



## **2023 Camp Sol Taplin Policies, Procedures and Code of Conduct**

*Please read carefully before electronically signing at the bottom of the page.*

### **Eligibility for Enrollment**

All campers must be able to use the bathroom independently by the first day of camp.

All campers must be fully vaccinated; exemptions do not apply. Parents must upload each camper's current vaccination and medical forms to Camp Minder. Each camper must have permission to engage in all camp activities, as noted by the examining physician on the medical form provided to camp.

### **MARJCC Membership**

Enrolling families must have a current membership in good standing with the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center (MARJCC) throughout the entire camp season. Membership dues and other MARJCC financial obligations must be current at the time of registration.

Residents outside Miami-Dade and Broward counties may be eligible for an Out-of-Town Membership. Proof of residence is required to obtain Out-of-Town Membership status. A copy of an official, current report card or school tuition bill indicating the school and name of the student/camper is also required.

### **Registration**

Acceptable forms of payment include Check, AMEX, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, EFT (direct payment from a checking account) and Wire Transfer.

All credit card payments are subject to a 3% convenience fee; all other payment options are free of any service charge.

Payment may be made in full or via a payment plan. If you select a payment plan, your credit card will automatically be charged on the first day of the month. Camp fees must be paid in full by June 1, 2023.

Camp fees paid in full by February 28, 2023, will receive a 5% discount. A \$35 charge will be assessed for each NSF check or returned EFT debit, and a \$20 charge will be assessed for each declined credit card transaction.

Registration for any week of camp must be completed and approved by the prior Thursday at 4:00 p.m. No "walk-ins" or same-day registrations are permitted.

All camp enrollments are subject to availability. You will be notified if you have selected a camp that has reached full capacity. A waitlist for each camp will be created, and families on the waitlist will be notified should a space become available. Camp Sol Taplin reserves the right to cancel any camp due to lack of enrollment.

While every effort will be made to accommodate **one buddy request per camper**, requests are not guaranteed. A buddy request may not be possible for those camps grouped by grade and skill level. Group placements are completed before camp starts and announced during Parent Orientation. Refunds will not be issued based on dissatisfaction with a child's group placement. Camp staff reserves the right to change your child's group placement without advanced notice.

### **Refund and Cancellation Policy:**

All refunds are subject to a \$75 processing fee and a \$50 per week non-refundable deposit per camper.

Refund requests made in writing to the MARJCC Membership Services Department by **March 31, 2023**, will be refunded to the original form of payment.

Refund requests made in writing to the MARJCC Membership Services Department from **March 31–May 31, 2023**, will be credited to your MARJCC account.

No credits or refunds for camp fees due to absence, withdrawal, illness, inclement weather, or if a camper is asked to leave camp for disciplinary reasons will be issued.

Unused camp days are non-refundable, not transferable, and cannot be substituted for additional camp days. No refunds will be issued for vacation days, sick days, or other absences from camp.

Changes and additions to camp selections are subject to availability.

The first change to your camp selection made by May 31, 2023, is complimentary. Any additional changes to your camp selection are subject to a \$75 processing fee per change.

#### **Drop-Off/Pick-Up Policy:**

The morning carpool ends at 9:00 a.m. After 9:00 a.m., a parent must park their vehicle and walk their child to the camp front desk.

Early pick-up from camp is not allowed after 2:30 p.m.

Camper who are dropped off before 8:30 a.m. or picked up after 4:00 p.m. will automatically be placed in the Before/After Care program regardless of whether they are registered for this service. An additional \$1 per minute fee will automatically be applied to your account.

If a parent/guardian cannot pick up a child by the end of the camp day, alternative pick-up arrangements must be made. If the person picking up is not already included on the program's "Authorized Release Form," kindly contact MARJCC staff via email or text and provide the name of the designated pick-up person. Said person must present a photo ID.

If a parent/guardian has not arrived to pick up a child from Before/After Care and the parent/guardian has not notified MARJCC staff, efforts will be made to contact the parent/guardian and the emergency contact by phone.

If the child has not been picked up within one hour of "the end of camp" by either parent/guardian, emergency contact, or designated authorized pick-up person, MARJCC staff, in keeping with MARJCC policy, will contact the Florida Department of Children and Families.

#### **Camp T-Shirts**

**Camper must arrive at camp wearing the specific camp's t-shirt and closed shoes**, except on dress-up/theme days.

#### **Field Trips**

Should a camper be unwilling, unable, or choose to forgo the designated field trip, alternate accommodations will not be available, and no refund will be issued.

### **Medical Forms and Accident Insurance**

The MARJCC has the right to refuse entry to camp with no refund if current vaccination and medical forms are not completed by the child's physician, dated after August 15, 2022, and submitted via Camp Minder before May 31, 2023, or before the camper's first day of camp. Campers must be fully vaccinated, and religious exemptions are not accepted.

All medications must be clearly indicated on the health form and applicable medication forms, with written permission from the parent/guardian.

The parent/guardian understands that the MARJCC does not assume responsibility for any injury. In case of a medical emergency, the parent/guardian hereby permits the physician, selected by the MARJCC, to secure proper treatment for their child and assumes responsibility for all fees. The parent/guardian also understands the MARJCC will help with filing the claim but assumes no responsibility for the insurance company's fees or payment.

### **Food Policy**

1. Camp Sol Taplin only serves kosher lunches and snacks.
2. In keeping with MARJCC's kashrut (dietary laws) policy, no food or snacks are permitted at camp from home.
3. Ice water is provided throughout the day.
4. Extended overnight trip meals are "Kosher-style."

### **Inclement Weather**

1. Some activities and field trips may be suspended due to inclement weather. Alternate activities will be provided.
2. No refunds will be issued due to inclement weather.
3. Carpool may be delayed due to inclement weather.
4. Camp Sol Taplin and the entire MARJCC will close based upon warnings from the National Hurricane Center and directives from Miami-Dade County.

### **General Policies**

1. Camp Sol Taplin and MARJCC are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
2. The parent/guardian grants the MARJCC, its representatives, employees, and the board of directors, the right to take photographs/videos of campers at Camp Sol Taplin. The parent/guardian authorizes the MARJCC to use and publish these images in print and electronically. The parent/guardian agrees the MARJCC may use such photographs for any lawful purpose, including publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content. The parent/guardian understands further that they will not have any opportunity to approve or review the finished product that it may be used in or the use to which it may be applied.

3. The parent/guardian agrees to pay the program(s) fees for which their child is registered, including processing and late fees, where applicable. If payments are not received by the due date, the MARJCC reserves the right to institute legal action to enforce its rights. In this event, the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be responsible for all collection costs, including reasonable attorney's fees.

4. The parent/guardian is responsible for providing sunscreen labeled with the camper's name. The parent/guardian agrees to allow a Camp Sol Taplin staff member to apply sunscreen on their child.

5. By signing this form, the parent/guardian permits their child to participate in all camp activities, including planned and unplanned trips away from the campsite utilizing different modes of transportation.

### **Social Media**

When utilizing social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, and other channels that are public vehicles of speech and photos alike, rules exist that we must all (children and parents) recognize, understand, and follow. There will be consequences when these rules are not followed and respected.

- a. One may not promulgate negative, unkind verbiage about other participants, other parents, or MARJCC/Camp Sol Taplin personnel on social media.
- b. One may not post pictures of another parent's child without parental consent.
- c. One may not "condemn" the MARJCC/Camp Sol Taplin policies or decisions.

### **Visiting Therapists**

All observations, assessments or visits by outside therapists must be approved and coordinated with the camp's Director of Special Needs in advance. Therapists and parents are required to provide documents related to therapist liability and background.

### **Code of Conduct**

The parent/guardian understands that participating in Camp Sol Taplin is contingent upon the parent/guardian and the camper's adherence to the Code of Conduct, and violation of said Code of Conduct may result in either suspension or dismissal from summer camp without a refund.

Camp Sol Taplin is committed to making the camp environment safe and fun for everyone. Accordingly, all campers and their parents acknowledge the Code of Conduct to demonstrate their understanding of and compliance with our camp's behavior expectations. No child will be admitted to camp without an electronic signature from the parent/guardian. Moreover, failure to comply with its principles may result in immediate suspension or dismissal from camp without a refund. We urge you to review the following information closely with your child(ren).

### **CAMP SOL TAPLIN PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Be active listeners, cooperate, and follow directions given by camp staff and other MARJCC personnel.
2. Treat fellow campers, camp staff and other MARJCC personnel, public/private property and the environment with the utmost respect. Every camper is expected to exercise goodwill towards others, camp activities, and facilities, and courtesy and respect are requirements of the camp community.
3. Refrain from using rude, offensive, or generally inappropriate language. Harsh verbal words, tone of voice, foul language or gestures will not be tolerated.

4. Keep hands and bodies to themselves. If physical contact is made with another person, it must be both welcomed and appropriate. Teasing, horseplay, pushing, kicking, hitting, fighting, bullying, or harassment will not be tolerated.

5. Always stay within the campus. No camper is permitted to leave the campus without their counselor's permission and direct supervision.

6. Refrain from bringing fireworks, firearms, toy guns or weapons of any kind to camp.

7. Refrain from bringing or using any illegal drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind to camp.

8. Know and understand the general camp rules, regulations, and guidelines associated with the camp, both on campus and offsite, and when transported by MARJCC transportation.

9. Know that cell phones and other mobile communication device usage, except in authorized camp activities, are strictly prohibited during the camp day. Other electronics, including iPads, iPods, video games, laptops, etc., are strictly prohibited. Any such item brought to camp will be taken and returned at the end of the day. Camp Sol Taplin is not responsible for theft or damage to any camper's personal property.

10. Be aware of the zero-tolerance policy for theft.

11. Participate in all scheduled camp program activities unless exempt because of health or parental restrictions. The explanation for the exemption must be submitted in writing. NOTE: It is not possible to anticipate every possible situation that may arise. In the absence of a particular situation or activity not listed above, COMMON SENSE AND COURTESY SHALL PREVAIL.

If camp staff sees your child is having difficulty within the structure we provided, Camp Sol Taplin reserves the right to have a behavioral specialist conduct an observation and oversee the implementation of behavior modification programs with staff and your child. If, after implementing these procedures, your child continues to experience difficulty, camp staff may recommend that they participate in a "shadow program," which, if available, may be provided at an additional fee.

Camp Sol Taplin implements a system of camper monitoring to provide an incomparable experience for all campers. If Camp Sol Taplin determines that a camper is failing to adhere to this Code of Conduct, presents a safety, behavioral or other concern that is detrimental to the camper, other campers, staff or MARJCC employees, or the overall camp experience, Camp Sol Taplin reserves the right to enforce consequences. These consequences may include, but are not limited to, the limitation of privileges, verbal and written warnings, parental notification, or, in extreme cases, dismissal from Camp Sol Taplin without a refund. Additionally, campers who repeatedly fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct may not be permitted to attend Camp Sol Taplin or participate in MARJCC activities in the future.

### **Sick Policy**

A fever of 99.6° or higher requires the child to stay at home until the fever has been gone for at least 24 hours.

Should your child become ill while at camp, you will receive a call requesting pick-up within 30 minutes. Every family should have a contingency plan in place if the parent is unavailable to pick up the sick child. A sick child will stay with a staff member in an isolated area until pick-up.

A doctor's note is required for any child who has displayed symptoms to return to camp.

I, as an individual or as a parent or guardian of the participant(s) named herein above, release from responsibility, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the MARJCC, its officers, directors, independent contractors, volunteers and all employees for any illness or injury to me, my children or family members. I hereby authorize the MARJCC to secure proper medical treatment from a hospital or physician for my child(ren) in the event of an emergency, with the cost to be paid by the member. I hereby permit the MARJCC and all persons acting with its permission to obtain, use, copyright and publish photographic portraits or pictures of the above-named registrant(s), whether such pictures are still, moving, single or multiple or in which registrant(s) is in whole, part, in conjunction with the registrant's own name or another name. If the MARJCC commences collection action to recover past due fees, etc., for any program offered by the MARJCC, the MARJCC shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs. The member's account must be current and in good standing, if membership is required to be eligible for classes or programs. If this is not the case, all monies received from the member will first be applied toward membership dues.

**Waiver, Release, Indemnification and Covenant Not to Sue**

In consideration of my child's participation in any MARJCC programs, I, the parent/guardian of the minor named below, agree to release and on behalf of myself and the minor named above, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, HEREBY DO RELEASE THE MARJCC, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives and insurers ("Releasees") from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which I, the named minor, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may have, now or in the future, against MARJCC on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of MARJCC facilities/equipment or participation in MARJCC programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however, the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the MARJCC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a health-related incident (COVID-19 infection) occurs before, during, or after participation in any MARJCC program.