



# Enrollment Policies 2026

At Camp Kinneret, our goal is to provide the highest quality experience for our campers. We do this in two important ways. The first is by enrolling campers in specific sessions, thereby allowing campers to develop relationships through a shared camp experience. The second is by maintaining small group size. To achieve these two important goals, we have established the following enrollment policies to maximize balanced group session enrollment. Please review these policies carefully prior to enrolling so that we can best serve you.

## Session Enrollment:

All regular sessions run for 2 weeks. Session One runs June 15th - June 26th. Sessions Two runs June 29th - June 10th. Session Three runs June 13th - July 24th. Session four runs July 27th - August 7th. There is an add-on week available to campers that attend at least one regular 2 week session: Weird, Wild, & Wacky Week 9 - August 10th - 14th.

- The first day for returning families to submit applications for the 2026 camp season is Monday, January 5th, 2026. The first day for new families to submit applications for the 2026 camp season is Monday, January 19th, 2026. All applications are submitted online to ensure that camp receives complete, accurate, and legible enrollment information. Past Camp Kinneret families are eligible to participate in our January priority enrollment period. Participating in the January priority enrollment period does not guarantee returning families their first-choice sessions but will allow for their applications to be processed before any new family applications.

## Changing Your Enrollment Prior to Camp:

Campers who wish to add a session, or change their bus stop will be limited to the availability of the session, or bus stop at the time the change request is made. Consideration will first be given to those campers on the waiting list who had previously requested to enroll in the desired session or bus stop.

## Deposits, Fees, and Tuition Payments:

There is a \$50 application fee (per household) charged at the time of application submission that is non-refundable except as outlined below. A deposit of \$200 for each camper, for each two week session (\$100 for each camper, for Week 9), is also required with the application. The application fee and deposit amounts are fully refundable if the space to enroll your camper is not available when you submit your application. The deposit amount is included in our listed tuition amounts for each session.

Payment by credit card will incur a 3% processing fee and will be charged with any payment made by credit card and is not refundable. You will not be charged a processing fee if you make payments via ACH, Debit Card, or e-check (available for online payments), or via check or cash.

By submitting an application and providing your credit card or bank account information, you hereby give us permission to charge outstanding balances due using the provided payment method if alternate payment has not been made as of the due date. The tuition balance for all sessions is due April 1st or within 14 days of enrollment if after April 1st. All balances must be paid in full 2 weeks prior to the camper's 1st day of camp, or upon enrollment if camp starts in less than 14 days.

## Technology in Camp:

Camp Kinneret is a totally tech-free environment. That means if it has a screen, it needs to stay home. No cell phones, no smart watches, no electronic devices with screens of any type are permitted in camp. Exceptions will be made for medical need. Contact us for more information.

If you need to contact your camper while they're in camp, please call the office and we'll be happy to pass along a message.

Any device that is seen in camp will be confiscated and returned to their parent/guardian at end of day sign-out.

We want your camper(s) to know they are well cared for and there are many people here who can assist them. If you are concerned about the well being of your camper, and feel the need to send them with a device, please call and speak with a Director.



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## Absences:

- If your child will be absent from camp, please inform us as soon as possible and no later than 8:00 a.m. on that day. Should your child wake up sick in the morning, use the app or contact the office as early as possible to ensure we can let our staff know.
- No refunds for missed days are available.
- Camp will be open on Friday June 19th. If you wish to keep your camper(s) out of camp in observance of the Juneteenth holiday, you may request to be issued a credit of \$200.00.
- Camp is open on Friday, July 3rd.
- Campers who need to leave camp early must be picked up before 2:00pm. **Campers cannot be signed out between 2:00pm - 4:00pm.**

## Illness:

Please do not send your child to camp if they show any signs of illness. These may include, but are not limited to, cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, vomiting, headache, loss of taste/smell, diarrhea, body aches, and fatigue.

If your child has allergies or other chronic conditions which cause any of the above symptoms, please obtain and provide a doctor's note prior to sending them to camp.

If your child stays home from camp due to experiencing any of these symptoms, they may return to camp:

With a doctor's note stating that the symptoms are not COVID-related or symptoms of other contagious conditions.

OR

Following a negative contagious illness test AND/OR a doctor's note.

OR

24 hours after symptoms resolve.

The above guidelines related to illness may change if the CDC, county, state, federal or other civil authorities' recommendations change prior to the start of camp. If our policies change you will be notified by email.

## Absences Due to Illness/Injury:

Partial refunds will be available if a camper misses 5 or more days of a session due to illness, injury or related to contagious illness. This applies if a camper is prohibited from coming to camp due to contagious illness exposure, a positive contagious illness test, time spent awaiting contagious illness test results, symptoms of contagious illness, or non-contagious illness confirmed by a doctor's note. When these guidelines are satisfied, Camp Kinneret and the camper's family will share the cost of missed camp and Camp Kinneret will refund ½ the cost of the missed days.

- A doctor's note is required to qualify for these partial refunds.
- Missed days must be consecutive.

## Withdrawals and Refunds:

Families wishing to withdraw from any session must notify us by April 1st to receive a full refund minus the \$50 application fee and any credit card processing fees.

Session withdrawals made after April 1st will qualify for a 50% tuition refund (minus the \$50 application fee and any credit card processing fees) only if requests are received prior to May 15th. The remaining 50% will be held as a credit to be used by any child in your household in future summers. Session withdrawals made after May 15th will qualify for a 50% tuition credit to be used by any child in your household in future summers (minus the \$50 application fee and any credit card processing fees) only if requests are received 2 weeks prior to the start of the session. (June 1st for Session One, June 15th for Session Two, June 29th for Session Three, July 13th for Session Four, and July 27th for the Add-on Weird, Wild & Wacky Week 9.)

Session Withdrawals requested after these dates will receive no refund or credit.

On rare occasions, a first-time camper entering preschool or kindergarten may not be ready for camp and may withdraw or be asked to leave camp prematurely. Parents/



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**Questions?** Please call the camp office and speak with our Leadership Team! (818) 706-8255

Guardians should carefully evaluate their child's camp readiness and should speak with a camp director at the time of enrollment to help ensure the best decision for each child. In the event that a first-time camper entering preschool or kindergarten is determined by our Leadership Team and/or Camp Directors to not be ready for the camp program, camp will refund 50% of the unused tuition. Camp will retain the remaining 50% on file as a credit towards this camper's enrollment for the following summer, when it is expected that the camper will be more camp ready. The 50% credit will be held on file for one year and is not refundable or transferable to another family member or family.

Your child(ren) may be dismissed from camp for conduct or behavior which the camp director deems to be detrimental to your child, to the camp program, to other children, or to staff. Camp will refund 50% of the unused tuition and 50% will be forfeited, should a child be dismissed from camp.

## Transportation:

Each family selects a transportation option (bus, camp only, or extended care) when submitting their enrollment application. Bus transportation is included in session fees.

Families may choose to use bus transportation one way and drop off or pick up their camper(s) at camp in the other direction on a regular, every day basis. You must contact the office to request this option, as it is not available on the application.

Families who wish to have their camper on a transportation schedule that is NOT the same every day must use the app to coordinate their camper's plan.

## Bus Transportation:

- Space on the buses and at each stop is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If space is not available on the bus or stop of your choice at the time that you enroll, you may request to be waitlisted for that bus and may select the next closest bus and stop available.
- Families may request that their camper(s) board the bus at one stop in the morning and return to a different stop in the afternoon, provided that both stops are on the same bus route and that the schedule is the same every day. You must contact the office to request this option, as it is not available on the application.
- Families may request to use the bus only one way. These families will need to follow the "Regular Camp Pick Up & Drop Off" schedule or contact camp to add Extended Care to their enrollment.
- Bus stops may be moved or changed prior to a session beginning, based on enrollment. In this case you will be guaranteed space on another nearby bus stop. Families will not be able to adjust their bus stop location once the session has started. One-time changes may be requested by using the app or calling the office.
- In the event that a camper is not picked up from their bus stop by the designated time, staff members and/or the bus will need to stay with the camper(s) until they can be picked up. Camp will charge the family \$2/min until the camper is picked up.

## Extended Care:

- Families who include extended care for \$150/session (\$75/Week 9) in their tuition can drop off their campers from 8:00-9:00 am and pick up from 4:00-5:00 pm.
- Campers who are picked up after 5:00 pm will be charged a fee of \$2/min each time.
- The deadline to cancel your camper's enrollment in Extended Care is May 1st.

## Regular Camp Pick Up & Drop Off:

- Drop off is between 8:45 - 9:00 am
- Pick up is between 4:00 - 4:15 pm
- Campers (NOT in Extended Care) who are dropped off before 8:45 am or picked up after 4:15 pm will be charged \$20 the second time. The third time this occurs, the camper will be moved to the Extended Care program and the full tuition rate of \$150/session (\$75/Week 9) will be updated accordingly.

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## Additional Declarations:

- A. I, and the campers enrolled by me, agree to abide by the rules and regulations established by Camp Kinneret. I understand that unacceptable camper or parent/guardian behavior, including actively undermining any camp rule or regulation or engaging in incivility toward any member of the Camp Kinneret community, may result in withdrawal and/or loss of future enrollment opportunities.
- B. I understand that Camp Kinneret is not responsible for articles of clothing, personal athletic equipment, and belongings that are lost or damaged, whether by fire, theft, natural disaster, or other occurrence. Tablets, smart watches, music players, and other electronic devices are not permitted at camp. Cell phones are best left at home. Campers are not permitted to have cell phones with them, and must be left in bags during the camp day. If you need to reach your camper, please call the office. If your child needs to speak with you, we will assist them in the office. Our counselors follow the same guidelines and do not use their cell phones during the camp day.
- C. In the event that Camp Kinneret is asked to participate in filming, interviews, or other similar events, my child(ren) may participate.
- D. I agree that photographs, videotapes, digital pictures, or other media of my child(ren) may be used in advertising the program of Camp Kinneret, by the Western Association of Independent Camps, and by the American Camp Association and its agents.
- E. I understand that Camp Kinneret will be offering a trip & travel type insurance program with two different coverage options. These options will be available for each session my child(ren) is/are attending, but are not required. Exact details, options and pricing will be provided prior to the withdrawal deadline, which will be the deadline for signing up for the insurance.
- F. I understand that Camp Kinneret does not provide day care, childcare, babysitting, or tutoring services (collectively, "outside services") of any kind. Camp Kinneret will not coordinate, assist in arranging, manage, control, supervise, or ensure any outside services rendered by any member of the Camp's staff. All such arrangements are outside the scope of any Camp employee's employment and are separate and apart from the services provided by Camp. Camp Kinneret therefore disclaims any responsibility or liability for any injuries, damages, claims, or disputes arising from the provision of outside services by any person or entity. By executing this Agreement, Parent/Guardian confirms their understanding of this provision and waives and releases Camp, on Parent/Guardian's behalf and on behalf of Parent/Guardian's minor children, from any liability, claims, demands or potential liability, claims, and demands arising out of or relating to Parent/Guardian's retention of any person, including employees of Camp, to provide Parent/Guardian and/or camper with outside services.
- G. I understand that Camp Kinneret provides excess accident medical protection for my child(ren). The camp protection will pay only those covered medical expenses which are not paid by my medical coverage to a specified limit. Each claim is subject to the limitations and exclusions of the policy that is on file in the camp office. Claims must be filed, and treatment received within 30 days of any camp incident for coverage to apply.
- H. I agree that my child(ren)'s name(s) and guardians' names and phone numbers or email addresses may appear on the group rosters to be provided to the campers in my child(ren)'s group(s). Should I desire to have their names and contact information OMITTED, I will contact the office prior to my child(ren)'s first day.
- I. I understand that camp offers activities such as a high ropes course, a 25' rock climbing wall, swimming, archery, performing arts, animal care, and others which have an increased risk, and I permit my child(ren) to participate in them. I understand that each camp activity is offered, provided that staff are available to teach the activity.
- J. I agree to pay any outstanding balances by their due dates. Balance of tuition and fees will be charged to your chosen payment method (based on online payment of application fee & deposits) on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If I would prefer to pay my balance using an alternate method, I must contact camp before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Unpaid fees will revert from the Early Bird rates to the regular rates after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any check returned by the bank shall be subject to a \$45.00 returned check fee. Should more than one payment be returned unpaid, all future payments may be required in the form of credit card, cash, or cashier's check. If any amount is referred for collection or requires filing of legal action, I agree to pay collection, attorneys', and all other fees associated with the collection or action.

