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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

KOCHAVIM DAY CAMP VS. SHEMESH DAY CAMP

Unsure which camp to enroll your child in this year?
See below what makes Kochavim and Shemesh so unique.

	Kochavim Day Camp 2s, 3s, and 4s	Kochavim Day Camp Transitional Kindergarten (TK)	Shemesh Day Camp
Overview	Kochavim Day Camp offers all the fun of a summer camp experience! Our 2s, 3s and 4s participate in fun, themed activities incorporating sports, swimming, splash pad, music, art, science and activities steeped in Jewish values and culture.	Kochavim TK is for rising kindergarten campers who want a more structured program with fewer transitions. Kochavim TK campers spend much of their day in the AHECC enjoying a wide range of themed activities with our Early Childhood staff. On most days, they have one Shemesh Day Camp special activity such as Makerspace, Cooking, Judaics, Drama, and Movement with the Shemesh Specialists and one Shemesh exploration such as art, gym, and camp crafts.	Shemesh campers start and end their day in a fast-paced, multi-interest camp for kindergarten through 8th graders. Campers will experience a wide range of special activities including: Art, Makerspace, Cooking, Judaics, Gym, Mindfulness, PJ Library, playground, movement, backyard games, board games, crafts and much more.
Hours + AM/PM Care	Camp Day: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. AM Care: 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. PM Care: 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Optional AM and PM Care are for families who require extended hours. Kochavim AM/PM Care occurs inside the AHECC in the AM/PM classroom for your child's age group.	Camp Day: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. AM Care: 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. PM Care: 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Optional AM and PM Care are for families who require extended hours. Shemesh AM/PM Care occurs in the J Youth Wing.	
Transportation	Parents and guardians are responsible for drop-off and pick-up each day.	NEW! Shemesh will provide optional school bus transportation for campers in kindergarten through 10th grade from the Desert Ridge area during the nine core weeks of camp, June 1-July 31. A weekly fee will apply for this service. More information can be found on the website.	

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Pick-Up	Pick-up occurs in your child's classroom or in the PM Care room for their age-group.		Pick-up will be in the Social Hall starting at 3:45 p.m. PM care campers will be picked up in the youth wing.
Field Trips	Our younger campers do not go on field trips.	Kochavim TK and Shemesh Day Camp Kindergarten campers will attend 4 special field trips for kindergarten only! All other Shemesh campers will attend 4 field trips, and Ruach (grades 6-8) will go on an additional 6 field trips	
Pizza Friday	Our younger campers do not participate in Pizza Friday.	Kochavim TK has pizza lunch with Shemesh on Fridays Shemesh will provide pizza for all campers every Friday.	
Ratios	2s: up to 13 with 2 teachers. 3s: up to 19 with 2 teachers. 4s: up to 20 with 2 teachers. Lead Preschool Teachers work for the J AHECC year-round	Up to 20 with 2 teachers. Lead Preschool Teachers work for the J AHECC year-round.	Up to 18 campers with 3 counselors. Counselors are typically 2 counselors 18+ and 1 counselor under 18.
Sessions	Kochavim Pre-K and TK campers can sign up for individual weeks of camp. 2s and 3s have one 1-week session (May 26-29) and four 2-week sessions. See Kochavim Camp pricing and policies for all session dates.		Campers can be signed up for individual weeks of camp.
Apps	Procare: Parents will use this app to sign in/out and get daily updates.		Parents sign in/out using Procare and receive message updates via GroupMe.
Swim + Water Play	Swim lessons: 2x per week Splash Pad: 2x per week	Swim lessons: 1x per week Free Swim: 2x per week Splash Pad: 1x per week	
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