



# *j*Camp

July 16-20, 2023

**JAMES MADISON**  
UNIVERSITY®

Registration Guide

Early Bird Deadline April 1, 2023!



**REGISTER ONLINE!**  
[vajta.org](http://vajta.org)

## 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 (April 1): \$500  
 Regular (May 1): \$550  
 Late (June 1): \$600

After May 1, please call 540-477-4466 or e-mail [vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us](mailto:vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us) to check availability.

## 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 in for snacks.

## 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.)

## Camp Sponsors



**The Breeze**

## 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.
- Camera.
- Allergy or other medications.
- Sunscreen and bug spray.
- Clothing/toiletries for five days and four nights. Normal school attire is appropriate. You'll want to remain casual and comfortable.
- Spending money.
- Cell phone.
- Bedding/pillows.
- Umbrella.
- Laptop.
- Alarm clock.
- Trash can.

## Driving times to JMU

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 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

## Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability

I verify that my child have/has been checked by a licensed physician and is physically able to participate in the Virginia Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisers jCamp. As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I understand the nature and scope of the jCamp events and activities at James Madison University. I understand that, despite appropriate safety precautions, JMU cannot guarantee that no injury will occur in the course of my child's participation in the jCamp's events and activities at JMU. Further, I assume all risks resulting from his/her participation in jCamp's events/activities to be conducted at or about JMU.

The undersigned participant and his/her parent/legal guardian agree to hold the Virginia Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisers and James Madison University, their employees, trustees, officers, volunteers and agents harmless from any claims, damages, losses and/or expenses arising out of participation in camp activities and to assume all liability for any and all personal injury, bodily injury, illness or property damage that occurs as a result of participation in such camp activities. Signature of this agreement also warrants that participation is voluntary and that the participant and undersigned have read and understand the camp policies. The participant agrees to obey all rules and policies mandated by camp personnel.

It is imperative that all student participants in jCamp are covered by health insurance for the term of the camper's attendance. In addition, the participant and his/her parent/legal guardian agree to give James Madison University and its representatives permission to provide emergency medical response and/or treatment as needed for any injury or illness that may occur while the participant is involved in camp activities and agree to release James Madison University and its representatives from all liability arising out of such treatment. In case of medical emergency, the participant or his/her parent/legal guardian will be fully responsible for all expenses.

The undersigned participant and his/her parent/legal guardian also give permission for photographs and/or video to be taken during the activities at jCamp. These images and video will remain the property of James Madison University and may be used in publications and marketing campaigns for future workshop.

## Payment Information

Early-Bird (postmarked by April 1) ..... \$500  
Normal (postmarked by May 1)..... \$550  
Late (postmarked May 2-Jun 1) ..... \$600  
Commuter Rate...Subtract \$200 from the rate above

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

Erinn Harris  
501 N. Armistead Street, #102  
Alexandria, VA 22312

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Participant (Please Print)

Participant Signature

Parent/Guardian, if student is under 18 (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

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