



MACHON LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Machon is for teens entering 12th grade and is designed to offer a fun summer-camp experience while teaching life lessons about leadership, personal responsibility, STEM, and Jewish values. The program's goals are to create opportunities for personal and professional growth, provide hands on leadership experience and STEM skill building, offer a meaningful transition from "camper" to "camp leader", give back to the 6 Points Sci-Tech community, and impact camp and the future of STEM in a meaningful way.

ELEMENTS OF THE MACHON PROGRAM

- **Jewish Leadership:** Machonikim will meet with staff and educational faculty to explore essential questions in Judaism and wrestle with the connections that can be found between science and Judaism. Teens will also gain a deeper understanding of social issues in science and technology, and our commitment as Jews to Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.
- **Training in teaching skills:** Machonikim will learn to assist in workshops and chugim and learn how to plan for them, and/or lead large group activities. They will work hands-on with our counselors, instructors, and leadership team who will support and mentor them through this process.
- **Learning from Jewish and scientific innovators:** Each summer we have leadership staff, faculty, and special guests who bring a wealth of knowledge in science, Judaism and innovation to our community. Machonikim will have special opportunities to meet with these leaders and learn about their unique knowledge-base and skillsets. These guests along with our staff will help guide our teens to understand the opportunities in STEM, as they think about their next steps beyond their high school years. As part of the program, teens will also be guided to think about how to use their camp experience to demonstrate skills on a college resume or application.
- **Training in counselor skills:** Machonikim (participants in the Machon program) will participate in programming to develop skills to become great counselors. Training is designed to support Machonikim as they transition from camper to staff member. Topics will include: Homesickness, camper inclusion, how to identify and prevent bullying, development of camper listening skills, health and safety, and how to lead Jewish programming.
- **Hands on counselor experience** and opportunities to build relationships and serve as role models for younger campers.
- **Social Activities:** Many times throughout the summer, Machonikim will participate in social activities (free time, evening programs, etc.)
- *Machonikim who stay for the 3rd session will have the amazing experience of creating and facilitating the 1st Saturday Theme Day of 3rd session for all of camp, in partnership with the Program Director and Machon Program Director!*



2021 MACHON APPLICATION INFORMATION & FORMS

Dates of Program: June 27 - July 25, 2021 (option to extend to 8/8/2021)

The above dates are over camp's first and second session, beginning just prior to first session. Participants have the option to stay for 3rd session through August 8th, to have an opportunity to be a junior counselor for the remainder of the summer. Machonikim who stay for the 3rd session will have the amazing experience of creating and facilitating the 1st Saturday Theme Day of 3rd session for all of camp, in partnership with the Program Director and Machon Program Director! There is no additional tuition for staying for session 3. You will let us know on your application if you plan to stay for Session 3, and any changes to this must be made by April 30th. Participants must be entering 12th grade in the Fall of 2021.

Application Deadline: Friday, Jan 15, 2021

Video Interviews: Rolling basis as applications (including essays and references) are completed

Notification: Mid- to Late-February 2021

Tuition: \$4,850

Deposit: \$500 deposit is authorized upon submitting the application and will be charged upon acceptance into the program. The deposit is refundable if the application is withdrawn BEFORE the interview OR if the applicant is not accepted.

Balance: The credit card on file in your camp CampInTouch account will be charged according to the payment schedule you select at the end of the application. All balances must be paid in full by April 30, 2021.



MACHON 2021 ONLINE APPLICATION GUIDE

Before starting the online application, make sure you have...

- An adult nearby who knows your family's CampInTouch login and can verify/provide necessary contact information.
- A list of school and extra-curricular activities, experience working with children, previous/current employers, hobbies and passions, and special abilities, skills, and talents for the "Machon Supplement" section of the online application
- The names of 3 references (see details on page 5)

Log into your family's CampInTouch account by visiting the camp's "Register Now!" page of the website. Enter a parent's email address and password. Close out the instructions and select 2021 from the "Season" dropdown menu. Either choose the appropriate existing camper or select "Another Child" if the applicant's name is not on the list.

The Machon applicant can enter most of the information, and a parent/guardian should verify/enter any contact and other information that is already listed or required. **Teens must enter their own email address when prompted in the application so we can be directly in touch with them as well as their parents throughout the process.** At the end of the application, a parent or guardian must be available to complete the Financial Information and sign the Terms and Conditions.

Applicant should...

- Complete all sections of the "Machon Supplement"
- Print and sign required forms (*Program Brit* and *Background Questionnaire*).
- Save signed forms as separate PDFs and upload them to the "Forms & Documents" page of the family's CampInTouch account.
- Write the essays and upload the saved PDF to the "Forms & Documents" page of the family's CampInTouch account.
- Email the Machon Reference Link to all 3 references:
<https://6pointsscitech.org/machonreference/>

Parent/Guardian should...

- Log into CampInTouch.
- Choose Season 2021 and select the teen's name or enter it as a new camper.
- Review and/or update all camper and contact information that is pre-populated and enter all that is not.
- Complete the Financial Information and sign the Terms and Conditions at the end of the application
- Sign the required forms (*Program Brit* and *Background Questionnaire*)

Parents/Guardians will receive automated confirmation upon submitting the application. From that point onward, we will be in contact with parents/guardians and applicants via email about the status of the application. All interviews will be conducted via video on a rolling basis as complete applications are received (including essays and references). Applicants will receive detailed information about scheduling those interviews shortly after the application deadline.



MACHON BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

Please print, sign, save as a separate PDF, and upload to the "Machon 2021: Upload Machon Background Questionnaire" document on the "Forms & Documents" page of your CampInTouch account by January 15, 2021.

1. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Have you ever been charged with or found guilty of committing an act of physical, sexual or any other type of child abuse? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered yes to any of the above, please provide details (use separate sheet if needed):

I authorize the URJ and/or its agents to conduct an independent background investigation. I further authorize the URJ and/or its agents to request or receive any conformation including criminal, motor vehicle reports, past employment, education and/or reference from any persons, schools, or previous employers.

The above statements on this form are true. I understand that if accepted to the Machon program they will become part of my personal file and that any miss-statement of fact on this and other application forms might be cause for immediate expulsion from the program.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____



MACHON APPLICATION REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Save your essays in a single PDF document, including your name and page number in the header. Upload the file to the “Machon 2021: Upload Reflections” document on the “Forms & Documents” page of your family’s CampInTouch account.

There are three required questions. Additionally, applicants should choose one out of the three supplemental questions. This means there should be a total of four reflections submitted. These questions are typically answered in written format (with each question answered in 250-300 words). However, if you would like to answer these questions in another format (i.e., via digital art, a short film, video answer, video game, etc.) that is also okay!

REQUIRED QUESTIONS:

1. Describe a conflict you had, how you resolved it, and what you learned from it.
2. How is Judaism and STEM related to one another?
3. What special skill, talent, hobby, or passion do you have that you would like to share with camp?

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS:

1. Describe an experience you have had working with children. How do you think this experience will help you within the camp environment?
2. What Jewish values are most important to you and why?
3. What experience(s) do you think had the greatest impact on your Jewish identity?

Essays may be uploaded at any time up through midnight on Jan 15, 2021.



MACHON REFERENCES

Participants will get three references using an online reference form link we provide.

You will not need to upload them separately to CampInTouch.

Your Machon application requires references from three adults. Of the three, one must be from a Jewish professional (Rabbi, Cantor, Educator, Youth Group Advisor, Religious School Teacher, etc.). The other two must be from another adult who knows you well. Your references can not be your legal parent or guardian. This could be an academic or school-based professional (Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Administrator, Club Advisor, Sports or Robotics Coach, etc.), an employer who can provide a character or employment reference, or an old family friend who has had the opportunity to see you grow over the years.

It is important to know that for academic or school-based references, we are not asking for any information regarding grades. When reviewing your application, we focus on your character, integrity, growth, potential, and level of responsibility, NOT your G.P.A. We encourage you to get references from very different people who have seen you “in action” in many different ways and settings so we have a well-rounded picture what you are like in your out-of-camp community. If you have any questions regarding references, please contact our office.

Please email this link to your references:

<https://6pointsscitech.org/machonreference/>

References may be submitted at any time up to 11:59 PM ET on Friday, January 15, 2021.



2021 MACHON APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use the following checklist to make sure all components are completed prior to the application deadline of Friday, January 15:

- Online application (submitted through CampInTouch)
- Personal Essays/Reflection Questions (uploaded to CampInTouch)
- Signed Program Brit (Agreement) (uploaded to CampInTouch)
- Signed Background Questionnaire (uploaded to CampInTouch)
- 3 References (submitted via the online link you provide via email to your references)