

Even before your child arrives at Camp Jewell YMCA, safety during their travel to and from the USA is a top priority for us. Camp Jewell YMCA highly recommends that all campers booked on international flights travel as “Unaccompanied Minors” to ensure supervision during their trip. Each airline has their own rules related to unaccompanied minor ages and rates. You should check with the carrier directly for this information.

Camp Jewell YMCA provides transportation from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in New York and Bradley International Airport (BDL) in Hartford, CT.

Unaccompanied Minor: Based on our research, nearly every airline requires booking unaccompanied minor reservations directly through the carrier vs. on-line reservations. Many of these airlines also require the name of the person who will be receiving your child at the final destination point along with a copy of their ID and a phone number. Camp Jewell YMCA will not be able to provide this information until May, as staff hiring is a continuous process. Confirm with your airline that you can add that name at a later date and we will notify you as soon as we have the staff members’ name, ID and contact details.

Fees: All fees are one way. We have rates for 1 participant, 2 participants (from the same family) or 3 or more participants (from the same family). Service from Bradley International Airport is \$75. Service from JFK is \$175. If you are interested in the multiple-person rates please contact our office.

Travel to and from Camp Jewell YMCA: In all cases, a Camp Jewell YMCA staff member who is over the age of 21 and is certified in American Red Cross CPR and First Aid. Campers may be transported to and from camp in our camp safe certified vehicle, by bus service or by train.

Meeting Campers at the Airport: In all cases, a Camp Jewell YMCA staff member, wearing a blue Camp Jewell YMCA staff shirt with name tag, will meet your child at the arrivals gate. They are not allowed to meet your child prior to the gate so please prepare your child that they will be met after luggage is picked up and they have gone through customs. When the Camp Jewell YMCA staff member has met your child at the arrivals gate they will call the phone number you provided on the International Camp Transportation Form to notify you they have been met safely by Camp Jewell staff. (A phone call will be made if the time zone difference allows for a call to be made at an appropriate time.)

Dropping Campers off at the Airport: A Camp Jewell YMCA staff member will escort your child through the check-in process and if possible they will accompany them to the departure gate. Regardless of staff ability to accompany your child to the gate, our staff will remain at the airport until the flight has departed in case your child is unable to fly and needs to return to camp.

Please see the attached form for additional information related to arrival and departure times. Please contact us by phone 011.1.860.379.2782 or email camp.jewell@qhymca.org if you have any questions.

All international camper families must fill out the International Camp Travel Form and return it to the camp office immediately following registration (if declining transportation) or as soon as your flights are booked. **Transportation cannot be guaranteed if this form is not returned by June 1.**