



EKC COVID-19 Related FAQs

What happens to camp fees we've already paid?

We recognize these are difficult economic times. We want to remain financially sensitive and offer a range of options to meet the various needs of our community.

- 1. Donation to Camp.** This pandemic has hit EKC hard, like many other non-profit organizations and businesses. If you decide to cancel your child's registration for camp this summer, the payments already made can be donated to EKC as a tax-deductible contribution to EKC. It also qualifies for a **\$1:\$1** matching donation from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation JCamp180 to support coronavirus relief for EKC and other camps impacted by coronavirus.
- 2. Credit for 2021.** We can apply any part of your 2020 payments towards your 2021 camp tuition, including covering your deposit for a future summer when registering your camper at EKC. We ask your assistance in supporting EKC by accepting this credit, rather than a refund, to help us weather the current storm we are all facing.
- 3. Refund of Payments.** Of course, we know many people are going through similar difficulties, so we will accommodate refunds for fees already paid by individual request.
- 4. Combination of the above.** In whatever way this feels most comfortable, please select a combination of Option #1, Option #2, and/or Option #3 (donate, credit, refund).

If you would like to discuss these options, or inquire about others, please reach out directly to Aaron at acantor@jccpgh.org or by phone at 585-752-3340.

If I choose to receive a credit for 2021, for what Camp experiences can I use the credit?

Your credit may be used towards any EKC program between now and August 2021. This includes future summer sessions, Family Camp, and any program or experience at the JCC of Greater Pittsburgh. Your credit can be used for any member of your household/immediate family.

What happens to my scholarship award?

We continue to strive to make camp accessible to all. We understand that as financial situations may change each year, we ask that you re-apply next year should you and your family need financial assistance. This summer's scholarships will not be rolled over to any future years. Any scholarship amount that came from your synagogue or other sources, we will be in contact with those organizations to ask them how they want to proceed, including deferring those funds for your family for next summer.

Are we planning any alternative programs for kids this summer, virtual or in-person?

While there is no substitute for the real thing at EKC, we are hoping to provide opportunities for fun and meaningful engagement throughout the summer. We are going to call these "bright spots" and as our planning unfolds, and experiences ready to share, we will share them through emails and posts on Instagram and Facebook.

Will my child still get their 3-5-10 year item?

Our 3-5-10 year legacy program is an important part of the EKC experience. We know that many of you were looking forward to receiving your 3-year shirt, 5-year quarter zip, and 10-year blanket. All campers and staff who were planning to join us this summer, including those who withdrew over the past few





months, will receive “credit” for Summer 2020. That means, whether you return in 2021, or not, we will make sure you receive your legacy gift from Camp! If 2020 was supposed to be your first summer at EKC, and you keep coming back every year after this, you’ll get your 3-year shirt in 2022.

This was my last year as a camper – now what?

Our heart breaks for our entire community, especially our Teen 2 campers who were ready to enjoy their final summer as campers at EKC. We are considering a number of options to ensure the pinnacle of your EKC experience is not lost. We plan to include you in the process and get your feedback this summer.

I was supposed to be an SIT this summer – now what?

We recognize that it is difficult to make up for the experiences lost as an SIT, including the trip to Israel and the staff training that was to take place after the trip. 2021 was supposed to be your first time as paid staff members at Camp, and we are considering a number of options to best prepare you for and provide you with that opportunity. We plan to include you in the process and get your feedback this summer.