



Welcome to Camp JORI 2012

Dear JORI Families:

The staff of Camp JORI looks forward to welcoming you to the 2012 camping season. Since its beginning in 1937 as the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island (JORI), campers have enjoyed summers in a nurturing, family-like environment.

This family handbook will provide you with the answers to questions and resources to help prepare your child for camp. Returning and first- time families should review the information provided in this handbook. In response to many questions raised by families regarding procedures, policies, and resources, we update this manual annually.

As always, families are welcome to phone Camp JORI at 401-463-3170 before June 20. Please call the camp at 401-783-7000 from June 20-August 15. I am available at ronni@campjori.com during the camp season as well as off-season.

Sincerely,
Ronni

I. PREPARING FOR CAMP

A. Important Dates for 2012

Date	Time	Event
Monday, June 25	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	LITs arrive, Early Arrival campers arrive
Tuesday, June 26	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Half Season 1 campers arrive Mini Session 1 campers arrive
Sunday July 8	10:00 a.m.	Mini Session 1 campers depart
Monday, July 9	9:00 a.m.	Mini Session 2 campers arrive
Sunday, July 22 *	8:00-10:00 a.m. 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Half Season Campers depart Mini Session 2 campers depart Half Season Campers Arrive Mini Session 3 campers Arrive
Friday, August 3	9:00 a.m.	Mini Session 3 Campers Depart Mini Session 4 Campers Arrive
Wednesday, August 15	8:00-10:00 a.m.	All campers depart

Out of state families are welcome to bring their children to camp on Monday, June 25th for early arrival. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged.

* Please see visiting day information on page 9.

B. Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a high quality, positive, Jewish, overnight and day camping experience in Rhode Island for children ages 7-15, incorporating a broad cross-section of the Jewish community, regardless of ability to pay. (August 1994)

C. Cabin Assignment

JORI campers are assigned to cabins based upon their school grade following the camping season. We try to accommodate requests made by families for campers to be housed together and will call before camp to let you know if it is not possible to honor the request.

D. Health and Wellness

Health History and Examination Form

Camp JORI requires that every camper have a current medical history completed each summer. **This form is available on the JORI website.** Please be sure that the first three pages of this form are complete and that you have signed where indicated on page 1. Page 4 must be completed and signed by licensed medical personnel and returned to our camp office no later than May 15, 2012. **NO CAMPER MAY ATTEND JORI WITHOUT A COMPLETED HEALTH HISTORY AND EXAMINATION FORM.**

Health Insurance Card

A copy of both sides of your child's health insurance card must accompany his/her health form.

Arriving in Good Health

If your child is not feeling well on opening day, please have him/her checked by a physician before bringing him/her to camp. It is much easier for a healthy child to settle into the camp community. It would also not be proper to introduce sickness into the camp population. Please call camp at 401-783-7000 to let us know if your child cannot arrive at camp on opening day.

Exposure to Contagious Illness

If your child has been exposed to a contagious illness, please keep him/her home until you are sure that he/she is not contagious and until your doctor gives written permission to bring the child to camp. It is important that you notify Camp JORI if your child has been exposed to a communicable disease.

Dental

Children should arrive at camp with any dental and orthodontic requirements cared for. If your child's braces break, we will make every effort to alleviate the immediate problem, but may have to make arrangements for the camper to return home for an orthodontic repair.

Eyeglasses

Campers who wear eyeglasses or contact lenses should arrive at camp with an extra pair as a back up.

Allergy Shots

Allergy shots will be administered by a physician, not our camp nurses.

Asthma Inhalers

Campers who use rescue type inhalers are permitted to carry one with them. Camp JORI requires that a spare inhaler be sent to camp, which will be stored with our nurse.

Epi Pens

Epi pens are routinely kept in selected areas of camp. Please discuss with the nursing staff whether or not your child should also carry his/her epi pen.

Medications

Camp JORI requires that all medications be sent to camp in pre-packaged, individual doses. We work with a company that offers a pre-packaged medication system. More information will be sent to you via email mail in early April about this system. All prescription medications that your child needs this summer will be pre-packaged by a licensed pharmacy which ensures that we will dispense the proper medications at the correct time of day and that all medications are sent to our camp

prior to your child's arrival. With so many campers taking medication during the camp season, we are confident this will be a reliable, safe, and efficient way to dispense all medications. In addition, it will aid in the efficiency of our check-in process on the Opening Day of Camp.

Commonly used over-the-counter medications are available in the health center. There is no need to send medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Midol, Benadryl, or Robitussin . If a camper requires an over-the counter medication on a daily basis, please send enough for the camper's residence at JORI. It is important that any allergies to over-the-counter medication are noted on your child's Health History and Examination Form.

Medication Vacations

Camp is often assumed to be a less structured, stress-free environment, and as a result parents are sometimes encouraged by prescribing physicians to allow their campers to take a "vacation" from their regular, school-year dose of medication during the summer. While summer camp provides an environment for relaxed fun, it can also be stressful. There are many different challenges campers face: new social situations, changes in routine, very structured experiences, and less structured experiences. For these reasons we strongly encourage you to maintain your child's routine medication regimen. If you are considering a "vacation" from medication for your child, please give the camp director a call to discuss the potential impact on your child's experience. This will help us to ensure that we are prepared to work with your child in the most positive way. If you intend to give your child a break from those medications, we ask that you take him/her off those medications for a minimum of one month prior to camp. This will help you gauge your child's reaction to being off the medications long before they arrive at camp.

II. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

A. Directions to Camp

From the North:

95 North to route 4 south

Route 4 south becomes route 1 south. Stay on route 1 until route 138. Take a right onto route 138 (just beyond Holiday Inn)

Continue on 138 west going beyond URI to route 110.

Take a left onto route 110 south which is Ministerial Road.

About 4 miles down the road is a blinking red light. This is Worden's Pond Road.

Take a right on Worden's Pond Road. JORI is about 2 miles down on the right side of the road.

From the South:

Take Route 95 North to route 138 east (exit 3).

Turn onto Route 110 South (Ministerial Road)

Turn right onto Worden's Pond Road for about 2 miles. JORI is on the right side of the road.

B. Trunks and Luggage

For those families who will purchase luggage for their children's camp stay, please consider purchasing from Budco products. Budco is a Rhode Island company and contributes a percentage of its sales to the JORI Scholarship Fund. They are available online at budcoproducts.com and will ship to your home free of charge. Some families send a set of plastic drawers to camp to augment the storage space provided for each camper. We recommend packing your child's belongings in the drawers to avoid excessive luggage handling.

C. Shipping Luggage

If it is necessary to ship your campers' luggage please arrange for its arrival at camp after June 23, and arrange for its "pick-up" on or before August 16.

D. Bedding

Twin size sheets and blankets will fit on our mattresses. Campers may not use sleeping bags in lieu of sheets and blankets.

E. Footwear policies

In our ongoing efforts to maintain a high standard of safety, socks and sneakers are to be worn during the program day by all campers and staff. Flip -flops, high heels, sandals and sneakers without socks are not allowed. Campers should bring 1 pair of

water shoes or sandals with straps to be worn at the waterfront. Crocs worn with or without socks are not appropriate for wear during the program day. Crocs and sandals are permitted during non-athletic evening activities. Campers and staff are never permitted to walk with bare feet in or out of the cabin. Flip-flops are a convenient style of footwear for the shower and cabin.

F. Policy Regarding Inappropriate Clothing

Because of the values we try to promote at Camp JORI, we require each camper to dress in a way that reflects respect for the environment of camp and which meets appropriate standards of good taste, cleanliness, neatness and modesty. Camp is not a place for testing the limits of the law or spirit of the camp's dress code by wearing clothing that reflects extremes of common fads. Dress at camp is for comfort and activity, not for show. Exposed midriffs, low-cut shirts, and inappropriately tight shirts are not permitted. See-thru tops, "low-rider" pants, extremely short shorts, sports bras worn as clothing, mini skirts, and the like will not be permitted. Bra straps and other underwear may not be visible. Camp JORI staff will use discretion in determining if an article of clothing or outfit is inappropriate, and reserves the right to ask a child to change if necessary. Please remember that campers are outdoors and wearing short sleeves instead of thin straps adds an additional layer of sun protection.

Advertisements for alcohol, cigarettes or illegal items and inappropriate slogans on clothing will not be tolerated. Such clothing items should not be sent to camp. Anyone wearing such clothing will be sent to his/her cabin to change.

G. Trip Attire

Campers, including LIT's will be required to wear Camp JORI T shirts when they leave camp. These shirts will be provided for all campers and the cost is included in the camp fee.

H. Banquet Attire

Camp JORI enjoys a banquet at the end of each month of camp. Many campers like to dress up for this event.

I. Clothing and Laundry

Please pack according to the suggested packing list. It is designed to cover the needs of our campers in any weather. It is not necessary to send more clothing than the recommended amount. It is difficult for a young camper to manage many extra belongings. Laundry will be sent out to our service about every 9 days. It is returned within 24-36 hours. The cost of laundry service is included in the camp fees.

Packing List

- 10-12 t shirts
- 6-8 pairs of shorts
- 4 long sleeved shirts
- 4 pairs of pants
- 2-3 sweatshirts
- 1 warm jacket
- 14 underpants
- bras
- 14 pairs socks
- 3 pairs of pajamas (1 should be warm)
- 2 White t shirts that may be painted or dyed
- Blue and White Clothing which is required for Shabbat
- 3 bathing suits
- bathrobe if desired
- sunscreen
- insect repellent
- shower caddy
- raincoat or poncho
- hat
- Banquet Outfit
- 2 pairs of sneakers
- 1 pair of waterproof rain shoes
- 1 pair of flip flops
- 1 pair of water shoes or sandals with backs
- brush/comb
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- deodorant
- shampoo/conditioner
- soap
- other personal care products

- **flash light/extra batteries**
- **stationery/stamps (pre-addressed is very helpful)**
- **books/quiet time activities**
- **camera**
- **small tote or backpack**
- **pillow**
- **2 laundry bags**
- **2 sets of twin size sheets sleeping bags cannot be substituted**
- **2 blankets (many children prefer a comforter)**
- **6-8 shower and pool towels**
- **4 hand towels**
- **face cloths if desired**

Some campers enjoy using a set of plastic drawers for storage

Campers are permitted to bring portable chairs to camp. They may be used around the cabin areas only. No chairs will be allowed in the program areas of camp during the program day. Please leave roller blades at home. Campers are welcome to bring personal sports equipment to camp, but it is not required. Please be sure that a camper is able to be responsible for his/her own equipment and leave valuable belongings at home. Any fans, flashlights or other powered devices must be battery operated. Campers have very limited access to electrical connections.

III. WHILE AT CAMP

A. General Camp Rules

We share a mutual concern for your child's growth and happiness. Because of the constant changes in standards in our society, it is important that you review the following policies.

Fans, radios, clocks, and handheld games must be battery operated. There are a limited number of electrical outlets in the cabins and we will not permit cords to be placed across the cabin.

Please leave the following items at home. They will be taken from the camper and stored by the director:

- DVD players
- computers
- walkie talkies
- cellular phones and smart phones that have wireless and/or internet access
- music with violent or sexually explicit lyrics
- Incense, matches, lighters
- Skateboards, scooters, roller-blades

The following infractions, including but not limited to those named, will lead to immediate dismissal from camp. Leaving camp at any time without permission, having prescription or non-prescription drugs in the cabin without permission, possessing and/or using illegal drugs or paraphernalia associated with drug use, possession of matches, candles, any tobacco product, or alcoholic beverages, possession of any weapon or weapon-like object. The dismissal of any camper from camp is at the sole discretion of the Director. Dismissal will be immediate and will occur without a refund of camp tuition.

Money at Camp

Campers are not permitted to bring money to camp. Every JORI camper has snack time known as “candy call” daily. There is no canteen at camp. LIT’s should bring \$50.00 per half season session to camp. The money will be signed in and given to camp administrative staff and given to LIT’s for field trip spending money.

Technology Policy

Electronic devices that are capable of accessing information from outside of camp are prohibited.

Technology changes so frequently that maintaining an exact list is difficult. Apple’s “iPod Shuffle” Creative Inc.’s “Zen”, and SanDisk’s “Sansa” are examples of acceptable devices.

Apple’s “iPod Touch” and “iPad”, Microsoft’s “Zune”, Nintendo’s “DS/DSi” and Sony’s “PSP,” Amazon’s “Kindle” and Barnes and Nobles “Nook” are examples of prohibited devices.

Camp JORI tries to instill a strong sense of Jewish values, and dishonesty regarding the existence of prohibited devices in camp is counter to these efforts. As a result, campers found with such devices will have consequences. Use of these devices is limited to rest hour and before bedtime in the cabin.

Camp JORI recommends that all expensive electronic equipment be kept at home. It is the camper’s responsibility to keep track of his/her possessions at camp. Please be sure to label **everything** that your child packs, including CD’s, iPods, and handheld games. **I Pads, Laptop and Tablet computers, DVD players, walkie-talkies and any electronic device able to have an internet connection is not permitted at camp.**

B. Food and Beverages

At Camp JORI, we serve a wide variety of well- balanced and tasty meals. Lunch and dinner include a complete salad bar. There are 2 snack times daily, and a variety of fruits and other treats are offered.

Our chef prepares all meals in accordance with the dietary laws. We do not allow food to be brought into camp. No food is permitted in the cabins.

Every camper is provided with a water bottle upon arrival at camp. Campers are encouraged to refill their bottles frequently throughout the day and are monitored for hydration. It is not necessary to send bottled water to camp. It is not permitted to send any other beverages to camp.

Gum chewing is not allowed at JORI. It is our desire to keep the grounds and facilities clean and gum-free. Please do not send gum to camp.

C. Valuable Belongings

Please do not send valuable items including sports equipment to camp. Campers must take care of their own belongings. Camp JORI is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

D. Taking campers out of Camp

We strongly discourage taking children out of camp during the session unless it is an absolute necessity such as a doctor’s appointment or an extreme circumstance or emergency. Taking children out of camp is extremely disruptive to our camp community. Making the decision to come to camp means making a commitment to remain in camp. In circumstances where it has been approved by the Director, pick-up or drop-off will be restricted to 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parents should not drive or walk to the bunk area, but must report to the office, where their child must be signed in and out of camp. Due to varying family situations, campers may only be picked

up by the parent who registered them unless other instructions have been communicated to us in writing by the registering parent. A photo ID may be required from anyone picking up a camper.

Please understand that camp programs continue during your child's absence and we cannot disclose our calendar under any circumstances out of fairness to other campers.

E. Visitation Policies and Visiting Day

There is one visiting day during the summer. Full season campers must be taken out of camp from 10:00 until 3:30 on Sunday, July 22nd. On that day, campers must be checked out by their counselor. Upon arrival back at camp after visiting, campers will be greeted and may return immediately to their cabins upon signing in. If your child is to be visited by another family, please complete the permission form available on our website.

F. Health Center

The Camp JORI Health Center is staffed 24 hours daily. While health care is available throughout the day, there is a regularly scheduled health call each day. Health call is the time when a camper will receive careful evaluation of his/her possible illness. If a camper or staff member is hurt or ill at other times during the day or evening, campers may be brought to the health center. If your child remains in the health center overnight, or requires a visit to the doctor, a parent will be called. Camper medications are distributed at mealtimes and bedtime.

G. Gratuities

JORI staff works hard to provide a fun, safe and nurturing experience for JORI campers. Families are welcome to extend gratuities to the counselor staff. Many families give \$25.00-\$40.00 dollars to each counselor for each session. Please note that LIT's are not staff. They are not permitted to accept gratuities.

H. Communication

Phone Calls

Campers are not able to receive phone calls while at camp. Please feel free to phone our camp office at 401-783-7000 to inquire about your child.

Mail

Mail is delivered to camp Monday to Saturday. Mail should be addressed as follows:

Camper Name

Camp JORI

1065 Worden's Pond Road

Wakefield, RI 02879

Campers are expected to write letters home on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is very helpful to provide pre-addresses postcards, envelopes or labels to assist your sons and daughters. JORI staff checks for address legibility before sending out camper letters.

Packages

Campers may receive packages at camp. Please note that food is forbidden to be brought into, or sent to camp. This includes drinks, and chewing gum. Powdered mixes for drinks are also prohibited. Campers are required to open their packages in the presence of a staff member who will insure that no food is included in the mail.

Email

Camp JORI uses a one (1) way email service. Parents may register for the service by accessing our website at www.campjori.com. Registration for this service also allows access to camp photographs which are posted daily.



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Summer Phone
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Summer Fax
Available on 6/15

Summer Mailing Address

Camper Name
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Cabin name

