provides an intentional summer experience where all campers can discover, learn, and grow.

INCLUSION STATEMENT

At Camp, we believe in the value diversity brings to our campers' experiences. Through intentional staff training, we ensure our team has the knowledge and skills to foster diverse perspectives at Camp in a respectful way, while honoring the unique experiences each camper brings to our inclusive environment. Through intentional programming, we ensure that all campers have the opportunity to engage in activities that foster their social growth around diversity and inclusion.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

At Camp, we believe that an equitable opportunity for recreation has a positive impact on our campers' quality of life. Diversity enriches our community, which is why we strive to ensure that all campers of all identities and abilities find the opportunity to fully participate in our programs.

The enrollment process is individualized, aiming to meet the needs of each camper in order to obtain as much success as possible.

CAMP J DPS PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Middle School Aged

- Gesher (Bridge) is a full-time program that is exclusive to middle schoolers with disabilities. Designed to have similar programming to Camp J's Tiyul program (without the overnights) with many opportunities for joint programming. Gesher campers enjoy a unique summer experience, cultivating their independence and social skills, engaging in field trips and activities, and making friends along the way.

High School Aged

- Summer Taglit (Discovery) is a camp experience for teens and young adults with disabilities who are high-school aged. Through engaging activities and summer camp programming, Summer Taglit campers are encouraged to develop new skills that meet their social, emotional, and recreational needs. By emphasizing wellness, team-building, skill development, and social action, we strive to give our campers tools to explore their community in new and exciting ways while encouraging their individual growth.

TIMELINE

In order to enroll for this summer, the DPS Summer Camp Policies Acknowledgment Form (the last page of this supplement) must be signed and returned as confirmation as intent to enroll by Friday, February 28.

Upon return of the signed acknowledgment form, Summer Taglit's Director will reach out to schedule an intake.

If any of the form's deadlines are missed, a spot in DPS's Summer Camp cannot be guaranteed for your camper.

All necessary camp paperwork (including "Summer Goals") will need to be returned by Friday, May 2.

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Camp begins on Tuesday, May 27 and ends on Friday, July 25. Summer Camp days begin at 9:00 am and run until 4:00 pm.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides the JCC with income for the exact amount of time that your child is in attendance. Camp J Direct Support Professionals are hired to work full-time for the summer. In order for us to be able to hire and schedule Direct Support Professionals accordingly, we ask that you share all vacations and preplanned absences by Friday May 2.

If you know that your camper is going to be late on a given day, please call Summer Taglit's Director. Your camper's Direct Support Professional may be re-assigned if we have not heard from you by 9:00 am. At this time, we may be unable to provide program service for the day.

RESPITE HOURS

DDD allocates children in the J's DPS summer programs six Day Treatment Summer {DTS} hours per day. Each participant's DDD Support Coordinator requests these day program hours to be released each summer to cover their day program attendance expense. Sometimes, participants' hours of attendance exceed six hours a day.

When this happens, the J then bills respite hours to cover the amount of time attended that exceeds six hours. If released, the J then bills these respite hours to cover for the difference between the 6 day program hours and actual attendance. DDD Support Coordinators will contact parents to get their permission to release some or all of the available respite hours. Once released, the J will then bill these respite hours. If parents/guardians don't wish for the available respite hours to be used, the J's accounting department will then bill parents/guardians directly for each quarter hour your child attends past approved DTS and respite hours.

In cases like this, the J's Accounting department will send the participant's parent/guardian an invoice that only lists the amount that exceeded the six DTS hours and 1-2 respite hours that would usually cover attendance expenses. This communication will include the amount of payment needed and instructions to provide payment to the JCC.

COMMUNICATION

Open communication between parents/guardians and Direct Support Professionals pertaining to the camper's day is extremely important to the success of the camper's experience. Aside from in-person communication pertinent to your camper's day-today experience, all questions, concerns, or issues pertaining to the camp program (absences, schedules, medications etc.) must be communicated to Summer Taglit's Director. Our Direct Support Professionals are not permitted to speak with parent/guardians about matters aside from specific details about their camper's day-to-day experience.

STAFFING

Although each camper has a specific staff member assigned to be their Direct Support Professional for the summer, staff are cross-trained and may work with other campers at times. Additionally, staff pairings are subject to change. Often, we must make accommodations and arrangements based upon attendance and other factors (safety, etc.). We do understand the importance of consistency and we try to refrain from changing staff pairing permanently during the summer. Should a permanent adjustment with Direct Support Professionals occur, Summer Taglit's Director will communicate with parent/guardians regarding these changes.

If you wish to use an ABA therapist not supplied by Camp J, we require that this be discussed with Summer Taglit's Director by Friday, April 4. If not arranged prior to this date, this request may not be accommodated.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

When completing the enrollment paperwork, please make note of any medical concerns. Please check with camp administrative staff to ensure that there is written document of this information in your camper's file.

<u>Procedure for medications:</u>

- All medications must be brought in the original container. They will be kept in a locked medication box during the day.
- If your camper needs to take medication during the day, please make sure you fill out a medical authorization form prior to camp beginning.

CLOTHING

We ask that any camper needing support in the restroom or with changing have detailed support descriptions written on their Personal Information Form. Please pack an extra set of clothing if your camper experiences potential accidents.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

Camp J strives to provide a safe, well supervised, and fun experience for all of our campers. We understand that campers may experience behavioral moments, and we will always do what we can to support them. However, at no time will these issues be permitted to endanger the safety of the individual, other participants, or staff. Such behaviors are never permitted and may result in any of the following actions outlined here:

- Camp J has a zero-tolerance policy for violence or intentional property destruction. If your camper exhibits these behaviors, they will be removed from programming and sent home for the day.
- If your camper displays a recurring pattern of concerning behavior, camp administration may request a meeting with you to develop behavioral management strategies before being allowed to return. To maintain a safe and successful experience for your camper, your input is of the utmost importance.
- All behavioral concerns will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If your camper's behaviors prevent us from providing a safe environment for them, other campers, or staff, they may be unable to return to program. Appropriate action will be determined at the discretion of DPS Summer Camp administration.

SWIMMING

Every camper must bring their own swimsuit in order to participate in swim. Camp J cannot provide swimwear. Please make sure each camper brings sunscreen each day.

Although we understand that children have accidents, when accidents do occur at the pool, it must be closed for 24 hours for the entire facility (all other campers, members, etc.). If a camper experiences recurrent accidents while in the pool, we will be unable allow them to continue participating in swim until they have obtained new swimwear in accordance with the below Aquatics swim brief policy:

- "Please note that the JCC requires anyone who experiences recurring accidents to wear an appropriate swim brief that fits snuggly around the waist and legs while using the swimming facilities."

DPS Summer Camp Policies Acknowledgment Form

This page must be initialed, signed, and returned to proceed with the enrollment process.

Initials	Statement
	I understand that this form must be returned by Friday, February 28.
	I understand that I must schedule an intake by Friday, March 14.
	I understand that if either of the above deadlines are missed, my camper's spot cannot be guaranteed for this summer.
	I agree to share any and all prevalent information pertaining to my camper with camp administration during the intake process.
	I have read and agree to the Enrollment and Attendance policies including the Respite Hours Policy.
	I have read and agree to the Communication Policy.
	I have read and agree to the Staffing information.
	I have read and agree to the Behavior Policy.
	I have read and understand the Swimming information.

I understand that my camper's enrollment status for this and following summers may be affected if we do not adhere to any of the agreed upon policies.

Camper Name

Grade Fall 2025

Guardian Name

Date