



# *j*Camp

July 14-18, 2019

**JAMES MADISON**  
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Registration Guide

Early Bird Deadline March 1, 2019!



jCamp is a four-day workshop like nothing else in the state. While at camp, you don't sit in a classroom hearing about journalism. You will do it!

Our multimedia storytelling approach incorporates a great deal of hands-on learning about various types of storytelling, including writing, photography, videography, web journalism and more. And you'll have time to make plans for your publication in the coming year.

jCamp is all about giving you the tools to create a dynamic, successful publication in the coming year.

Specifically, you'll be able to

- Plan for the upcoming school year.
- Brush up on your writing, design, editing and production skills.
- Learn techniques from leading media advisers and journalists.
- Get motivated to produce award-winning student media.

**NEW THIS YEAR! Breakout sessions  
you get to pick throughout the week.**

**Photography**

**Videography**

**Editorial Leadership**

**Ethics**

**Social Media**

**Design & Redesign**

**Sportswriting**

**Press Law**

**... and more!**





## Cost

The registration fee for jCamp at JMU includes your meals, housing, recreation and workshop materials. Registration fee and deadlines are as follows:

Early-bird (March 1): \$475

Regular (May 1): \$525

Late (June 1): \$575

After May 1, please call 540-533-8775 or e-mail [vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us](mailto:vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us) to

## Meals

All your meals are included with your registration fee and will be served in JMU on-campus dining facilities. But if you're picturing cafeteria corn dogs — think again. JMU's dining halls are ranked some of the best in the nation! Vending machines are also available for snacks. Commuter students can purchase individual meals as needed.

## Housing

All students enrolled in jCamp will be housed in a JMU residence hall. You can request a specific roommate of the same sex on the registration form. If you register without a roommate request, one or more will be assigned to you by jCamp staff. (When we assign roommates, we try to keep same-sex students from the same school, enrolled in the same track, and/or from the same grade together.)

## Social Activities

You should be ready for lots of learning during jCamp, but we're going to have some fun, too. We'll have recreational and team-building events throughout the week to keep your mind fresh and engaged along the way.

## Policies

- Visit [www.vajta.org](http://www.vajta.org) for the latest news and information.
- Substitutions of the same sex will be accepted up to one month before camp by calling Valerie Kibler at 540-477-4466. No refunds will be given for cancellations.
- Alcohol, smoking, any illegal drug use or drug possession are strictly forbidden.
- Workshop participants must follow all local, state and federal laws. All participants must also follow all JMU policies.
- E-mail is used extensively to communicate with students and parents prior to camp. Please be sure to provide valid and regularly checked e-mail addresses on the registration form.
- Students must abide by all camp curfews. Students may not enter residence halls other than the one assigned for housing.
- Lost or stolen keys will be charged to registrants at a rate of up to \$20.
- Resident students are not allowed to operate vehicles during workshops. Contact Valerie Kibler at [vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us](mailto:vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us) or 540-477-4466 if you plan to have a car on campus during the camp.
- Each track will have a series of tasks and assignments that students will be expected to complete.
- Students must attend all classes unless ill. Illnesses must immediately be reported to the camp director.
- Students should act as ambassadors of their schools and communities, and they should follow all school rules and policies while at jCamp.
- Failure to abide by jCamp policies or directions from jCamp staff/instructors is grounds for dismissal from camp without refund of registration fees.

## What to bring to camp

- Plenty of writing materials.
- Copies of your publication.
- Glasses. If you wear contacts, you'll probably want to bring your glasses — just in case.
- Camera.
- Allergy or other medications.
- Sunscreen and bug spray.
- Clothing/toiletries for five days and four nights, including hand soap. Normal school attire is appropriate. You'll want to remain casual and comfortable.
- Spending money.
- Cell phone and charger.
- Bedding.
- Umbrella.
- Laptop.

## Driving times to JMU

Washington, D.C. ....	3 hours
Richmond, Va. ....	2 hours
Virginia Beach ....	4 hours
Pittsburgh.....	6 hours
Philadelphia.....	5 hours
Charlotte.....	4.5 hours
Raleigh.....	4.5 hours
New York City .....	7 hours
Atlanta .....	8 hours
Nashville .....	8 hours
Newark, N.J. ....	5 hours
Charleston, W.Va. ....	7.5 hours



## Directions to James Madison University

### I-81 traveling North:

Take EXIT 245 - Port Republic Rd/ VA-253. Turn LEFT on Port Republic Road and drive until you get to the first major intersection with South Main Street. Turn right. Turn left at the first traffic light at Warsaw Avenue and follow the road to the parking deck, where you may park.

### I-81 traveling South:

Take EXIT 245 - Port Republic Rd/ VA-253. Turn RIGHT on Port Republic Road and drive until you get to the first major intersection with South Main Street. Turn right. Turn left at the first traffic light at Warsaw Avenue and follow the road to the parking deck, where you may park.



# Registration



Name\_\_\_\_\_ Sex\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact Name\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

School Name\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth-Students Only\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year\_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request (Name/school)-Students Only\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/ health concerns/special diet\_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size (circle)      Small      Medium      Large      X-large



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## Payment Information

Early-Bird (postmarked by Mar 1), .....\$475  
Normal (postmarked Mar 1-May 1)..... \$525  
Late (postmarked May 1-Jun 1)..... \$575  
Commuter Rate.....\$200

*\*Commuter rate does not include meals, which can be purchased individually as needed.*

Send this registration form and a check, purchase order or money order payable to VAJTA to:

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