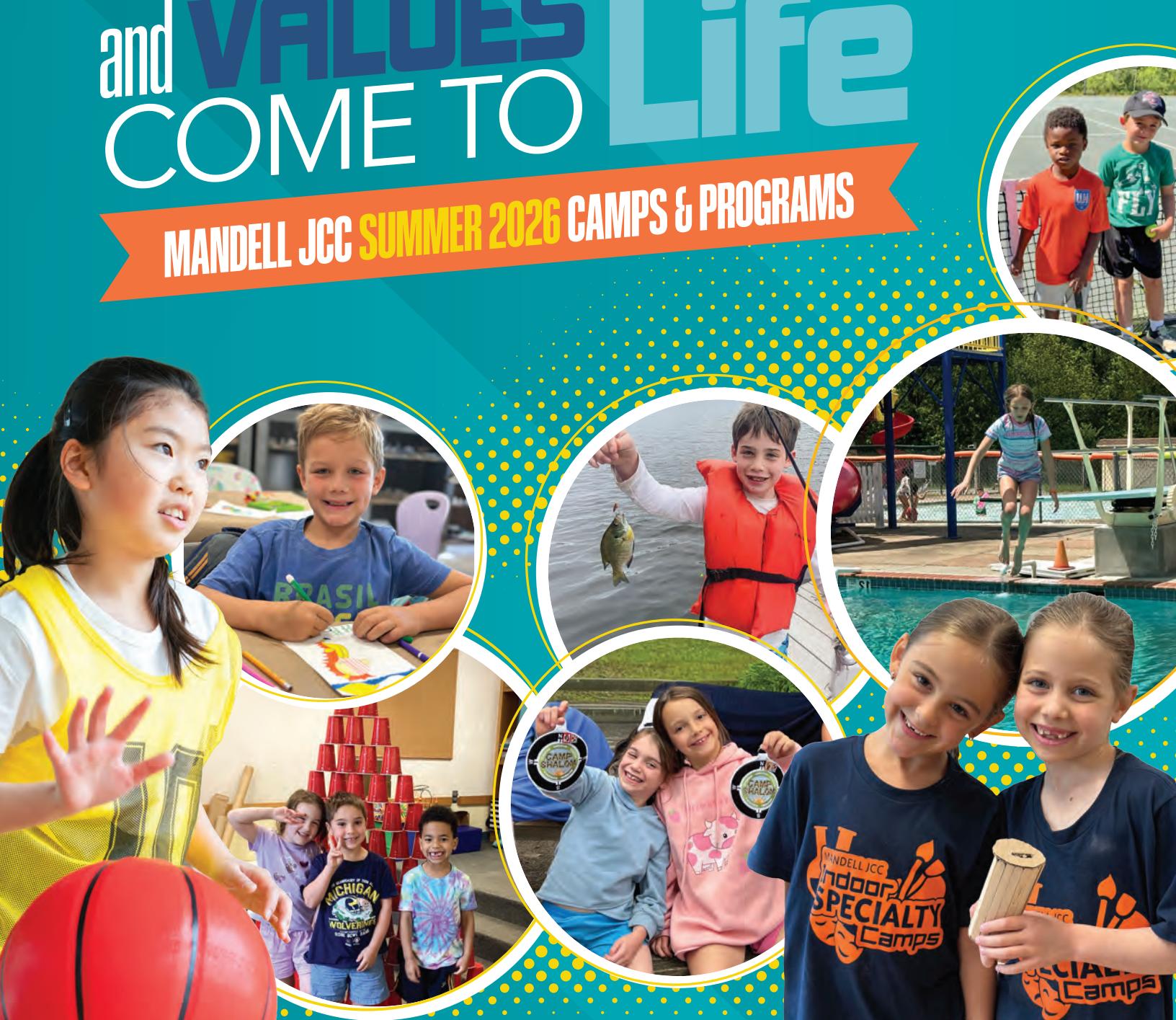


# Where **FUN**, **Friendship**, and **VALUES** **COME TO** **Life**

MANDELL JCC **SUMMER 2026 CAMPS & PROGRAMS**

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Early bird rates  
end March 18!  
REGISTER ONLINE!  
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## Summer Programs

### Applications & Registration

All applications and registration forms can be found online at [www.mandelljcc.org](http://www.mandelljcc.org).

### JCC Member Rates

JCC member rates are available only to those who have an active JCC membership at the time of application and remain members throughout the summer season. The registered camper must be a part of the JCC membership in order to receive the member rates. JCC memberships must be maintained for a minimum of 6 months to secure the member rates.

### Summer Payment Plan Option

We have made it easier for you to manage your summer expenses with our Summer Payment Plan. Contact Jessica Farrell, 860-231-6329, [jfarrell@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jfarrell@mandelljcc.org). Please view individual registration forms for final payment dates.

### Financial Assistance

Together we're stronger. At the Mandell JCC, we believe in building an inclusive community where financial limitations are never a barrier. Financial assistance is available to ensure that all can participate fully in our programs and services. For more information visit [www.mandelljcc.org/financialassistance](http://www.mandelljcc.org/financialassistance) or reach out to Kim Corona Charron, 860-231-6439, [kcharron@mandelljcc.org](mailto:kcharron@mandelljcc.org) to learn how we can help support your JCC experience.

### Refund Policies

Refund policies differ for each summer program. Refer to the applications for details.



Through donor and endowment funds, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford is proud to support the Mandell Jewish Community Center. Together, we envision a thriving and vibrant Greater Hartford Jewish community now and in the future.



Programs provided by the Mandell JCC are funded, in part, by dollars raised through the Jewish Federation's annual campaign. We are proud to be Mandell JCC's partner in providing services to enhance the education, heritage and social commitment in our local and global Jewish community.

# MANDELL JCC

# SUMMER JOB FAIR

WED. JAN 7 | 5:00-7:00 | MANDELL JCC

Don't miss your chance to land the perfect summer job! Many seasonal positions are available in our summer programs, located at our 3 facilities – The Mandell JCC in West Hartford, Camp Shalom in Windsor and The Swim & Tennis Club in Bloomfield. Stop by our Summer Job Fair to learn more!

**AVAILABLE POSITIONS:**

- Lifeguards
- Camp Counselors
- Swim Instructors
- Media & Photography
- Front Desk/Check In
- Groundskeeper
- Registered Nurse
- Camp Unit Heads & Administrative Staff

**SPECIALISTS:**

- Archery\*
- Woodworking\*
- Arts & Crafts
- Improv
- Music
- Ropes Course\*
- Tennis & Sports
- Motor Boat Drivers\*
- Cooking

\*The Mandell JCC will arrange for and pay fees associated with training and certifications

Three circular images showing summer staff and campers. The top image shows two young men in blue shirts working in a kitchen. The middle image shows a young woman in a red swimsuit sitting on a red chair outdoors. The bottom image shows a woman with curly hair and blue face paint smiling with two young girls, one in a white shirt and one in a blue shirt.



# Welcome to Summer at the JCC

Where every day is full of discovery, laughter, and new adventures!

Each camp has its own personality, but all are guided by the same inspiring set of values. Throughout the summer, campers embark on activities shaped by Adventure, Character, Confidence and Growth, Community, Connection to Nature, Creativity and Curiosity, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Friendship, Fun and Joy, Resilience, Teamwork, and Tradition.

These values come alive through hands-on projects, outdoor exploration, and plenty of time to play, imagine, and grow. Campers try new things, build confidence, make lasting friendships, and create summer memories they'll treasure for years to come.



## Adventure

Embracing challenges and exploration to learn, grow, and discover.



## Character

Showing kindness, respect, and integrity while becoming the best version of oneself.



## Confidence and Growth

Growing self-assurance through new accomplishments, challenges, and personal growth.



## Community

Building friendships, supporting one another, and creating a place where everyone belongs.



## Connection to Nature

Connect with nature and foster earth stewardship.



## Creativity and Curiosity

Exploring new ideas, asking questions, and using our imagination to create and discover.



## Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Using curiosity, observation, and creativity to solve challenges and discover new ideas.



## Friendship

Building connections, supporting one another, and creating a sense of belonging.



## Healthy Living

Taking care of our bodies and minds through good food, fun movement, and quiet time for focus and calm.



## Jewish Values and Tradition

Learning about our heritage, celebrating special stories and holidays, and practicing kindness, respect, and community.



## Joy and Fun

Celebrating every day with laughter, play, and a positive spirit.



## Resilience

Building inner strength through challenges, setbacks, and perseverance.



## Teamwork

Working together, collaborating, and supporting each other to achieve more as a team.



## Tradition

Celebrating shared stories and experiences that bring our community to life and create lasting memories.



# Where Fun, Friendship and Jewish Values Come to Life!



Located in Windsor, along the beautiful and scenic Farmington River, Camp Shalom provides your children with the authentic summer camp experience and memories that last a lifetime.

At Camp Shalom, each day is guided by our core values - friendship, adventure, tradition, confidence and character - inspiring campers to connect, explore and foster inner strength and independence. Camp Shalom is what summer is all about!

[www.campshalomct.com](http://www.campshalomct.com)

Dear Families,

Summer at Camp Shalom is a time for fun and friendships—though it is also a time for something deeper: to live the values that guide us to learn, grow, and care for one another.

Camp Shalom gives children the opportunity to explore the outdoors, try new activities and build confidence in a supportive and welcoming community.

From paddling down the river and making art, to playing gaga and sharing stories and s'mores around the campfire – camp is filled with moments that spark creativity and connection.

Our dedicated staff create a safe, cheerful and inspiring environment where each camper can thrive and shine.

We cannot wait to make new memories and exciting adventures together this summer!

Colby, Jamie & Jessica

# Traditions

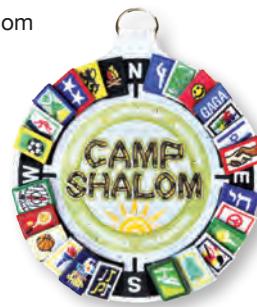
Celebrating shared stories and experiences that bring our community to life and create lasting memories.

## Our daily traditions include:

- Begin each day together with morning flagpole
- Share our ruach (spirit) through songs and cheers
- Deepen our friendships by applauding each other's accomplishments
- Help to build skills necessary to prepare campers as they grow
- Enjoy friendly competition and camaraderie of the Maccabia Games (Color Olympics)
- Late nights - spending extra time with our friends under the stars at camp
- Celebrate Shabbat together with fresh baked challah each week
- Camp Shalom Compass Awards

## Compass Awards:

Each camper will receive their own Camp Shalom Compass Award. Throughout each session, campers earn badges representing our activities, weekly Jewish values and specialty programs. At the close of each week, camp groups hold a special badge award ceremony to celebrate every child's accomplishments, big or small. The Camp Shalom Compass Award is a meaningful way for campers to take pride in their experiences and bring a piece of camp home with them.



**Save the Date!**  
**Camp Shalom Open House**  
Sunday, April 26 | 11:00am-2:00pm



## Summer Camp Shlichim:

Camp Shalom is thrilled to welcome two Summer Camp Shlichim (Israeli Emissaries) to camp this upcoming summer. These inspiring young adults have been recruited and trained by The Jewish Agency For Israel to bring Israel to life at summer camps throughout North America. They will share Jewish traditions, teach Israeli and Jewish culture and serve as role models for our campers and staff, regardless of one's religious affiliations. Each Shlichim will stay with host families throughout the course of the camp season.

*If you are interested in learning more about the program and for details on becoming a host family for a Summer Camp Shlichim, please contact Jamie Cohen.*



## Mandell JCC Full-time Leadership Staff Include

**Colby Wyckoff**  
Camp Director  
860-231-6376  
cwyckoff@mandelljcc.org

**Jamie Cohen**  
Assistant Camp Director  
860-231-6334  
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**Jessica Farrell**  
Camp Communications & Operations Director  
860-231-6329  
jfarrell@mandelljcc.org

**Jaine Mazer**  
Aquatics Director  
jmazer@mandelljcc.org

**Spencer Brazalovich**  
Challenge Course Director  
sbrazalovich@mandelljcc.org

**Sham Ward**  
Inclusion Specialist  
kidskorner@mandelljcc.org

*Left to Right - Jamie, Colby, Jessica*

“ My daughter is having an amazing time at Camp Shalom (she likes it because “it is fun and it is a happy place” - her words) and we know you all put in so much effort to make it that way for her. ”

- Camp Parent

## Friendship

Building meaningful connections, supporting one another and sharing experiences that create a sense of belonging and community for every camper and staff member.



## Confidence

We create opportunities for campers to practice and master new skills and we are always there to lift them up - offering encouragement, support, and positive guidance every step of the way.



**“ My child is absolutely loving being a Counselor in Training - he comes home exhausted, but full of fun stories. Thank you again for helping to make such wonderful summer memories for these kids. ”**

- Camp Parent

# Character

Showing kindness, respect and integrity while becoming the best version of oneself.

## At Camp Shalom We...

- Inspire the potential in every child in a diverse and inclusive environment
- Foster a love of adventure and exploration
- Demonstrate and deepen our connection and understanding of our core values
- Facilitate personal growth and encourage independence
- Provide lifelong memories, built on tradition
- Learn, exhibit and practice respect for others

Our trained and dedicated staff work to help every child reach their full potential. Their talent, care and leadership are the heart of camp. Our team includes Mandell JCC professionals, educators, and college graduate and high school students who bring the skills to guide campers, build self-assurance and character, and inspire them to become future leaders themselves.

## Counselor in Training (C.I.T.)

This program enables those entering 10th grade the opportunity to participate in a group experience that blends:

- Leadership skills
- Social action opportunities
- Team building
- Program planning
- Hands on activities with campers

The CIT experience teaches teens to work as part of a team, care for others and find their voices. This group will take part in various certification based courses intended to instill learning, growth and life lessons that they will carry with them. CITs will meet with camp staff prior to the start of the camp season.



## Free Choice Electives:

Our 2nd – 9th grade campers have the opportunity to choose their own adventures twice per week, fostering independence, skill building and decision making.

### Free Choice Options Include (but are not limited to):

• Photography	• Yoga & Mindfulness
• Camp Newsletter	• Campfire Cooking
• Various Court & Field Sports	• Gardening
• Jewelry Making	• Pottery

## Attention 6th-9th Grade Campers

We offer enriching and interactive experiences for our Jerusalem and Afula (6th-9th grade) campers. Each week, these campers will participate in one off-site field trip and Base Camp program at camp, designed specifically for them. Base Camp programs feature local artists, organizations, and community members helping campers appreciate and support our vibrant local culture. These experiences also highlight the Jewish values of *Tikkun Olam* and community.

All off site field trips are supervised by Camp Shalom staff. Transportation, lunch and admission fees are included in camp tuition. All field trip information will be sent out prior to the start of the camp season.





# Adventure

Rooted in curiosity, courage and growth, adventure at Camp means trying new things, stepping outside of our comfort zones and discovering our passions and strengths.

## PROGRAMS & EXPERIENCES:

### Aquatics & Waterfront:

*Swimming isn't just a skill, it's a chance to grow, build confidence and share joy.*

- Red Cross Swim Instruction & Free Swim
- Water Safety Education
- Canoe & Kayak Adventures
- Motor Boating
- Water Skiing, Knee Boarding & Tubing
- Paddle Boarding
- Junior Lifeguarding (Afula & CIT Campers)

### Outdoor Adventure:

*The outdoors is a natural classroom, teaching gratitude and wonder.*

- Challenge Course – Low & High Elements
- Nature Trail Exploration
- Gardening & Eco Projects
- Catch & Release Fishing
- Campfire Cooking



**“**I chose Camp Shalom for my granddaughter because of your focus on values and close community...I appreciate and admire the Jewish culture and values, so many of which overlap with ours. I feel so fortunate that we found you! **”**

- Camp Grandparent

### Sports & Recreation:

*Campers discover teamwork, perseverance and pride through sporting activities.*

- Court Sports – Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball
- Gaga
- Field Sports – Soccer, Tennis, Baseball, Kickball, Volleyball, Capture the Flag
- Spike Ball
- Archery
- Climbing Wall
- 9 Square in the Air

### Arts & Creativity:

*Campers explore imagination, expression and Jewish culture through the arts.*

- Kiln Fired Pottery
- Painting & Drawing
- Nature Inspired Arts & Crafts
- Jewelry Making
- Cooking
- Music, Dancing & Drama
- Woodworking
- Israeli Cultural Art Projects



## Transportation Included

Bus transportation is included from the Mandell JCC in West Hartford as well as other centralized locations throughout the Greater Hartford area including Farmington Valley and Glastonbury. More information to follow upon registration.

## Lunch & Snack Included

No need to provide your own lunches at Camp Shalom – we do it for you! We offer balanced and nutritious meals, and morning and afternoon snacks. All meals and snacks are nut free and kosher. Kashrut is under Orthodox Supervision.

## Health & Safety

A registered nurse is on site to ensure that campers' health needs are met. Camp Shalom meets or exceeds the highest safety standards set by the State of CT and local health agencies.

## Inclusion Program

The Inclusion Program helps Camp Shalom campers with disabilities and/or specific needs participate fully in camp activities. Our Inclusion Specialist works with the campers and staff to ease transitions in the group setting. Through a thorough intake process and parental input, we will determine how to best meet the needs of a child. In addition, campers with the appropriate current IEP may participate in the Learning Hut tutoring program. If you think your child may need special assistance, please speak with the camp director before registering.



**“** My son loves everything about Camp Shalom. The counselors are fantastic. The communication is amazing. I have never felt so comfortable and safe sending my child somewhere each and every day. **”**

- Camp Parent





## Sessions & Rates

June 22-August 14, 2026

### Session Dates

**Session 1 (2 weeks):  
June 22-July 3**

**Session 2 (2 weeks):  
July 6-July 17**

**Session 3 (2 weeks):  
July 20-July 31**

**Session 4 (2 weeks):  
August 3-August 14**

### Camper Units

Camper units are based on grades entering in the fall 2026, and are named after cities in Israel.

**Haifa:** Kindergarten and Grade 1

**Tel Aviv:** Grades 2-3

**Eilat:** Grades 4-5

**Jerusalem:** Grades 6-7

**Afula:** Grades 8-9

**Counselor in Training:** Grade 10

The camp day runs from 9:30am-3:30pm.

Morning buses depart at approximately 8:25am and arrive back to the bus stop at approximately 4:15pm. After care options available until 5:30pm at the Mandell JCC.

\$90 per week members | \$110 per week community

*“My child loved the entire experience – you guys do a great job. As soon as her session was over, she was telling us how she wanted to go back next year so that she can finish getting all of the badges! ”*

- Camp Parent

### Early Registrations Are Now Being Accepted

Register By March 18, 2026 and receive discounted prices. A \$150 non-refundable deposit per child per session will hold your space and is due at time of registration. For questions or to inquire about a Summer Payment Plan, contact Jessica Farrell, 860-231-6329, [jfarrell@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jfarrell@mandelljcc.org).

### Payment Plans & Financial Assistance Available!

See page 2

### Sibling Discount!

\$25 per week for 2nd, 3rd and 4th sibling

\*Please refer to [www.campshalomct.com](http://www.campshalomct.com) for transfer/cancellation policies



GRADES	By March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)			
	2 weeks	4 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks
<b>Grades K-5</b>	\$1,756/\$1,466	\$3,108/\$2,594	\$4,280/\$3,573	\$5,426/\$4,529
<b>Grades 6-9</b>	\$1,943/\$1,648	\$3,439/\$2,916	\$4,736/\$4,017	\$6,003/\$5,092
<b>Grade 10</b>	\$521/\$350	\$922/\$619	\$1,269/\$853	\$1,609/\$1,081

GRADES	After March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)			
	2 weeks	4 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks
<b>Grades K-5</b>	\$2,130/\$1,785	\$3,770/\$3,159	\$5,191/\$4,350	\$6,581/\$5,515
<b>Grades 6-9</b>	\$2,331/\$1,954	\$4,125/\$3,458	\$5,681/\$4,762	\$7,202/\$6,037
<b>Grade 10</b>	\$698/\$519	\$1,235/\$918	\$1,701/\$1,265	\$2,156/\$1,603

# Celebrating nearly five decades of laughter, connection and unity!



## Refer a Friend and Save!

Share the Camp Shalom spirit and both you and a friend can receive \$150 off your camp registration!\* If you refer a friend who registers for Camp Shalom, you will both receive the discount. Have your friend submit your name when they fill out their camper application online at [www.campshalomct.com/register](http://www.campshalomct.com/register)

\*Discount applicable only once per family for the 2026 camp season. Discount taken when registered for 2 weeks or more of Camp Shalom. Referral must be for new Camp Shalom campers.

### Affiliations



### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.campshalomct.com](http://www.campshalomct.com)  
for a sample schedule and  
more information



**“For my daughters, the pool club IS summer. Fun in the sun, laughing and splashing, long afternoons having fun together. We are already counting down the days until it opens again! ”**

-Jeremiah Quilan



Director: Amy Gurchin,  
860-231-6323, [agurchin@mandelljcc.org](mailto:agurchin@mandelljcc.org)  
Summer Phone: 860-243-0794 | Location: 4 Duncaster Rd., Bloomfield



Get ready for a summer full of sunshine, laughter, and lasting memories! The Mandell JCC Swim & Tennis Club is where families and friends come together to relax, play, and connect. From warm afternoons by the pool to arts & craft activities and family events, every day brings new opportunities to unwind and enjoy time together.

Whether you're swimming, splashing, reading your favorite book, or simply soaking up the season, our club is your summer home — a place where community grows, friendships thrive, and everyone belongs.

My staff and I can't wait to welcome you all to the summer of 2026!

-Amy



SAVE THE DATE!  
**Friends & Family Night**  
Wed. June 10

**Pool Season 2026**  
Opening Day: Saturday, May 23, 2026  
Weekends Only: May 23-June 14  
Open Daily: June 15-September 7  
Hours: 10:00am-8:00pm

Payment plans are available, please refer to the membership application on our website.

	<b>By March 18, 2026</b> (Community/JCC Member)	<b>After March 18, 2026</b> (Community/JCC Member)
<b>Family</b>	\$1,250/\$850	\$1,450/\$1,050
<b>Individual</b>	\$755/\$595	\$885/\$750



**“The JCC Swim & Tennis Club has become our family's summer home. The staff is warm, the community is great, and there's always something fun happening. My kids countdown the days until we can go back! ”**

-Jen Gustafson



## The Swim & Tennis Club Summer Racquets Programming 2026



Jim Burda



Mike Louis

Join Tennis Director Mike Louis and RFL Owner Jim Burda and the RFL Team for a great spring and summer of tennis and pickleball programming. RFL will be leading our tennis programming for its third year under the leadership of returning tennis director Mike Louis. Mike is the Head Women's Tennis Coach for Trinity College in Hartford.

Contact Director Mike Louis for questions at [coachlouistennis@gmail.com](mailto:coachlouistennis@gmail.com)



### Tennis. Pickleball. Events. Clinics.

Your favorite racquets programming returns Memorial Day Weekend, with pre-season offerings (weather permitting) and a full slate of summer programs — stay tuned, more details coming soon!



# J-Swim School

For more information on swim classes, contact Jaine Mazer, [jmazer@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jmazer@mandelljcc.org)

## Classes held at Mandell JCC

For Children Entering Kindergarten and Older  
Location: 335 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford

### 2-week course, Monday through Thursday

Session 1: June 22- July 2 | 4:00-4:45pm | Level 1  
Session 2: July 6-16 | 4:00-4:45pm | Level 1  
Session 3: August 10-20 | 4:00-4:45pm | Level 1 & 2

**Level 1** - Prerequisite: Children are ready to learn on their own in a group setting and comfortable in the water ready to learn to swim the front crawl stroke. Skills taught: Submersion 5 seconds. Independent prone and back float. Independent front crawl stroke. Independent swim on back.

**Level 2** - Prerequisite: Level 1 skills. Skills taught: Treading water, swimming front crawl 30 feet with correct side breathing, combined stroke on back 30 feet.

### \$144/Swim & Tennis Club or JCC Members

Refunds and class changes are available by contacting Jessica at [jfarrell@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jfarrell@mandelljcc.org) prior to the Friday before the session begins.

## Private Swim Lessons

Location: The Swim & Tennis Club/Mandell JCC  
**Must be a member at either location.**

Private swim lessons are available for children and adults of all abilities and ages.

### PRIVATE 1 lesson

30-minutes \$40  
45-minutes \$50  
60-minutes \$60

### SEMI PRIVATE 1 lesson

30-minutes \$30/person  
45-minutes \$40/person  
60-minutes \$50/person

## Classes held at The Swim & Tennis Club

Location: 4 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield

### Sundays | June 21-July 26 (6 classes)

**Level 1:** 10:30-11:15pm | Grades K and up  
Min 3/Max 10 participants

**Parent-Child Swim Class:** 11:15-11:45am | Ages 3-5 years  
Max 10 participants with adults per session

**Parent-Child Swim Class:** 11:45am-12:15pm | Ages 6 mon-3 yrs  
Max 10 participants with adults per session

**Parent-Child Swim Class** - Parent/Child Interaction. Water adjustment. Safety, propulsion and fun. Bring a special swim diaper.

**Level 1** - Prerequisite: Children are ready to learn on their own in a group setting and comfortable in the water ready to learn to swim the front crawl stroke. Skills taught: Submersion 5 seconds. Independent prone and back float. Independent front crawl stroke. Independent swim on back.

### \$108/Swim & Tennis Club or JCC Members Only.

Refunds and class changes are available by contacting Jessica at [jfarrell@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jfarrell@mandelljcc.org) prior to the Friday before the session begins.

## NEW! Grown-Up Swimming

Location: The Swim & Tennis Club

### Tue. & Thur. | 6:30-7:30am | June 15–July 24 (6 weeks)

Coach: Kobe Dominguez

Ah, the glory days—when summer meant racing 25s and cheering teammates. Somewhere along the way, the races got longer and competition got more serious. Then life got busier, and swimming slipped into the past.

Grown-Up Swimming is your chance to jump (or gently ease) back into the pool—no matter your previous competitive experience. Whether you're returning after years away or just a summer off, Coach Kobe Dominguez will help you build confidence, improve technique, and rediscover the joy of being in the water. It's all about good workouts and a great community. Come make a splash this summer!

**\$280/\$216 Community/Swim & Tennis Club or JCC Member**

# Lifeguard Training

Location: Mornings - The Swim & Tennis Club.  
Afternoons - Mandell JCC

## JUNE 2026 SESSION

Monday, June 15 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Tuesday, June 16 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Wednesday, June 17 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Thursday, June 18 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Friday, June 19 | 9:00am-3:00pm

## JULY 2026 SESSION

Monday, July 27 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Tuesday, July 28 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Wednesday, July 29 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Thursday, July 30 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Friday, July 31 | 9:00am-3:00pm

*NOTE: Participants MUST attend all 5 days. Minimum 5 participants.*

### Initial Certification:

**\$380/\$330 JCC Member (Non-refundable)**

*All materials will be provided*

Successful candidates hired by our JCC can be refunded (less materials fee) after 90 days employment.

### Certifications earned upon completion:

American Red Cross Lifeguarding and First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer with AED.

### Course prerequisites: (checked on first meeting)

- 15 years old by the completion of course
- 300 yard swim (front crawl stroke and breaststroke)
- Tread water legs only for 2 minutes
- 10 lb brick retrieval at a depth of 10 feet (assessed during first class)

For information, contact Brian Ruyle, 860-231-6434, [bruyle@mandelljcc.org](mailto:bruyle@mandelljcc.org)  
To register, contact Jessica Farrell, 860-231-6329, [jfarrell@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jfarrell@mandelljcc.org)



# Sharks Swim Team

## SPRING/SUMMER LONG COURSE SEASON 2026

Ages 6-17 years | April 15, and ends in late July

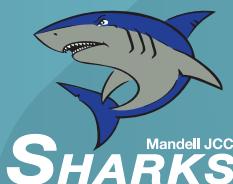
Head Coach: Kobe Dominguez  
[sharks.swimstaff@gmail.com](mailto:sharks.swimstaff@gmail.com)

The Mandell JCC Sharks Swim Team is a nonprofit member of United States Swimming dedicated to the development of swimmers both in and out of the water, through an approach that focuses on both the athletic and personal growth. The Sharks Swim Team is a year-round program that offers many different opportunities for swimmers ages 6 and older. Our Spring/Summer Long Course Season starts on April 15, and ends in late July at the conclusion of the CT Swimming Long Course Championships.

**Membership to the JCC is included in the swim team fees.**

Registration opens in mid-March. Visit the Sharks website for more information.

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/ctmjcc/page/home>





MANDELL JCC  
**SPORTS  
JAMS**

Director: Thai Tran, 860-231-6410,

ttran@mandelljcc.org

Assistant Director: Dave LaPorte

Phone number for Sports Jams  
as of June 11, 2026: 860-243-0794

Summer at Sports Jam Camps is about more than sports – it's about growth, teamwork, confidence, and fun. Whether on the court, in the pool, or on the field, campers build skills, make friends, and discover what they're capable of. With ten weeks of exciting programs led by talented instructors, every camper can find their passion and challenge themselves at their own level. Our core values – **Teamwork, Resilience, Fun and Joy, Friendship, and Community** – shape every experience. Get ready for a summer of action, energy, and unforgettable moments both on and off the field!

#### **SPORTS JAMS BY GRADES**

- Grade 1 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Cheerleading, Karate, Movin' & Craftin'
- Grade 2 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Cheerleading, Karate, Golf, Movin' & Craftin', Baking Camp
- Grade 3 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Cheerleading, Karate, Flag Football, Golf, Swim Jam, Movin' & Craftin', Baking Camp, Diving Jam, Girls Flag Football
- Grade 4 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Cheerleading, Karate, Flag Football, Golf, Swim Jam, Movin' & Craftin', Baking Camp, Diving Jam, Girls Flag Football
- Grade 5 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Cheerleading, Karate, Flag Football, Golf, Swim Jam, Movin' & Craftin', Baking Camp, Diving Jam, Girls Flag Football
- Grade 6 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Cheerleading, Karate, Flag Football, Golf, Volleyball, Swim Jam, Baking Camp, Diving Jam, Girls Flag Football
- Grade 7 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Golf, Volleyball, Swim Jam, Baking Camp, Diving Jam, Girls Flag Football
- Grade 8 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Sport-A-Palooza, Flag Football, Golf, Volleyball, Swim Jam, Baking Camp, Diving Jam, Girls Flag Football
- Grade 9 Basketball, Volleyball, Diving Jam

FULL  
DAY

HALF DAY  
FULL DAY

## Camp Day Options

### New Extended Hours for 2026!

Full Day Sports Jams now runs  
9:00am-4:00pm

Led by specialists, these camps focus on days filled with sport specific fundamental instruction, skills, drills, game play, and hands-on experience. All camps have a lunch break\*\* and a free swim option incorporated into the day.

### Half-Day or Full-Day Camps

Half-Day: 9:00am-12:00pm

Full-Day: 9:00am-4:00pm

Some Sports Jams programs are half-day, with the option to extend to a full day. In the morning, these camps are led by sport specific specialists, such as Tumble Brook Country Club's golf professionals for Golf Jam, Zeke Seguro for Soccer Jam, World Cup Cheer for Cheerleading, and more. Our specialists focus on sport-specific instruction through skills, drills and game play. Campers opting to stay for the full day have their afternoons filled with recreation based activities in a wide variety of sports and games, along with a lunch break\*\* and free swim. The Mandell JCC's Sports Director, Thai Tran, and his high-energy staff lead the afternoon portion of the day.

\*\*Full-day campers may bring lunch (nut-free) or purchase a meal.

### After Care - 4:00-5:30pm

\$18 daily member rate/\$22 daily community rate

### Registration:

**Advance registration is required for all programs.**

A \$25 processing fee will be added to any registration received after 5:00 pm on Thursday for any program that begins the following Monday.

**Application and registration forms can be found at [www.mandelljcc.org](http://www.mandelljcc.org).**



# Tennis Jam

HALF DAY  
FULL DAY

Grades 1-8 as of Fall 2026

The Swim & Tennis Club

Rain Day Location: Mandell JCC

June 15-19 | June 22- June 26 | June 29-3

July 6-10 | July 13-17 | July 20-24 | July 27-31

Aug 3-7 | Aug 10-14 | Aug 17-21



Campers level up their skills with Racquets for Life's progressive training approach, building stronger strokes, better technique, and smarter point play. Campers will also get a taste of pickleball during occasional racquet-skills cross-training sessions, while tennis remains the primary focus.



By March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$348/\$310

After March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$397/\$335

Full-day  
\$525/\$465

# Sport-A-Palooza Jam

HALF DAY  
FULL DAY



Grades 1-8 as of Fall 2026

The Swim & Tennis Club

Rain Day Location: Mandell JCC

June 15-19 | June 22-June 26 | July 27-31

Aug 10-14 | Aug 17-21



Sport-A-Palooza Jam is an action-packed week filled with basketball, baseball, flag football, lacrosse, soccer, and more, giving campers the chance to learn new skills, stay active, and have fun across a variety of sports. Throughout the week, campers build community by forming friendships and supporting one another, practice teamwork and build resilience during drills and scrimmages. Led by Thai Tran, Sports Jams Director and longtime Mandell JCC Sports Director now in his 17th summer, and supported by his experienced and high-energy team, this camp brings out the best in every child both on and off the field and creates an exciting and unforgettable week for campers of all ages.

By March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$313/\$269

After March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day  
\$450/\$390

Half-day  
\$335/\$290

Full-day  
\$495/\$427



**NEW CAMP  
OFFERING!**



# Girls Flag Football Jam

Grades 3-8 as of Fall 2026  
The Swim & Tennis Club  
**July 20-24**

**FULL  
DAY**



Girls Flag Football Jam offers a supportive, empowering, and energetic week designed just for girls who love the game — or are excited to try it for the first time. Led by Coach Paul Pino, this camp builds strong football skills through fun drills, clear instruction, and plenty of opportunities to learn strategy and game play. Campers gain confidence as they practice offensive and defensive skills, strengthen teamwork, and discover how much they can accomplish on the field. Each day wraps up with league play where athletes put their new skills to the test. This no-contact camp is all about building confidence, having fun, and creating space for girls to shine in the sport.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$450/\$390

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$495/\$427

# Flag Football Jam

Grades 3-8 as of Fall 2026  
The Swim & Tennis Club  
Rain Day Location: Mandell JCC  
**June 29-July 3**

**FULL  
DAY**



Join us for an exciting coed flag football camp that emphasizes learning, sportsmanship, and fun. Led by Coach Paul Pino, who has spent years working with youth athletes of all ages, this camp helps players build fundamental football skills while fostering a true love for the game. Campers form a strong community as they support one another, develop teamwork through drills and game play, and build resilience as they take on new challenges and learn from every rep. Mornings and early afternoons focus on offensive and defensive skill development, and each day ends with players joining teams and competing in a Flag Football League. This is a no-contact camp designed to keep the emphasis on skill, confidence, and enjoyment.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$450/\$390

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$495/\$427



Dates & programs subject to change



# Cheerleading Jam

Grades 1-7 as of Fall 2026  
 Mandell JCC  
**July 6-10 | Aug 3-7**

HALF DAY  
 FULL DAY



Cheerleading Jam with World Cup Cheer gives athletes a supportive and upbeat environment where they can learn new skills, make friends, and build confidence. Throughout the week, campers practice stunts, jumps, tumbling, and dance, progressing safely and celebrating each milestone along the way. The fun builds toward a spirited end-of-week performance where athletes can show off everything they have learned. This high-energy camp is designed to inspire teamwork, boost self-confidence, and deliver an unforgettable week of cheer.

**By March 18, 2026**  
 (Community/JCC Member)

Half-day \$348/\$310      Full-day \$479/\$420

**After March 18, 2026**  
 (Community/JCC Member)

Half-day \$397/\$335      Full-day \$525/\$465

# Zeke Seguro Soccer Jam

Grades 1-8 as of Fall 2026  
 The Swim & Tennis Club  
 Rain Day Location: Mandell JCC  
**July 6-10**



HALF DAY  
 FULL DAY



Led by 2019  
 High School State  
 Championship  
 Winning Coach,  
 Zeke Seguro

Soccer Jam offers a fun, fast-paced week of skill-building led by Zeke Seguro, returning for his 15th summer with Sports Jams. With coaching experience ranging from Travel and Premier Soccer to Hall High School Varsity and Quinnipiac University, Zeke brings a wealth of knowledge and a proven track record of developing strong players and winning teams. Campers of all levels will learn new techniques, sharpen their footwork, and gain confidence through engaging drills and gameplay. This program creates an encouraging environment where athletes can challenge themselves, enjoy the game, and grow as players. All campers must supply and wear their own shin guards.

**By March 18, 2026**  
 (Community/JCC Member)

Half-day \$348/\$310      Full-day \$497/\$420

**After March 18, 2026**  
 (Community/JCC Member)

Half-day \$397/\$335      Full-day \$525/\$465





# Golf Jam

Grades 2-8 as of Fall 2026  
Tumble Brook Country Club (mornings)  
The Swim & Tennis Club (afternoons)  
**July 14-17 (No Camp Monday) | Aug 10-14**

HALF DAY  
FULL DAY



Golf Jam introduces campers to the fundamentals of great golf and helps developing players take their skills to the next level. Designed for beginner and intermediate golfers, this camp is led by the Golf Pros at Tumble Brook Country Club who guide campers through grip, posture, alignment, putting, chipping, pitch shots, full swings, etiquette and rules. Campers supply their own golf clubs and bags. Full-day campers are transported to The Swim & Tennis Club for the afternoon.



**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day 9:15-11:45am \$382/\$335	Full-day 9:15am-4:00pm \$530/\$475
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**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day 9:15-11:45am \$428/\$365	Full-day 9:15am-4:00pm \$598/\$530
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# Karate Jam



Grades 1-6 as of Fall 2026

**June 29-July 3** | Mandell JCC

**July 27-31** | The Swim & Tennis Club



Karate Jam is led by Sensei Dave LaPorte, Mandell JCC Karate School Director and a third-degree black belt with more than 20 years of experience, including 12 years teaching at the JCC. Sensei Dave and his staff guide campers through karate moves, jumps, kicks, and safe introductory weapons training using nunchucks. Campers also learn age-appropriate self-defense and stranger-safety skills. Throughout the week, participants build coordination, balance, focus, and self-confidence in an upbeat, supportive environment filled with active learning and fun.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$313/\$269

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day  
\$450/\$390

Half-day  
\$335/\$290

Full-day  
\$497/\$427

# Volleyball “All Skills” Camp for Girls

Grades 6-9 as of Fall 2026 | Mandell JCC  
**June 22-25** (4-day camp, 9:00am-1:00pm)



Who says learning something new can't be fun? This camp will be fun and engaging, encouraging beginning players to develop a love of the game, and helping experienced players fine tune their skills and grow their volleyball IQ.

This volleyball skills camp will focus on basic skill work in all areas of the game: passing, setting, hitting, serving, and blocking. All levels of playing experience are encouraged to enroll and participants will be grouped by age and skill level. No experience necessary.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day | 9:00am-1:00pm  
\$313/\$269

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day | 9:00am-1:00pm  
\$335/\$290





# Durelle Brown Basketball Jam

Grades 1-9 as of Fall 2026  
Mandell JCC  
July 13-17 | July 20-24

FULL  
DAY



At Durelle Brown Basketball Jam, campers train with Coach Durelle Brown, a seasoned leader with over two decades of coaching experience. Currently the Head Basketball Coach at Wilbraham and Monson Academy, Durelle has also coached at Kingswood Oxford and directed programs at Camp Renaissance and the Dan Doyle KO Skills Development Clinics. Throughout the week, campers build skills through focused instruction, drills, and real game situations while learning the importance of leadership, sportsmanship, and consistent effort. Durelle's passion for the game and his ability to connect with players of all ages create a high-energy, supportive environment where every camper can grow, have fun, and feel successful on the court.

By March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$479/\$420

After March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$525/\$465



# Swim Jam

COLLABORATION BETWEEN SHARKS  
SWIM TEAM AND J SWIM SCHOOL

Grades 3-8 as of Fall 2026  
The Swim & Tennis Club  
June 22-26 | July 13-17

HALF DAY  
FULL DAY



Dive into an unforgettable adventure at our Swim Jam camp. Children will be grouped by skill, and swimmers will then be taken to a whole new level. Those students focusing on Freestyle and Backstroke will be led by former NCAA swimmer and longtime J Swim School instructor Brian Ruelle. Swimmers in this group will work on technique refinement, with an eye on developing stability and efficiency. Current NCAA coach, and head coach of our Sharks swim team Kobe Dominguez, will lead his group in all four competitive strokes, refining techniques to build speed and endurance, while adding the starts and turns to go with them. Both instructors bring passion and years of expertise to every session!

By March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$313/\$269

After March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day  
\$450/\$390

Half-day  
\$335/\$290

Full-day  
\$495/\$427

# Movin' & Craftin' with Mel

Grades 1-5 as of Fall 2026  
The Swim & Tennis Club  
August 17-21

HALF DAY  
FULL DAY



Movin' and Craftin' with Mel blends creative movement with hands-on art for a fun and engaging morning experience. Each day features a new theme as campers learn yoga poses, build body awareness, and then create a coordinating craft to bring home. Melissa brings eight years of experience as both a Barre instructor and a children's yoga teacher. Her love of music and her passion for working with kids create an upbeat, positive atmosphere where campers can move, create, and let their imaginations shine.

By March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$313/\$269

After March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$335/\$290

Full-day  
\$450/\$390

Full-day  
\$495/\$427



NEW CAMP  
OFFERING!



## Diving Jam

Grades 3-9 as of Fall 2026  
The Swim & Tennis Club  
**July 6-10**



Join us for an exciting week of diving! Whether your child is just learning the fundamentals of diving or an experienced diver looking to refine their technique and grow in confidence, this camp provides individualized instruction in a fun and supportive environment to help every athlete progress.

**Prerequisite:** Child must complete swim test of 25-yard freestyle/front crawl before registering for the program. Please contact Brian Ruyle at 860-231-6434 or [bruyle@mandelljcc.org](mailto:bruyle@mandelljcc.org) to arrange an assessment.

Dives will be taught from the deck and from our 1-meter springboard.

Coach Chrissie Tzepos, a former Division I diver at Sacred Heart University and current Division III and High School diving coach, brings her competitive experience and passion for the sport to every session.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$348/\$310

Full-day  
\$479/\$420

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Half-day  
\$397/\$335

Full-day  
\$525/\$465



# Summer Baking Jam

## Sweet Treats & Summertime Favorites

Grades 2-8 | Location change to TBD  
**August 3-7**



Summer Baking Camp, lead by Amy Gurchin, is a fun-filled culinary adventure where young bakers learn to create delicious treats perfect for the sunny season. Throughout the week, campers explore baking tips and tricks, experiment with new flavors, and build confidence in the kitchen. Each day features hands-on baking with a new summertime recipe, focusing on fresh, seasonal ingredients that make every creation a true summer delight.

**By March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

Half-day  
9:00am-12:00pm  
\$313/\$269

Full-day  
9:00am-3:30pm  
\$450/\$390

**After March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

Half-day  
9:00am-12:00pm  
\$335/\$290

Full-day  
9:00am-3:30pm  
\$495/\$427





Location: Mandell JCC

Our Indoor Specialty Camps offer campers the chance to explore, create, and grow in a fun, supportive environment. From arts and science to cooking and drama, campers develop new skills, discover hidden talents, and form lasting friendships — all in a safe, inclusive space at the Mandell JCC.

Our camps are built on core values that guide every activity and experience: **Creativity & Curiosity, Confidence & Growth, Self-Discovery, Problem Solving, and Joy and Fun.** You'll see these values reflected in everything campers do — from their first experiment to their final performance.

We're excited to spend a summer of discovery and fun with your camper!

#### SPECIALTY CAMPS BY GRADES

Grade K	Build Your Own Camp, Dance, Food Explorers, Sticky Science, Science Camp, Arts Camp
Grade 1	Build Your Own Camp, Rising Stars, Dance, Arts Camp, Food Explorers, Sticky Science, Science
Grade 2	Build Your Own Camp, Rising Stars, Dance, Arts Camp, Food Explorers, Science
Grade 3-4	Build Your Own Camp, Theater, Dance, Arts Camp, Food Explorers, Science
Grade 5	I'm In Charge Now, Build Your Own Camp, Theater, Dance, Arts Camp, Food Explorers, Science
Grade 6	I'm In Charge Now, Build Your Own Camp, Theater, Center Stage, Scene It All, Dance, Art Fusion, Arts Camp, Food Explorers
Grade 7-8	I'm In Charge Now, Build Your Own Camp, Theater, Center Stage, Scene It All, Art Fusion, Food Explorers
Grade 9	I'm In Charge Now, Center Stage, Scene It All, Art Fusion
Grade 10-12	Center Stage, Scene It All

FULL  
DAY

## Camp Day Options

### New Extended Hours for 2026!

Camp drop off starts at 8:50am

Full Day - 9:00am-4:00pm

The mornings are led by specialists focusing on specific instruction and hands-on experiences. Campers who stay for the full day will continue the adventure in the afternoon with activities designed to keep them engaged, active, and inspired. All camps will have a lunch break\*\* and a free swim option.

\*\*Full-day campers may bring lunch (nut-free) or purchase a meal.

#### Before Care - 8:00-8:50am

\$12 daily community rate/\$8 daily member rate

#### After Care - 4:00-5:30pm

\$22 daily community rate/\$18 daily member rate

**Interested in Half-Day Camps,  
9:00am-12:00pm? Contact us for more details.**

#### Registration:

##### Advance registration is required for all programs.

A \$25 processing fee will be added to any registration received after 5:00pm on Thursday for any program that begins the following Monday.

**Application and registration forms can be found at [www.mandelljcc.org](http://www.mandelljcc.org).**

# I'm In Charge Now!

Grades 5-9 as of Fall of 2026  
Mandell JCC  
June 15-19

FULL  
DAY



Campers become young entrepreneurs as they learn what it takes to start and run their own business. Through hands-on activities like creating a pet-sitting plan or developing babysitting services, participants gain real-world skills in responsibility, problem-solving, and confidence-building. By the end of the week, each camper will design their own mini business idea and discover what it means to take charge.

By March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$479/\$420

After March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$525/\$465



## Build Your Own Camp: Express Yourself

Grades K-8 as of Fall 2026  
Mandell JCC

June 22-26 | July 6-10 | July 20-24 | July 27-31 | Aug 17-21

FULL  
DAY



Build Your Own Camp: Express Yourself gives campers the freedom to design a week that's truly their own. With a wide range of choices including Art, Dance, Pottery, LARP, Water Play, Robotics, Chess, Science, Cooking, and Lego Building, campers can select up to four activities to match their interests and spark their imaginations. This customizable camp experience encourages kids to explore what they love, try something new, and express themselves in a supportive and engaging environment.

By March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$479/\$420

After March 18, 2026  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$525/\$465



# Theater Camp

Grades 3-8 as of Fall 2026 | Mandell JCC  
June 22- July 17 (No camp July 4)

FULL  
DAY



Meg Buckner Furtick, Theater Camp Director, is excited to welcome all to Theater Camp. Imagine the excitement of working together with your peers to put on a big, staged musical and getting to the footlights opening night with an audience filled with family and friends; this is what summer Theater Camp is all about.

Our young thespians spend four weeks rehearsing to present a summer theater production. The program concludes with two full performances in the Mandell JCC's Herbert and Evelyn Gilman Theater.

## Show: *Into the Woods*

Space is limited and early registration is encouraged.

**By March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

Full-day | 9:00am-4:00pm | \$2,512/\$2,280

**After March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

Full-day | 9:00am-4:00pm | \$2,740/\$2,448

**C.I.T (Entering Grade 9 - Community/JCC Member)**

Full-day | 9:00am-3:30pm | \$860/\$540



## Performance Dates

Thu. July 16 | 7:00pm  
Sun. July 19 | 1:00pm



# Rising Stars Theater Camp

Grades 1-2 as of Fall 2026

Mandell JCC

**July 6-17 (No camp July 4)**

**FULL DAY**



**Performance Date**  
Sun. July 19 | 1:00pm

Campers will have the opportunity to build theater skills through engaging activities as well as present a performance at the end of the program. Campers will participate in theater games and activities, learn about and participate in the production process (like costume, prop and set design) and learn how to rehearse and perform a production.

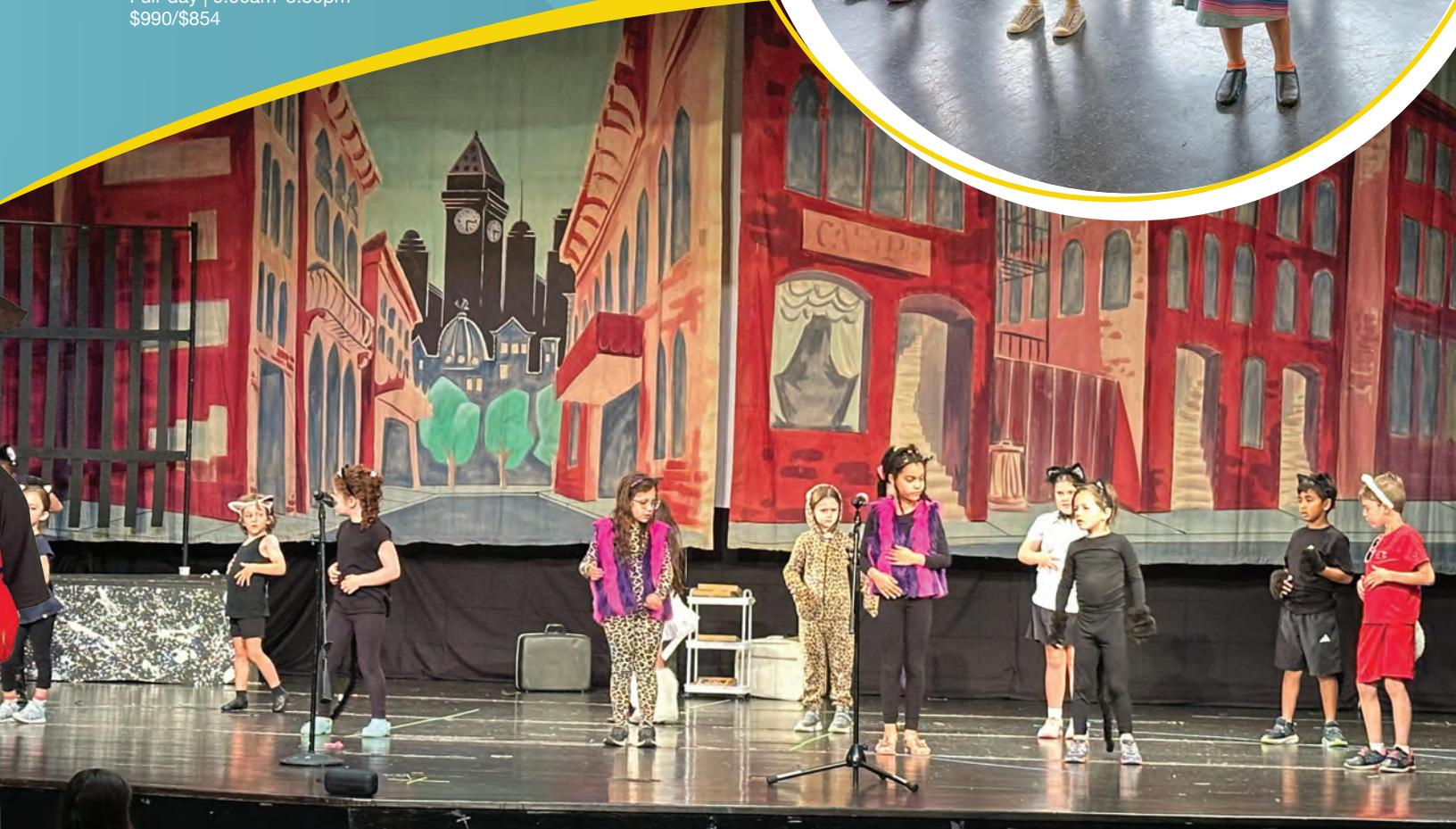
**Show: TBA**

**By March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

Full-day | 9:00am–3:30pm  
\$900/\$780

**After March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

Full-day | 9:00am–3:30pm  
\$990/\$854



NEW CAMP  
OFFERINGS!



# Center Stage

Grades 6-12 as of Fall 2026

Mandell JCC

**July 27-31**

FULL  
DAY



Center Stage is designed for young performers who love to sing, act, and dance. Throughout the week, campers develop their performance skills while also stepping into the role of director as they shape scenes, stage movement, and bring their creative ideas to life. This immersive theater experience encourages campers to express themselves, work collaboratively, and shine with confidence as they take their turn in the spotlight.

**By March 18, 2026**

(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$450/\$390

**After March 18, 2026**

(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$495/\$427

# Scene It All: One Acts

Grades 6-12 as of Fall 2026

Mandell JCC

**Aug 3-7 | Aug 10-14**

FULL  
DAY



Scene It All: One Acts gives young thespians the full theater-making experience as they create, rehearse, and perform their own original one-act pieces. Campers explore every part of the process — writing scripts, acting in scenes, directing their peers, and even filming their work. This immersive week empowers performers to collaborate, express their creativity, and shine both on stage and behind the scenes.

**By March 18, 2026**

(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$450/\$390

**After March 18, 2026**

(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$495/\$427





# Dance Camp

Grade K-6 as of Fall 2026

Mandell JCC

**July 20-24**

**FULL  
DAY**



Dance Camp is led by Kim Corona Charron, who has been teaching dance for 15+ years as the Director of the J School of Dance. Miss Kim and Miss Pam, as they are referred to by their students, are known for their abilities to work with all skill levels and styles of dance. Campers train in a variety of dance styles including Jazz, Acro/Gymnastics, Ballet, Modern, Hip-Hop, and Theatrical Dance. The week will culminate with a showcase performance for family and friends.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$450/\$390

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$495/\$427



NEW CAMP  
OFFERING!

# Art Fusion Camp

Grades 6-9 as of Fall 2026 | Mandell JCC  
June 15-19 | July 13-17

FULL  
DAY



This studio-style camp gives middle school artists the chance to experiment, create, and push their creativity further. Campers explore a variety of mediums, play with color and design, and develop their personal artistic style through engaging projects and collaborative studio time. It's a fun, vibrant space where imagination leads the way and every artist can shine.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$479/\$420

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$525/\$465



# Arts Camp

Grade 1-6 as of Fall 2026  
Mandell JCC  
June 29-July 3 | Aug 3-7 | Aug 10-14

FULL  
DAY



Campers explore their creativity through drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, and more. With instructors rotating based on their artistic specialties, campers try new techniques, experiment with materials, and discover their own creative voice. This fun, hands-on studio environment encourages curiosity, imagination, and confidence in every young artist.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$479/\$420

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$525/\$465



# Food Explorers

**All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.**  
**All food items are Kosher and under Orthodox supervision.**



## June 15-19: Tiny Food Explorers

### FOOD EXPLORERS MINI CHEF

#### Grades K-2

A hands-on cooking adventure made just for young chefs! Campers will create delicious favorites like Sweet Potato Flatbreads, Personal Pizzas, Berry Monkey Breads, and Peaches and Cream Cups while learning kitchen basics in a fun, supportive setting. It's the perfect mix of creativity, flavor, and confidence-building for little food explorers! All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

## June 29-July 3: Tiny Food Explorers

### FOOD EXPLORERS LITTLE BITES & BIG FLAVORS

#### Grades K-2

Perfect first kitchen adventure for our youngest chefs! Campers will have hands-on fun making tasty treats like Raspberry Cheesecake Pies, Cheesy Potato Flatbreads, Brownie Parfaits, and homemade Gnocchi—all with age-appropriate guidance and lots of smiles. It's a sweet and savory introduction to the joy of cooking! All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

## July 20-24: Food Explorers

### FOOD EXPLORERS FROM SCRATCH

#### Grades K-5

A hands-on camp where young chefs create delicious, made-from-scratch dishes! Campers will mix, roll, and shape their way through savory favorites like Mozzarella Breadsticks, Wonton Cups, Fresh Pasta, and Stuffed Flatbreads, all while learning essential kitchen techniques. It's all about fresh ingredients, creative cooking, and the joy of making it all by hand. All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

## Aug 3-7: Food Explorers

### FOOD EXPLORERS SUMMER BAKING

#### Grades 4-6

Step into the world of butter, flour, and deliciousness! This fun-filled camp features seasonal favorites like Strawberries and Cream Rolls, Peach Brioche Buns, Lemon Blueberry Blondies, and Mini Chocolate Cakes. Campers will learn essential baking techniques while creating fresh, summery treats to enjoy! All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

## Aug 10-14: Food Explorers

### FOOD EXPLORERS CHOCOLATE WEEK

#### Grades 6-9

A dream come true for chocolate lovers ready to whisk, bake, and drizzle their way through a week of rich, chocolatey creations. Campers will make delicious treats like Chocolate Monkey Bread, Chocolate Cannoli Twists, Raspberry Tiramisu Brownies, and Triple-Decker Cookies—each one more indulgent than the last. Along the way, they'll learn essential baking skills in a fun, hands-on kitchen adventure. All recipes are nut-free and vegetarian but will contain dairy, eggs, and gluten.

**By March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

AM: Half-day  
9:00am-12:00pm  
\$348/\$310

Full-day  
9:00am-3:30pm  
\$479/\$420

**After March 18, 2026 (Community/JCC Member)**

AM: Half-day  
9:00am-12:00pm  
\$397/\$335

Full-day  
9:00am-3:30pm  
\$525/\$465

NEW CAMP  
OFFERING!



# Science Camp

Grades K-6 as of Fall 2026  
Mandell JCC

**June 15-19 | June 29-July 3**  
**July 13-17 | July 27-31 | Aug 10-14**

FULL  
DAY



The Connecticut Science Center team will lead campers through a week packed with discovery! Each day focuses on a new scientific field, filled with wow-worthy demos, hands-on investigations, team activities, and fun take-home experiments.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$479/\$420

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$525/\$465

# Sticky Science

Grades K-1 as of Fall 2026  
Mandell JCC  
**August 17-21**

FULL  
DAY



This camp lets kids explore STEAM through hands-on fun. Campers experiment with light, color, gravity, and magnets while enjoying open-ended activities like building, mixing safe concoctions, and creating playful process art. Each day encourages little learners to ask questions, try new ideas, and discover how things work through messy, exciting exploration.

**By March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$450/\$390

**After March 18, 2026**  
(Community/JCC Member)

Full-day: \$495/\$427



NEW CAMP  
OFFERING!



# Fairies & Pirates

Dance Camp for Pre-School 3-5-Year-Olds

Ages 3-5 | Mandell JCC  
June 15-19 | 4:00-5:30pm



Fairies and Pirates Dance Camp invites our youngest campers to step into a world of imagination, movement, and make-believe. Throughout the week, children explore dance through playful adventures as they twirl like fairies, march like pirates, and create their own hand-made props to bring the story to life. The camp wraps up with a short performance on Friday at 5:30pm, giving families a chance to see the creativity, confidence, and joy their dancers have discovered.

**\$160/\$135 JCC Member**



# Little Explorers

A play based program designed for  
children 18 months up to 3 years old  
and their grownups.

18 Months-3 Year Olds | Mandell JCC  
Director: Susan Lentini



Each week, toddlers and their caregivers will meet in the Family Room Parenting Center for hands on art exploration, sensory experiences, building activities, and dramatic play. We will gather outdoors for snack and circle time that will include songs, movement, and stories. The tumbling room will be used when the weather keeps us indoors.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**June 23- August 11, 9:30-11:00am**  
**(8 weekly, two-day sessions)**  
**\$60 per week, per child with accompanying adult.**

Children and their grown-ups can register for one or more weekly sessions during the summer. JCC Membership is not required.

For more information, contact  
Susan Lentini, [salentini@mandelljcc.org](mailto:salentini@mandelljcc.org)



Register for all JCC Camps Online! Visit [www.mandelljcc.org/camps](http://www.mandelljcc.org/camps) to sign up.

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# ECC's Summer of Wonder:

## A Reggio Inspired Studio Series

3-5 Year Olds | Mandell JCC

Monday, June 22 - Friday, August 14



The ECC's Summer of Wonder is a Reggio inspired program with a focus on project-based learning and community building. Children will experience a summer filled with activities rooted in values, including Creativity and Curiosity, Confidence and Growth, Fun and Joy, Character and a Connection to Nature.

Each camp group is housed in one of our beautiful, spacious, and light-filled preschool classrooms, stocked with a large variety of materials to explore. In addition to our thoughtfully curated indoor spaces, campers will visit our private Nature Path and newly constructed preschool playground.

On a daily basis, children have access to water-based activities and opportunities to connect with and investigate the natural world. Camp activities include creating multi-faceted art projects, storytelling, creative movement, cooking, and sensory explorations – to name a just few!

We offer morning and full day scheduling options, and summer classes are facilitated by our credentialed early childhood educators, in addition to a core group of high school and college assistants. Our educators incorporate fundamental social and emotional skills as children play and learn together. For us, camp is about creating memorable and meaningful moments that help foster life skills and ignite children's imaginations.

JCC Member Rates*		By March 18, 2026	After March 18, 2026
3's Half Day	2 Mornings	\$198/week	\$215/week
	3 Mornings	\$246/week	\$276/week
	*5 Mornings	\$412/week	\$462/week

JCC Member Rates* By March 18, 2026		All Season (8 weeks)	3 Sessions (6 weeks)	2 Sessions (4 weeks)	1 Session (2 weeks)
4's & 5's	3 Mornings	\$235/week	\$240/week	\$242/week	\$244/week
	5 Mornings	\$322/week	\$329/week	\$332/week	\$335/week
	Full Time	\$474/week	\$483/week	\$488/week	\$492/week

JCC Member Rates* After March 18, 2026		A La Carte Sessions
4's & 5's	3 Mornings	\$274/week
	5 Mornings	\$365/week
	Full Time	\$542/week

\*Non JCC Members pay an additional \$30 per week (mornings) or \$50 per week (full time). \*\*Enrollment is for a consecutive, 2 week session. Sessions cannot be split.

\*\*\*If you are interested in 5 mornings, please contact ECC Admin as spaces are limited.

## Summer of Wonder Sessions

### Session 1:

#### ART-I-TECTS AND BUILDERS:

Mon. June 22-Fri. July 3

Culinary creations, crafting, and unexpected contraptions await!

### Session 2:

#### CAMP WONDER TALES

Mon. July 6-Fri. July 17

Dive into story baskets, re-tell treasured books using story stones, and author your own 'tall tale'.

### Session 3:

#### SUPERHERO TRAINING ACADEMY

Mon. July 20-Fri. July 31

Grab your cape as we meet community heroes, learn about compassion and bravery, and think about all the ways that we can be a hero at camp and at home.

### Session 4:

#### OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO...

Mon. August 3-Fri. August 14

Calling all explorers! Might you join us for a space odyssey, animal safari, pirate treasure hunt, or a visit to Israel? Such a fitting name as summer comes to an end, yet our adventures have only begun.

# Programs at a Glance

## May 17

- Racquets Programming Begins at the Swim & Tennis Club

## May 23-25

- Swim & Tennis Club Opens (weekends only)

## June 15

- Swim & Tennis Club Opens Full Time

## June 15-19

- Art Fusion (Grades 6-9)
- Lifeguard Training
- Sport-a-Palooza (Grades 1-8)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Tiny Food Explorers (Grades K-2)
- Science (Grades K-6)
- I'm in Charge Now (Grades 5-9)
- Pirates & Fairies (Ages 3-5)

## June 22-26

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Build Your Own: Express Yourself (K-8)
- Sport-a-Palooza (Grades 1-8)
- Swim Jam (Grades 3-8)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Theater (Grades 3-8)
- Volleyball Jam (Grades 6-9)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)

## June 29-July 3

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Art Camp (Grades K-1)
- Science (Grades K-6)
- Flag Football Co-Ed (Grades 3-8)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Theater (Grades 3-8)
- Tiny Food Explorers (Grades K-2)
- Karate (Grades 1-6)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)

## July 6-10

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Build Your Own (Grades K-8)
- Cheerleading Jam (Grades 1-7)
- Dive Jam (Grades 3-9)
- Rising Stars (Grades 1-2)
- Soccer Jam (Grades K-10)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Theater (Grades 3-8)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)

## July 13-17

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Basketball Jam (Grades 1-9)
- Science (Grades K-6)
- Golf Jam (Grades 2-8)
- Rising Stars (Grades 1-2)
- Swim Jam (Grades 3-8)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Theater (Grades 3-8)
- Art Fusion (Grades 6-9)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)

## July 20-24

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Basketball Jam (Grades 1-9)
- Build Your Own: Express Yourself (K-8)
- Dance Jam (Grades K-6)
- Flag Football Girls (Grades 3-8)
- Food Explorers (Grades K-5)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)
- Lifeguard Training

## July 27-31

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Center Stage (Grades 6-12)
- Science (Grades K-6)
- Karate Jam (Grades 1-6)
- Lifeguard Training
- Sport-a-Palooza (Grades 1-8)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Build Your Own (Grades K-8)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)

## August 3-7

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Art (Grades K-6)
- Baking Jam (Grades 2-8)
- Cheerleading Jam (Grades 1-7)
- Food Explorers (Grades 4-6)
- Scene It All: One Acts (Grades 6-12)
- Tennis Jam (Grades 1-8)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)

## August 10-14

- Summer of Wonder (Ages 3-5)
- Camp Shalom (Grades K-10)
- Art (Grades K-6)
- Science (Grades K-6)
- Food Explorers (Grades 6-9)
- Golf Jam (Grades 2-8)
- Scene It All: One Acts (Grades 6-12)
- Sport-a-Palooza (Grades 1-8)
- Tennis (Grades 1-8)
- Little Explorers (18 months-3 years)

## August 17-21

- Build Your Own: Express Yourself (K-8)
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## Summer Meeting & Events

**The Mandell JCC is your destination for parties, corporate events, meetings, and celebrations.**

With a variety of venues, the Mandell JCC can provide the perfect place for your next event. Our centrally located JCC offers a wide variety of spaces. Our scenic offsite camp and summer recreation facilities, are well-equipped to host a variety of outdoor events.

- Presidents' Courtyard
- Lounge
- Board Room
- Chase Family Gallery
- Herbert & Evelyn Gilman Theater
- Siegal/Levy Gymnasium
- The Swim & Tennis Club
- Camp Shalom

To schedule a tour of our spaces, or for questions about booking and availability, contact: Amy Gurchin, Engagement & Events Director  
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