



ALISON HENDELES
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

KOCHAVIM DAY CAMP 2025: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

WELCOME TO KOCHAVIM!

We're so excited you've chosen The J to be your camper's summer home! We know how important it is for young children to have a fun and engaging summer filled with social interaction and exciting new experiences.

At Kochavim, we're committed to providing the same high-quality, thrilling summer camp experience you've come to expect. Get ready for another unforgettable summer filled with laughter, learning, and lasting memories!

Below, you'll find answers to some of our most frequently asked questions. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Early Childhood Center (ECC). We can't wait to embark on an amazing summer adventure with your camper!

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Get ready for an action-packed summer! Your camper will enjoy a wide variety of exciting activities each day. Once finalized, we'll share a detailed activity schedule with you.

Expect plenty of fun in the sun with swimming, splashing, sports, and more! We'll also celebrate Shabbat and Havdalah together.

AM/PM CARE:

Kochavim is here for you! We're open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm.

- AM Care: 7:30-9am
- PM Care: 4-5:30pm

BIRTHDAYS:

Birthdays are a big deal at Kochavim! We'll celebrate with delicious Otter Pops for each birthday child and special in-class celebrations.

To keep things safe and simple, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing outside food or goodie bags to share in the classroom.

COMMUNICATION:

We use Procure: Childcare App to stay connected. Once your camper is registered, you'll be added to the app and receive important information from administration and classroom staff throughout the summer.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP:

Smooth Drop-Off: If your child is enrolled in AM Care, you may drop them off as early as 7:30am; sometimes the AM Care room is not their regular classroom. More details will go out about this prior to the start of camp. For our regular camp day, you can arrive at 9am to ensure a smooth start to the day. Please be aware that many activities start at 9:15am. Please note that we no longer allow for an 8:50am drop-off if your child is not enrolled in AM Care.

Safe Pick-Up: We prioritize the safety of your child. Only authorized individuals listed on your child's emergency card can pick them up. Please update the card through Procure if you need to make any changes. To ensure your child's safety, we may ask for photo identification when you pick them up.



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FORMS:

We are working hard to eliminate printed forms; all forms have been converted to electronic documents and are completed online during the registration process. However, the Arizona Department of Health Services requires a wet signature on all Emergency Card forms. We will have these ready for you to sign at our Camp Open House and on the first day of camp. **Campers will not be admitted into camp unless all required forms are completed before the first day of camp.**

ILLNESS:

If your child displays signs of illness they will be removed from their classroom and will be brought to a member of the Kochavim administration. Once notified, you are expected to pick up your child within 30 minutes. If we are unable to reach a parent, we will leave messages and if we do not hear back, we will begin calling emergency contacts.

Below are some of the common illnesses that require children to be sent home:

Fever: If a child has a fever above 100.0°F in both ears, they will be sent home and may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.*

Vomiting: If a child vomited two or more times they will be sent home and may not return until they are free of all symptoms for 24 hours without the use of medication.*

Diarrhea: If a child has diarrhea two times they will be sent home. They may not return until they are free of all symptoms for 24 hours.*

Signs of Pink Eye, Head Lice, Rashes or other communicable disease: Children with signs of pink eye, head lice, or any communicable disease may not return without a doctor's note stating they are not contagious.

If at any time a child exhibits any noticeable changes in their usual behavior and they are unable

to participate in the classroom activities, we may ask for them to be picked up for the day.

***Please Note:** Overnight is NOT considered 24 hours

MEALS:

Kochavim will adhere to DHS guidelines and provide children with a variety of well balanced, Kosher snacks. We will provide both an AM and PM snack, which will vary in time depending on the day's activities.

You are responsible for providing lunch for your child. You can send a lunch from home in a small, wipe-able lunch box, lunch container (i.e. Bento-box) or in a disposable bag. We ask that you limit the number of items (Tupperware, thermos and bags) that need to return home. Families also have the option to purchase your camper's lunch from milk + honey. Purchases can be made through milkandhoneyjcc.com.

If you forget to pack your child a lunch, the administration will notify you and you will be responsible for contacting milk + honey and placing the order.

MEDICATION:

If your child needs medication throughout the camp day, complete the required medication consent form. This document is required for both prescribed and over the counter medication.

For administration to administer any type of medication, the form must be filled out completely (with a start and end date and proper dosing), all medication must come in the original packaging and must not be expired.

When turning in the consent form and medication, be sure to take it out of your child's backpack and hand it directly to an administrative member. Also, be sure to indicate if medication must be sent home daily or on the desired end date.



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MEET THE TEACHERS:

Friday, May 23, 2025 | 8:30-10am: You will have the opportunity to meet your child’s camp teachers and to see the classroom.

NAP/REST TIME:

Depending on your child’s needs, the after-lunch period, between 1-3pm every day are designated as a quiet rest/nap time.

OUTSIDE PLAY:

We will not go outside if it is over 100 degrees, unless children will be participating in water activities.

PACKING LIST:

Some items listed below are expected to stay in your child’s classroom, and some items are expected to be brought in daily. Be sure to leave all personal belongings, not listed below, at home; this includes toys, electronic games, etc.

- Lunch (refer to meal section for more info)
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Swim/Splash Pad items (if applicable)
 - Towel
 - Bathing suit
 - Water shoes
 - Swim diaper (refer to swim diaper section for more info)
 - Plastic bag for wet clothes
 - Change of clothes
- **Sunscreen***
- **Extra clothing (minimum of 2 outfits)***
- **Diapers, wipes and diaper cream (as needed)***
- **King sized pillowcase for nap mat***

***Please Note:** These items will remain at school until sent home.

Everything must be clearly labeled with your camper’s first and last name.

POTTY TRAINING:

If your child is starting to potty train, be sure to have a conversation with Kochavim staff prior to sending your child in underwear for the first time. If your child has been working on potty training, be sure to share your child’s potty routine with their teachers.

Keep in mind that potty training is a process and should always be handled with transparency and patience. Our excellent staff will always do their best to support what you are doing at home with your child.

TEACHER-TO-CAMPER RATIOS:

Age Group	Teaching Staff	Max Capacities
Infants	3	10
Toddlers	2	10
Twos	2	14
Threes	2	19
Pre-K	2-3	20-24

SESSIONS:

Our Kochavim Camp is split into three 3-week sessions. We believe maintaining consistency is best practice to build stronger connections to their teachers and peers.

SWIM:

Children in Twos–Pre-K will have the opportunity to have weekly group swim lessons and splash pad time at The J Aquatics Department. Children in our Toddlers program will have some outside water time on the ECC playground, as it fits into their schedules. A swim schedule will be included on our activity schedule, which will be released in the week prior to camp. Our Aquatics program follows all USAA Swimming guidelines.

If you would like to sign up for additional swim lessons, please contact The J Aquatics Department.



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SWIM DIAPER:

To participate in any water activity at The J Aquatics Department, children three years of age or under, whether potty trained or not, are required to wear both a disposable swim diaper and a reusable swim diaper.

If your child does not have the approved diaper, he/she will not be able to participate in any water activity. For any additional questions about swim diapers, please contact The J Aquatics Department.

SUNSCREEN:

Please apply your child's sunscreen prior to leaving the house. Be sure to provide sunscreen to remain in the classroom for additional application throughout the day.

VISITORS:

Visitors and vendors will be invited to the ECC when the content they are providing is essential to the curriculum, provides crucial enrichment value for the ECC, and/or provides assistance to teachers for necessary projects that are fundamental to the ECC mission.