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Sessions 1 and 2 of Camp Chai will be held at Spring Lake Regional Park, Oak Knoll Picnic Area

The camp’s actual address is: 5585 Newanga Av, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 – South entrance off Hoen

Before the start of Camp, feel free to call the JCC’s main office number at (707) 528-4222 or Ellen Blustein directly at (707) 528-2549 to discuss your camper, the program, make financial arrangements, or address any concerns you may have.

Communication:

Most communication with you will be through regular emails sent from the JCC office daily after camp, during camp sessions and prior to the beginning of camp. It’s important to make sure you check for daily updates, reminders and other important information regarding your camper’s time with us.

It is important to not unsubscribe to these emails. Follow us on Instagram at #Campchai.

Camp Chai phone # for the **Director is 707-217-2513**. This number will be active beginning June 10 through July 3, 2019. The Director can be reached during camp hours in an emergency, or to notify staff about a late arrival or an early pick up. The best way to get a message through may be by text. Discussions about camp or your camper should wait until camp is over for the day, so the staff can devote their time to making the Camp Chai experience the best it can be for everyone.

Session 1

June 17-21

Monday through Friday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Session 2:

July 24-28

Monday through Friday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

If your camper is registered for Session 1 and you’d like to add Session 2, please let us know before the end of the first week to allow us to properly prepare.

Directions to Spring Lake Regional Park, 5585 Newanga Av. Santa Rosa 95405 for drop off and pick up:

From Farmers Lane at Hwy 12, Santa Rosa: At the traffic light on HWY 12 go straight through the intersection onto Hoen, continue 1.2 miles. Cross Summerfield Road and turn left onto Newanga Avenue. Continue .6 miles to the Ranger Kiosk then turn right. In approx. 200 yards the roads will converge. Drive past the restroom (on your left) curve right to drive ¾ of the way around the large picnic areas on your right. Drop off and pick up will be on your right at the **Oak Knoll Picnic Area**. This road is one way. You must drive around the big island each time.

The Park Ranger has given you 15 minutes to drop off or pick up your camper(s) and exit the park. If you choose to stay you must pay the park entrance fee. Violation of this agreement with the Park Ranger will result in all parents paying each time they drop off or pick up their camper(s).

Staff will be busy preparing for the camp day and are not available for before camp child-care. Please do not arrive more than five minutes early in the morning to drop off your camper.

Maddy Gibson, Camp Director, and the Camp Chai staff will not stay at the camp site past pick up time. There is no after-care scheduled.

Since we know that unexpected things happen, it's important for you to have a back-up plan in place in case you find yourself late for pick-up.

Safety and Security at Camp Chai:

Camp Staff will be stationed by the **road** at the Oak Knoll Picnic Area to greet you and your camper. You'll see a Camp Chai sign and a table where you'll be expected **to stop and sign in your camper**. Your camper will then be escorted by staff to our camp area.

Campers will come to the area where they were dropped off to meet you at the end of the day. Please be sure to **sign out your camper** before leaving the area. Failure to sign out your child will cause a ripple effect of precautionary action taken by the staff, to find what we will consider to be a lost child. **We need to have the names of ALL people authorized to pick up your child from Camp in writing. We will not release your child to anyone not on your list.** Please provide the JCC office with this list of authorized people. You can indicate this on the Transportation Release Form. **If staff is insistent about the sign-in / sign-out policy, please know they are following good safety practices.**

Mature staff will be on all-day supervision and head counts are taken regularly. Make sure your camper wears his/her camp T-shirt, wristband, and/or a t-shirt in the same color family.

Spring Lake Regional Park Rangers will be on duty all day for the safety of your campers and the general public.

Lunch and Snacks:

Each camper should bring a sack lunch every day unless notified otherwise.

Since so many children have peanut allergies, we strongly urge you to refrain from sending peanut butter with your child's lunch during the time they are at camp. Camp Chai will provide Shabbat lunch on Fridays. **Campers MUST bring their own water bottle to camp daily.**

Please provide healthy snacks for your camper every day.

Experience has shown that our younger campers also may need a snack before lunch. If you send one, please make sure it is healthful and does not require refrigeration. Please, let us know if your child has any special food needs. We will have a few healthy snacks on-hand if your camper needs one.

Medication Policy:

No medication, prescription or over-the-counter, may be administered at Camp without **written permission** from the parent or guardian. This includes ADHD medications, asthma medication or inhalers, antibiotics and cold or allergy treatments. All medications must be in a properly labeled container and written instructions must accompany the medication. Indicate medical conditions on the **Camp Chai Agreement and Medical Authorization Form**.

If your child has asthma, you must provide extra medication that will be with your camper at all times. If your child has a medical condition that requires extra attention, please make sure you inform the Camp Director, so that we can best serve your child.

What to Wear to Camp:

Campers must return to Camp each day wearing the wristband (with the camp phone number) they are given on the first day of Camp. We have limited wristbands and it's important for each child to safeguard their wristband and wear it daily while at camp. Only one will be issued to each Camper. This is for their safety.

Campers should wear their camp T-shirt (given on the first day and included in your tuition) or one in the same color family, and comfortable play clothes that allow for freedom of movement and messy play. Sneakers or sturdy shoes are preferred. **No flip-flops or water sandals for areas not at the swimming lagoon.** Please send your camper in their swimsuit, with extra water shoes and a beach towel on each swimming day.

Hats at Camp Chai are a necessity. While the children will have many opportunities to be in the shade, camp is outside. Sun and heat can be a problem without proper protection. Please, send your child with a hat labeled with his/her name – we will do our best to make sure it is worn. Please label all clothing and hats. Our lost and found can become overwhelming without a way to identify the owners of all items. All unclaimed articles are given to charity at the end of the camp season.

What Not to Send to Camp:

Camp is filled with so much outdoor, traditional play - please do not send any personal toys or equipment to Camp unless specifically requested by staff. This includes playing cards, and all tech toys and cell phones. Camp Chai cannot guarantee the safety of those items. The Director reserves the right to secure and hold any item until the end of the day, at which time it will be returned to the camper. Please do not send money to Camp.

Swimming:

We will swim on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Send your camper to camp in their swimsuit. Send your children with a towel, water shoes, and full set of clothes. On Fridays for the older kids only, there will be swimming at the water park. The Camp Chai Directors will administer the swim tests and have the final say regarding a child's swim capabilities. Each child may retake the swim test the following day in hopes of reaching the desired swim level. Camp Chai staff must abide by the Directors' decision for the safety of the child and other children. Campers will be supervised by the certified lifeguards employed by the County Parks Department, with additional supervision by our counselors.

If your child cannot, or you prefer that they not participate in recreational swim, Camp Chai provides alternate activities.

Please send extra sunscreen, a swimsuit, water shoes, and a towel on swim days.

Scheduled days will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, though they may be subject to change. Check your emails for any changes.

Camp Chai Agreement and Medical Authorization Form:

Our insurance carrier asks that each camper have a completed **Camp Chai Agreement and Medical Authorization Form** on file before the start of camp. Any camper, who does not, will not be allowed to participate in Camp activities.

The form can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.iccsoco.org/camp/about-camp-chai-summer-day-camp/>

Do not bring signed forms to the first day of camp. The staff will be too busy to accept them and the JCC will not know that the forms have been completed. We must have your forms prior to the beginning of camp, Thursday June 13, 2019.

Transportation Release:

In the unlikely event that your child may need to be transported from the Camp Chai site, we'll need a signed release form from you. Please include it with the rest of the submitted paperwork.

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Payment Information:

Tuition for all sessions is due no later than **Wednesday, June 14, 2019**. You may use a credit card (call the JCC at (707) 528-4222 to pay by credit card) or send a check to:

Jewish Community Center, 1301 Farmers Lane, Suite C103, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Need to make financial arrangements? Call Ellen Blustein at 707-528-2549. Scholarship is available; please call Ellen to find out more. We want to be your child to attend camp.

Refunds for cancellation will only be processed if notification has been received 30 days prior to the start of your child's Session. Camp Chai makes no refunds for withdrawal, dismissal, failure to attend during the full enrollment, or delayed attendance. The Director(s) reserve the right to dismiss a camper when in his/her opinion; the action is in the best interests of Camp Chai.

A Typical Day at Camp Chai:

- 9:00-9:15 Campers will arrive and get oriented with their units. They will play fun games with their counselors and get ready for Kumsitz.
- 9:15-9:30 All camp will gather and sing morning songs and enjoy jokes and skits led by their counselors.
- 9:30-10:15 Campers will separate with their unit and do an arts and crafts project, a hike, sports, gaga and more.
- 10:15-10:30 Mini Snack break and water break!
- 10:30-11:15 Campers will move on to the next activity. They will go to the next fun activity and enjoy the outdoors.
- 11:15- 12:00 Campers will continue their rotations with their unit continuing to do arts and crafts, friendship bracelets, hikes, and sports.
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch and rest time. Campers will eat their lunch.
- 12:45-1:00 CIT led skits or a Jewish folk story.
- 1:00-1:45 Campers will have free time to go to wherever they want with different groups. They can go to arts and crafts, play sports, or a hike. This will be their Chugim and free elective time to really do what they are passionate about at camp.
- 1:45-2:30 Last rotation campers will have finished the day and all of their activities.
- 2:30-2:45 Campers will gather their things and we will meet in a big all camp circle.
- 2:45-3:00 Shalom Chaverim, goodbye circle, we will get excited for what is to come for the next day and say good bye until we meet again!

On swim days at the Lagoon we will be spend our afternoon walking there from main camp and then swimming for an hour (1:30-2:30). After we will walk back to meeting parents at the normal pick up location.

Please note that times and activities are subject to change.