

J LOS ANGELES

JCAMP PROGRAM GUIDE

2026





Rising Kinder and 1st:

Shorashim

Setting the stage for your child's lifelong love of camp, Shorashim (roots) offers a supportive space for campers with an emphasis on participation, building confidence, and having fun.

We know Kindergarten seems like a big jump already, and JCamp aims to create a space that helps our Shorashim campers feel safe and welcomed in the "big kid" setting. These campers will get the opportunity to focus on building skills in independence, responsibility, and self-advocacy. Campers stay onsite at camp everyday and experience awesome entertainment including animal shows, bubble parties, puppet shows, and more!



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SPECIALTIES

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LEGO STEM - Week 1

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Soccer - Week 1, 4, 7

If you love soccer and want to improve your game, this program is for you! Coaches lead court fundamentals and skills training, as well as endurance and flexibility, to enable campers to be the best soccer players they can be.

Martial Arts- Patient Spider- Week 2, 5, 8

High-energy program introducing children to fundamental martial arts elements, like blocks, kicks, strikes, and the all-important KI-YAH! Through skill training, fun games, creative challenges, and Pad work on foam targets, children develop self-confidence and learn to enjoy being physically active in a non-contact setting. KI-YAH!

For eons, people of the world recoiled in fear at the sight of a spider. But the truth, a spider's greatest skill is its patience. To earn your YELLOW headband, you must display great PATIENCE, just like a spider.

Thumb Print Paint and Draw- Week 2

Thumbprint drawings are a great way for young artists with minimal experience to feel accomplished with a lower-key medium. By using paint and our own thumbs students will be able to transform these prints into animals, loved ones, or anything their heart desires.

Rocket Science - Week 2, 6

Ready, set, blast off! Explore the Universe as we launch everything from Film Canister Rockets, to Water Bottle Blasters, Business Card Boomerangs, and much more! Our adventures will take us to Titan, Mars, and a Galactic Cluster as we learn about comets, constellations, and our galaxy! This class is out of this world!

Sports Mania- Week 3,6

High-energy, action-packed experience designed for campers who love to move, play, and compete. Campers spend each day rotating through a variety of sports such as soccer, basketball, flag football, and team-building games, all led by enthusiastic and supportive coaches. With a focus on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship, campers build confidence while staying active in a fun, positive environment. Each day balances structured instruction with friendly competition and free play.

Lego Dinosaurs- Week 3

Travel back to the Jurassic era in this hands-on STEM adventure powered by LEGO®! Guided by our enthusiastic Play-Well instructors,

young builders will return to the age of dinosaurs, using LEGO® to bring the time of the dinosaurs to life. Design and engineer secure habitats for gentle herbivores, embark on daring expeditions to track down elusive species, and uncover the secrets of powerful predator dinosaurs. Get ready for a dino-sized adventure packed with building, problem-solving, and imagination!

Magic - Week 3

Ever wonder how a Magician does a magic trick? This class unlocks some of the secrets to the techniques of magic. Students will gain skills in acting, comedy, and memorization that are essential to a magician's performance. They will use a variety of normal household items such as cards, coins, cups & balls, and rope, and learn cool simple tricks!

Watercolor Art- Week 4

Watercolors are a perfect medium for younger artists to begin their artistic journey. Students will learn about color mixing, primary colors versus secondary colors and will come away with a greater foundation on which to build a burgeoning artistic skill set.

Weird Wacky Science - Week 4

Students learn just how wacky science can be in this engaging class! Each week features cool, hands-on experiments based on concepts such as growing amazing crystals, magnetism, static electricity, gravity, and much more. Scientists will explore the scientific method in a whole new way!

Pokémon LEGO - Week 5

Calling all Pokémon trainers! With the Pokémon Championship approaching, join our enthusiastic PlayWell Instructors as we build and catch our favorite Pokémon, rescue Pikachu from Team Rocket, take a ride on the S.S. Anne to uncover rare and mystic Pokémon, and battle to see who will hold the title of Pokémon Master. Come along on our journey to catch 'em all!

Culinary Arts - Week 5, 8

Kids will tantalize their taste buds and have fun with food! Explore different recipes each week including appetizers, snacks, entrees, desserts, and more!

Chess - Week 5

We introduce chess to students in a fun and exciting way! For all students and all levels, we teach students to play chess and help them succeed in school by stimulating their problem-solving skills, analytical skills, and critical thinking.

Art Adventures- Week 6

Students embark on a creative journey with art! They make amazing creations such as clay geckos, 3D collage robots, and paper roll characters while also learning about famous artists including Georgia O'Keeffe, Henri Matisse, and Eric Joyner! This class makes art an adventure!

Dinosaurs - Week 7

Learn all about Dinosaurs in this fun, hands-on class! Explore the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous eras through all sorts of project-based activities: Dino Digs, fossil hunts, and 'Dino of the Day' activities! You even get your own Dinosaur Egg to take home with you!

LEGO Minecraft - Week 7

Venture into the world of Minecraft in our unique LEGO® experience. Get ready to build your base, craft your tools, use your Minecart to harvest raw resources, and battle to stop the Ender Dragon from ending the world.

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SPECIALTIES

Jewelry Making- Week 7

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Oil Pastel Art- Week 8

Oil Pastel is an amazing medium aiding young artists transition from pencils to paints. This course will dive deep into color mixing, drawing from life and at the end students will come home with their very own oil pastel, blended sunset/sunrise work of art.





Rising 2nd and 3rd

Anafim

Campers in Anafim (branches) enjoy weekly activities designed to nurture creativity, build skills, explore new things, and have fun.

Each week, campers either go on an exciting field trip or stay on-site to participate in all camp programming including Yom Yisrael (Israel Day), Maccabiah, and our 3rd of July Carnival.



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3D Modeling - Week 2

Step into the world of digital creativity and bring your ideas to life in three dimensions! In this specialty, you'll learn the art and technique of designing detailed 3D objects and environments using cutting-edge software. Whether you're interested in creating realistic landscapes, futuristic vehicles, or characters for games and animations, this camp will teach you the essential skills needed to model in 3D.

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Escape Room- Week 3

In this workshop, children embark on an adventurous journey to master the art of puzzles and mental challenges. They will learn how to design and build their very own Escape Room, starting from a captivating backstory to crafting unique riddles. It is a creative process that combines logic and storytelling, resulting in an experience full of mystery, excitement, and adventure.

AI Tool Building- Week 4

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Kids Acting Workshop - Week 4, 8

Acting exposes students to characterization, plot structure, ensemble acting, creativity, the art of listening and silence, and following directions all through the use of various theater games. Come join the fun!

Rock Band - Week 4, 6

Join the Band! All campers will have a chance to learn the basics of music and experience the opportunity to play various instruments including Guitar, Bass, Keyboard, Vocals, Drums, Percussion, and Ukulele. Campers will come together to form a band and put on a rocking performance at the end of the week that we are sure will lead to some rock stars of the future!

App Design- Week 5

Enter the world of mobile technology and learn how to design interactive, user-friendly apps that make a difference in everyday life! In this hands-on specialty, you'll explore the exciting field of app design, gaining the skills to create mobile applications that are both functional and engaging.

Friendship Bracelet Making- Week 5

Friendship bracelet making is a necessary part of the summer camp experience! Campers will learn the basic tactics of 4-knot tying and move on to making the spiral, chevron and even a heart style bracelet!

Magic - Week 5

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Programming- Week 6

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Fashion Design- Week 6

The Fashion Design class is all about you! Create a "line" of clothing, from formal gowns to casual chic! Come up with your own design for a school uniform and make an outfit for yourself using clothes from your closet. It will be fun...and chic too!

Video Editing- Week 7

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One-Line Drawing- Week 7

One-line drawings are where students focus on a drawing for a whole class, not picking up the pen. They are a great opportunity for young artists to learn all about detail. Students will examine famous one-line drawings like that of Picasso, Matisse and more to become fully immersed in the possibilities of the art form.

Chess - Week 7

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Game Design- Week 8

Dive into the creative process of building your very own games! In this hands-on specialty, you'll learn the essential elements of game design, from brainstorming unique characters to crafting immersive levels and designing engaging gameplay mechanics.

Jurassic LEGO- Week 8

Dive into the world of dinosaurs through the lens of engineering and science in this immersive LEGO®-powered STEM course! Guided by expert Play-Well instructors, students will apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to design and build secure habitats for herbivorous dinosaurs and go on expeditions to discover elusive species. This course challenges students to collaborate, innovate, and deepen their understanding of biology, engineering, and prehistoric ecosystems, all while bringing the Jurassic world to life, brick by brick.





Alim

Rising 4th and 5th

Our Alim (leaves) campers experience all of the fun that JCamp has to offer with unique specialty options and expanded choice time throughout the week.

Alim campers can explore their interests through engaging activities in arts, sports, science, and more. In addition to onsite programming, campers enjoy exciting off site field trips, participate in special theme days, and join all-camp events. Alim fosters independence, builds confidence, and strengthens friendships, creating unforgettable summer memories.



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Song Writing- Week 3

Sing out! Campers will learn how to write a full song from start to finish. By exploring melody, rhythm, song structure, and lyric free writing exercises, each camper will create their own unique song. The group will also write one song together.

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Polymer Clay Art- Week 4

Dive into an open ended polymer clay experience where children will be guided on how to use this versatile and colorful art medium. We will learn different techniques, such as color mixing, sculpting, slab work, jewelry design and more. Take home with one of a kind art pieces that you will hold onto forever.

AI Tool Building- Week 5

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Sketching- Week 6

Being able to master the basics of pencil drawing is fundamental to any artist's foundation. Using a variety of 2b, 4b, and 6b pencils, campers will be able to work on their drawing accuracy skills and come away with more confidence to build an artistic future.

Programming- Week 7

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Gilboa Adventure- Week 7

Get a taste of overnight camp with your JCamp Friends! Spend two days at JCamp and then travel to Big Bear and Camp Gilboa. Experience 3 days of fun including a field trip, participating in camp-wide educational activities and electives, kayaking, swimming, and more! This is a great opportunity for your camper to get the best of both worlds!

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LEGO Rides- Week 8

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Rising 6th and 8th

Etzim

Etzim (trees) is designed to give campers a unique experience programmed with the needs of 'tween and teen participants in mind.

Campers will cultivate their independence and gain self-confidence by building new skills, engaging in teamwork, making new friends, and developing awareness of self and the world around them. Unique to our two oldest age groups, Etzim campers have expanded choice time throughout the week.



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Improv- Week 2

And scene! Campers will learn the basics of improvisational comedy including the concept of "Yes, and". They will work on two person scenes, creating dialogue, building characters, fun games, and work together as a theatre ensemble.

Culinary Arts- Week 2

Campers will tantalize their taste buds and have fun with food! Explore different recipes each week including appetizers, snacks, entrees, desserts, and more!

Collage- Week 3

Using mixed media is a great opportunity for young artists to find their voice. Campers will examine famous collages like that of Robert Rauschenberg, John Baldessari and more to become fully immersed in the possibilities of the art form.

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Mixed Media Art- Week 5

Mixed media week is a hands-on camp that invites young artists to explore sculptural work, clay, and fiber arts through fun, process-based projects. Campers will experiment with a variety of materials, combine different techniques, and create unique, three-dimensional artworks to take home. Perfect for kids who love to build, texture, and create with their hands in a fun and supportive environment.

Game Design- Week 5

Dive into the creative process of building your very own games! In this hands-on specialty, you'll learn the essential elements of game design, from brainstorming unique characters to crafting immersive levels and designing engaging gameplay mechanics.

Service Learning- Week 6

Specifically designed for middle-school aged campers, this program will help campers develop empathy and advocacy skills by looking at the world around us and learning about the different ways we can contribute to our society. Campers will get the chance to engage in both on and off-site direct service opportunities and projects. Projects may include a focus on environmentalism, inclusion, food insecurity, and more!

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RISING TK-8TH GRADE

What makes JCAMP different?

CONSISTENCY * + VARIETY *

JCamp delivers a stable environment for campers and a wide range of enriching experiences every week.



INCLUSION IN ACTION

From sensory-friendly spaces to individualized support, inclusion is built into how we operate, serving campers of all identities and abilities.

✓ ACA ACCREDITED

The only ACA-accredited Jewish day camp in Los Angeles, meeting nationally recognized standards for health, safety, and program quality.



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