

## Program Fees - California 2026

### Fee Structure Explained:

Our pricing formula for California takes all allowable lodging, meal and insurance deductions into account.

	Program Fees	Minimum Pocket Money**	Total
<b>Counselors</b>			
18 year old	\$1,305	\$2,495	<b>\$3,800</b>
19 - 20	\$1,795	\$2,495	<b>\$4,290</b>
21+	\$1,795	\$2,495	<b>\$4,290</b>
21+ (Australia / New Zealand / S. Africa)	\$1,675	\$2,495	<b>\$4,170</b>
Israel	\$2,605	\$2,495	<b>\$5,100</b>
Experienced Counselor	\$905	\$2,495	<b>\$3,400</b>
<b>Advanced Skills and Special Needs</b>			
18 year old	\$1,555	\$2,495	<b>\$4,050</b>
19 - 20	\$1,915	\$2,495	<b>\$4,410</b>
21+	\$1,915	\$2,495	<b>\$4,410</b>
21+ (Australia / New Zealand / S. Africa)	\$1,805	\$2,495	<b>\$4,300</b>
Israel	\$2,695	\$2,495	<b>\$5,190</b>
<b>Campower Support Staff</b>	\$1,785	\$3,375	<b>\$5,160</b>
<b>Repeat Staff *</b>	\$299	Negotiable	

\*Repeat Camppower Support Staff pricing applies only to the first 100 completed Camppower applications. All other returning Camppower applications will be subject to first-timer program fees and pocket money. Repeat Counselor applicants from Israel will be assessed additional Camp America program fees. Please refer to the applicant profile for correct pricing. Camp America has a limited number of 3 year + Camp Counselor visas and therefore will not accept 3 year + counselors who have not completed at least one year with Camp America.

\*\*Subject to California minimum wage law changes for 2026.

### Notes on Fees

- All staff selected are subject to a \$35 SEVIS tracking fee.
- Assuming a 40-hour work week, additional pocket money is payable according to the following schedule: After the first nine weeks, including pre-camp, first year Counselors should be paid, at minimum, an additional \$325/week, and first year Camppower Support Staff should be paid, at minimum, an additional \$415/week.
- All participants are required to make their own flight arrangements; camps are responsible for transportation to camp from agreed gateway.
- "Experienced Counselor" refers to an applicant who has successfully completed at least one season at a different camp on a designated J-1 camp counselor program.
- Camp America imposes a cancellation penalty for participants "dropped" without a valid reason. The cancellation penalty for 2026 is \$400 per participant.
- Two thirds (66%) of the total amount payable is due June 1, and the balance on August 1. A 3% finance charge will be assessed per month for late payments after September 1.
- Should Camp America encounter constraints with regard to allocation of U.S. State Department J-1 visa application Forms DS-2019, the program may accordingly set deadlines, quotas or other restrictions on applicant qualification for repeat counselor fee category.
- Camps electing to cover fees typically paid by participants to Camp America are subject to the participant refund policy, which includes some non refundable fees.
- Participants are to be paid from their Camp America start date, which is their arrival on camp date, to their Camp America end date.
- Camps must follow all local, state and federal minimum wage regulations. The listed minimum pocket money is pre-tax and is calculated based on a 40 hour work week and accounts for allowable lodging, meal and insurance deductions.