



## Frequently Asked Questions

*Please feel free to email us at [youngfamilies@juf.org](mailto:youngfamilies@juf.org) to discuss any further questions.*

### **How far is the camp?**

The drive will vary dependent on traffic, if you are able to we recommend trying to leave on the earlier side on Friday. Camp Chi is about 3 hours from the Northern Suburbs and OSRUI is about 2 hours.

### **What kinds of activities will be part of the weekend?**

Family Camp will allow all members of your family to experience the magic of a camp, including a very special Shabbat. Throughout the weekend there will be a variety of sports, arts, games, and other recreational activities, all designed with the needs of young families in mind. See below for a sample schedule.

### **Is the camp Kosher?**

Camp Chi – Oct 18-20 - The Perlstein Retreat Center at Camp Chi is fully Kosher, under the supervision of the Chicago Rabbinical Council.

OSRUI – March 13-15 - OSRUI uses only certified Kosher meat and does not mix milk with meat. You can expect that no milk or milk derivatives will be used at a meat meal. We do not use separate dishes, cutlery, or serving pieces. A vegetarian option is also available at no extra charge.

### **Where will families be housed during the weekend?**

Think modest hotel room. Families are in private rooms featuring 2-4 beds and a private bath. Based on the number of children in your family we can add one or two cots or a crib to your room.

### **Can I bring food to camp?**

Yes, if you have special food or snacks for your family you are welcome to bring them. We will have fridges available to accommodate you.

### **How does camp accommodate my little ones?**

Both camps will have pack-n-plays and high chairs available for your use. The jBaby and PJ Library team is working with each camp to think about the needs of our youngest participants and making these adjustments to the schedule. Lodging has easy access to fridges to store milk and other baby food items.

### **Is programming mandatory or can my family do their own thing?**

We encourage you to participate in the planned programming, but also understand families needs and are flexible. If you need a break from planned activities and quiet time, our staff can help direct you to the best places to do so (perhaps a peak at the lake or a short hike). We will also have some downtime built into the schedule for naps and/or individual family activities.

### **Is there cell phone service/wifi at camp?**

Wifi service and cell reception can be spotty at camp but does work. We encourage you to unplug over the weekend to make the most of the time together.

### **Is there a mandatory bedtime for kids at camp?**

Our program will be designed to accommodate different kid's bedtime with staggered programming throughout the early evening. We encourage you to do what is best for your family.

### **What if my child eats dinner earlier than 6:00?**

There will be snacks available throughout the day. We can also work to accommodate your families' needs – please let us know when you register what times work best for your family.

### **Who are the babysitters?**

Our camp partners have invited some of their best counselors from the summer to return for our family camp weekend. The counselors have all had CPR training and many are pursuing degrees in education. They are energetic, loving, fun and responsible. You will have a chance to meet them all!

### **What types of “family activities” should we expect?**

See the sample schedule below. We are working to plan a fun and exciting weekend for you and your family. Activities may include scavenger hunts, story walks, holiday art projects, and seasonal activities (hayrides & sledding). A finalized full schedule will be shared prior to the event.

### **What types of adult programming will you have?**

At each camp we will hold a wine and cheese (Wisconsin's finest) reception for parents in the evenings for both social conversation and engaging discussions led by our Parenting educators. Both camps also feature a workout gym for your use and quiet space to enjoy.

### **What should we wear?**

Nothing fancy, seasonally appropriate clothes that you are comfortable in!

### **What if someone in my family gets sick?**

Both camps have hospitals located within 5 miles of the camp. Additionally, there are big chain pharmacies nearby should you need a medication that you did not bring.

### **What does it cost? Do you offer fee assistance?**

The cost is \$325 per family of 3 – All Inclusive (Activities, Private Family Room & Bathroom, Meals) , \$75 per additional child (1+) Babies under 1 are free! Yes, there is fee assistance and we are happy to discuss it with you. Please contact Rachel at [youngfamilies@juf.org](mailto:youngfamilies@juf.org) to discuss.

### **Where should we park?**

Both camps have parking very close to the housing.

### **What is your cancellation policy?**

If you should need to cancel, please let us know 2 weeks prior to the start of the retreat for a full refund. We regret we cannot give refunds within two weeks of the retreat.

### **Sample Camp Schedule**

We know all children have different bedtimes and nap times; our schedule is flexible to accommodate all needs.

#### **Friday**

- 5:00 pm Welcome and registration*
- 5:30 pm Challah braiding (as families arrive)*
- 6:15 pm Dinner*
- 7:00 pm Family Shabbat and singing*
- 8:00 pm PJ Library storytime and bedtime/Games for older children*
- 9:15 pm Social time for adults (babysitting provided)*

#### **Saturday**

- 7:00 am Open breakfast & coffee*
- Gym open - come early to play if you have early risers*
- 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services*
- 10:00 am Morning family activity*
- 11:45 am Lunch*
- 12:45 pm Nap time or free choice activities with your family*
- 3:00 pm Afternoon fun family activities (and snack)*
- 6:00 pm Dinner*
- 7:00 pm Fun family evening program*
- 7:45 pm Havdallah, s'mores and folk songs*
- 8:15 pm PJ Library storytime & bedtime/Games for older children*
- 9:30 pm Social time for adults (babysitting provided)*

#### **Sunday**

- 7:00 am Continental breakfast (optional)*
- 8:30 am Family activity*
- 10:00 am Clean-up and pack*
- 10:30 am Brunch*
- 11:15 am Friendship Circle and L'hitraot (See you next time!)*