



*j*Camp

July 7-11, 2024

JAMES MADISON
UNIVERSITY®

Registration Guide

Early Bird Deadline April 1, 2024!



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): \$525
 Regular (May 1): \$575
 Late (June 1): \$625

After May 1, please call 540-533-8775 or e-mail 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 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 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 540-533-8775. 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 \$30.
- Resident students are not allowed to operate vehicles during workshops. Contact Valerie Kibler at vkibler@harrisonburg.k12.va.us or 540-533-8775 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

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.

Payment Information

Early-Bird (postmarked by April 1) \$525
Normal (postmarked by May 1)..... \$575
Late (postmarked May 2-Jun 1) \$625
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

REGISTER ONLINE!

vajta.org



Once you have registered online, you will receive information when we get closer to the camp dates. Complete the form below and bring with you to check-in.

Permission Form



Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Name _____

City _____ State _____

Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability

I verify that my child 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.

Participant (Please Print)

Participant Signature

Parent/Guardian, if student is under 18

Parent/Guardian Signature

VAJTA AND JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
jCamp and Valley Regional Governor's School
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for the camp director(s) or his/her designee to seek emergency medical treatment for _____ in the event of a sudden illness or injury that precludes notifying a parent or guardian. I will not hold VAJTA or James Madison University financially responsible for the emergency care and/or transportation.

Please provide the following pertinent medical information:

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Insurance Policy Number: _____

Health Information: List any health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, seizure disorders, severe allergies, eye or ear problems, any chronic condition, etc.:

Medication: List any medication and dosage taken regularly such as an inhaler, insulin, antibiotics, etc.

In case of an emergency, please notify:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME PHONE</u>	<u>WORK PHONE</u>
Mother	_____	_____	_____
Father	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

I have read and discussed the rule reminders with my child and I realize that all home base school rules apply at all times during this camp. I also am aware that for my child's protection, his/her luggage and belongings may be searched.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date