

Welcome to the Rosen JCC's J University after-school program!

At J University (also known as "JU"), we know how to nurture, encourage and stimulate your child's interests in our caring, supportive environment, while giving you full control of their after-school schedule. The J University counselors will ride on a bus or van to pick your child up from their elementary school and transport them to the JCC for an afternoon of fun, enriching activities. Children in the J University program experience being part of a group and a community, learn to interact with their peers, and become more independent.



Kids especially love coming to JU to see their friends and our fantastic staff. We provide a "home-away-from-home" atmosphere. Upon arriving at the JCC, your child will first receive a nutritious snack. After they have eaten and had the chance to unwind from the school day, children go to our Homework Center to work with their counselors on school work in a quiet environment. Our staff actively assist the children with their assignments, guiding them through their lessons and assisting when they need help. After your child is finished with any homework, they will join their group for our scheduled activities, which can include science, cooking, arts and crafts, team building, recreational outdoor time, gym games, and free play.

Having your child in JU also gives you the unique opportunity to enroll your child in our eclectic variety of enrichment programs, including: basketball, soccer, cooking, pottery, drawing, theater, gymnastics, private music lessons, dance, tutoring, engineering, science, golf and much more! We'll take your child to and from each enrichment class, saving you the hassle of coordinating transportation. With so many options under one roof, creating a robust and fulfilling activity schedule for your child has never been so easy!

We take great pride in our inclusive environment, which welcomes children of all faiths, families and backgrounds. While the JCC is not a religious institution, we proudly celebrate Jewish culture and values, such as kindness, community, compassion and caring for the environment.

If I can help answer any questions you may have, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to welcoming you into our JU family!

B'shalom,

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Frequently Asked Questions

What makes J University unique?

J University offers skill development, learning by doing, positive peer interactions and an active recreational environment outside of the home and school setting. We offer a low staff-to-child ratio (no greater than 1:10) which allows our children the opportunity to interact with positive adult role models. We encourage children to be themselves without the constraints of a standardized curriculum or social cliques. We welcome each child into our family and appreciate what makes them unique and special. Meanwhile, we offer children the opportunity to explore a variety of interests, and learn new things while being unconditionally supported and encouraged.

Will my child be safe at J University?

There is one thing that we will never compromise on, and that is the safety and well-being of your children. We understand the great responsibility of caring for children, and go to great lengths to ensure their physical and emotional well-being. Our staff is selected for their experience and ability to work effectively with children, and participate in 30 hours of staff orientation and training prior to the school year. All staff are background checked and CPR and First Aid certified.

Who will be supervising my child?

When children arrive at JU, they are split into groups by age, and each group is supported by one to two counselors. By keeping groups of children and counselors together, counselors get to know each child individually. Children participate in activities and travel around campus under the direct watch of a counselor. Counselors are supported by our full-time professional Camp & Youth Director.

What are School's Out Days?

The JCC youth department offers its "School's Out Day" program on many days during the school year that Orange County Schools are closed. (Exceptions include Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Memorial Day.) School's Out Days runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the option of AM Care from 7 - 9 a.m. and PM Care from 4-6:30 p.m. These programs are not included in the JU package, and must be registered for separately. We offer a discounted School's Out Day package for JCC members.

Are there any days during the school year that J University is not offered?

Yes, there are some Jewish holidays that the JCC and JU are closed for. These dates vary by the year and when the Jewish holidays fall. Please see the attached Facts and Fees page for the days we will not offer after-school care.

Are there forms that are needed for my child to attend J University?

Yes, there is a form packet that must be filled out and returned before the first day of school. Parents can fill out these forms online.

What are the fees for J University?

The monthly fee varies based on the number of days per week your child will attend JU. Please see the attached Facts and Fees sheet for current prices. JU tuition fees are bank drafted on the 15th of each month (or the next business day when the 15th is a Saturday). JU families must also maintain a JCC family membership in good standing and not have an outstanding balance.

Are there any discounts available?

Yes, we offer a 3% sibling discount to children that have a sibling in either the JU program or JCC's Early Childhood Learning Center. The discount is applied to child with the lesser fee in the event the children do not attend for the same number of days.

What is pick-up time for J University?

JU runs until 6:30 p.m. every day. Parents of children that are still in JU after the stated pick-up time will be charged \$5 for every 5 minutes late a parent is to pick up.

What will my child do on a daily basis?

Every child gets picked up at their school and boards the JCC's bus. Upon arrival at the JCC we have snack and then homework. Homework is supervised by staff with assistance given as needed. Each child must have their homework "checked" by a member of the JU staff in order to move on to a fun activity. Two periods follow homework where students choose an activity they wish to participate in. Activities include: art, music, cooking and science experiments, outdoor play and indoor play in our gymnasium. JU is equipped with many age-appropriate toys and games as well on the occasion that it rains or is too hot to play outside. Students who sign up for optional enrichment activities (at an additional cost) will be brought to and from their programs. Parent pickup for JU is coordinated in the JU1 classroom. Parents may sign their child out, pick up their belongings and your child will be brought to you by a staff member.

Facts & Fees

Days & Times

J University runs from August 13, 2018 through May 29, 2019. Care is offered until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please see the following page for a complete list of JU closings.

School Pick-Ups

In 2018-19 we offered pick-ups from the following schools:

- Bay Meadows Elementary
- Bay Lake Elementary
- Dr. Phillips Elementary
- Holy Family
- Independence Elementary
- MetroWest Elementary
- Palm Lake Elementary
- Sand Lake Elementary
- Sun Ridge Elementary
- Windermere Elementary
- Windy Ridge K-8

A new school may be added or a current one subtracted if enough children register and our transportation routes can accommodate it. **Please note that availability at all schools may be limited based on space on our vehicles – please inquire to check if space is available!** If you do not see your child's school on this list, please contact us to find out if we may be adding it this year!

Tuition

JU is a members-only program. Your family must sign up for membership in order to attend. Tuition is based on the cost of care for the entire school year, depending on the number of days per week in which the child is enrolled. For your convenience, we divide the annual cost into ten equal monthly payments. In the event that you enroll after the start of the school year or cancel before it is over, the pro-rated amount owed will be based on the annual tuition and the actual number of days attended.

Days Per Week	Registration Fee	Annual Tuition	Monthly Payment	Weekly Price*
5	\$99	\$3,200	\$320	\$84
4	\$99	\$2,650	\$265	\$70
3	\$99	\$2,150	\$215	\$57
2	\$99	\$1,500	\$150	\$39
1	\$99	\$950	\$95	\$25

For families with more than one child attending JU, additional children will pay only a \$69 registration fee, and will receive a 3% tuition discount (applicable to the child or children with the lowest fees). The sibling discount is also applicable to families with a child in the JCC's Early Childhood Learning Center.

**Weekly price is for comparison purposes only, based on 38 weeks of school, and rounded to the nearest dollar. JU tuition is charged on a monthly basis only.*