



MACCABI SPORTS CAMP

CAMP TRAVEL INFORMATION – SUMMER 2024

Traveling to camp is an exciting and important part of summer camp. In fact, we believe the camp experience begins the moment a camper walks out the door to begin the journey.

Clear communication between parents and the Camp Office is essential. We use [CampInTouch](#), a password-protected online communication portal, to track campers' travel plans to and from camp.

Please complete the online **Transportation Form** (which can be found in your CampInTouch portal) by **May 1** so we can make the proper arrangements. Here is more information about getting your child to camp:

Getting to Camp by Car

On the first day of each session, families are welcome to drop their child off at camp.

Our summer address is:

California State University, East Bay
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward, CA 94542

Please plan to arrive at camp **between 10am and 11am**. To ensure a smooth first day of camp, we ask for your cooperation in arriving during the prescribed window.

We will have signs and staff members directing traffic, unloading luggage, and showing you where to park.

An important note about drop-off...

We believe that becoming a part of our camp community begins from the moment a camper arrives and we want campers to jump into the immersive experience immediately.

To make this happen, we ask that once your camper is checked-in and introduced to their counselor, that parents begin to say their goodbyes. Counselors will help your child unpack, connect them to new friends, and on their way to a fantastic camp experience. Gaining independence and autonomy is one of the great benefits of camp, let's get it going early and with your support, you will help us enable a smooth and successful start to your camper's journey.

In past summers, we've given tours of camp and encouraged parents to help campers move in. Based on our own observations and feedback from parents, we believe that this new approach is a healthier way to set campers up for success. And based on feedback from last summer it is a welcome change to our procedures. If you have concerns that this may be challenging for your child, please call us in advance of the session so we can discuss ways to support your camper on Opening Day.

Getting to Camp by Air

For campers who will be traveling by airplane, please book flights to **arrive between 9am and 11am**. If you are not able to secure a flight that lands in this timeframe, please call or email camp to discuss.

Nearby airports, in order of preference for pick-up:

1. Oakland International Airport (OAK)

OPENING DAY ARRIVAL TIMES

If arriving by car...drop off is
between 10am & 11am

If arriving by air...plan to land
between 9am & 11am

2. San Jose Mineta International Airport (SJC)
3. San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

We will provide transportation at no additional cost to and from these three airports.

Most major airlines allow for travel by Unaccompanied Minors over the age of 5 years old. We encourage you to review the specific requirements of each airline. Please notify us directly if your child will be traveling as an Unaccompanied Minor.

All campers flying to camp will be greeted inside the terminal by an adult member of our camp staff and transported directly to camp. Once your child arrives in the local area, you will receive a phone call notifying you of their safe arrival.

Parents Flying with a Camper

If you are flying to the Bay Area with your child and plan to bring them to camp yourself, more specifically, you **do not require transportation from the airport**, please take the following action:

1. Enter your child's transportation method as "driving" – not flying
2. And email our office directly to let us know your plans

When we see flight information in the system, our default is to make arrangements to pick up your child at the gate so it is of utmost importance for you to notify us if you are flying in yet providing transportation to camp on your own.

Returning Home from Camp

On the last day of each session, we will provide transportation to the airport for campers who are flying home. Campers will be supervised throughout the check-in process and a staff member will remain at the airport until after their flight has departed. Please arrange flights to **depart between 10am and 12pm**.

For families living within driving distance, **please plan to arrive at camp between 10am and 11am**.

As always, contact our office at (415) 997-8844 or josh@maccabisportscamp.org with any questions.