

# Parent/Guardian Handbook

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## Parent/Guardian Online Handbook *Kayitz (Summer) 2023*

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We are thrilled you are sending your child to Camp Ramah Darom and we look forward to sharing an incredible kayitz (summer).

Camp Ramah Darom is a community of approximately 1000 people. Our policies and procedures, which reflect the values and mission of Ramah Darom, are designed to ensure a safe, healthy and exciting experience for all our campers. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to the regulations in this handbook.

**Please read this handbook carefully and review the policies with your camper(s).**

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# Medication & Health Protocols

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***The following medical information was last updated on February 1, 2023***

During the summer, Ramah Darom's Health Center (*Mirpa'ah* or MARP) is staffed 24 hours a day with medical, nursing and support staff. In case of an emergency, the Mountain Lakes Medical Center is minutes away. To make sure that the MARP staff is well prepared to care for all campers, it is imperative that you **complete and submit all medical and health information on your family dashboard by March 15, 2023.**



*Ramah Darom requires an up-to-date Health History signed by your camper's Health Care Provider. All medical forms must be submitted in order for your child to attend Camp. Withholding medical information or failure to comply may result in your child's inability to attend or remain in Camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [medical@ramahdarom.org](mailto:medical@ramahdarom.org).*

**If your child's medical condition, medication dosage or medication schedule should change after you have submitted the Health History, you must notify us in writing at [medical@ramahdarom.org](mailto:medical@ramahdarom.org) with a letter signed by the prescribing physician identifying the specific changes.**

## **NEW Medication Fulfillment Partnership & Policies**

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**We are excited to announce our new partnership with Tim's Pharmacy, a local pharmacy in Cornelia, GA.** Camp Ramah Darom requires ALL campers who take medications (prescription and non-prescription), including vitamins and supplements, to use the services provided by Tim's Pharmacy. The only exceptions are for inhalers, Epi-pens, insulin, Accutane, birth control pills, growth hormone injections, injectable medications, topical creams, nasal sprays and eye drops. Tim's Pharmacy ensures that all medication arrives at Camp before the start of each session and is administered in an efficient and safe manner. This partnership also allows more time for our nursing staff to devote to our campers' other healthcare needs.



### **To register with Tim's Pharmacy:**

1. Update the medication and insurance sections on your camper's Health History Form
2. Complete the Pharmacy and Medication Agreement on your family dashboard

3. Have your camper's doctor **submit electronic prescriptions to Tim's Pharmacy** (130 Magnolia Lane, Cornelia, Georgia 30531) for the time your camper will be at Camp.

**To avoid late fees, please complete this process by May 1 (Session Aleph) and June 1 (Session Bet).** Camp Ramah Darom will share your medication (including non-prescription medications), contact, and insurance information with Tim's Pharmacy. **Tim's Pharmacy staff will then contact you to collect the \$20 registration fee and any prescription co-pays.** For questions about medication fulfillment, please call Tim's Pharmacy at 706-776-3784.

We ask for your cooperation with this essential requirement and which assists us in our primary goal of maintaining the health, well-being and safety of your child. We expect 100% compliance. *If your camper takes any of the exempt medications listed above, please indicate so in the online Medication Agreement and email [medical@ramahdarom.org](mailto:medical@ramahdarom.org) with any questions.*

If Tim's Pharmacy does not accept your insurance, we ask that you use their repackaging service, which also costs \$20 (same as the registration fee), to prepare the medications/supplements appropriately. Tim's Pharmacy will notify you and work with you to make sure your prescriptions are filled and packaged correctly. Pill medication taken on a routine basis will be individually packaged, sealed and sorted according to the date and time of administration. Non-pill medication (drops, sprays, liquids or creams) and medication that is taken on an "as needed" basis will be packaged separately.

**NOTE:** By law, all prescriptions must be filled, packaged and administered according to the written prescription from your camper's physician. Please confirm the correct medication, dose and exactly how and when your camper takes the medication before the prescription is sent to Tim's Pharmacy.

**Noncompliance Policy for Medications/Supplements:** Unless you have prior consent from the medical team at Camp (see the exceptions on the previous page), campers or camper families who arrive at Camp with camper medication in their luggage or on their person will be assessed a \$200 fee for each medication to be processed and prepared for disbursement at Camp. These camper families will then also be required to order medication through Tim's Pharmacy for the remainder of the child's time at Camp.

You will have three days from the start of Camp to make arrangements with Tim's Pharmacy. Your child will not miss any medication dosage while waiting for the new medications.

Other Medication Information

**Over-the-Counter Medications:** the MARP stocks most over-the-counter items such as Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl and Lactaid pills. Tim's Pharmacy will not provide these medications unless your child takes them daily. Please contact our Head Nurse at [medical@ramahdarom.org](mailto:medical@ramahdarom.org) if you have questions about which medications the MARP stocks in its formulary.

**Medication Prescribed During Camp:** If your child becomes sick while at Camp and the Camp doctor needs to prescribe medication, or if there is any change in your child's medical regimen, you will be contacted by a doctor or nurse. Once we receive your permission for the prescription, we will send the prescription to our local pharmacy and provide the insurance information we have on file for your child. We will also give you the pharmacy's phone number and ask that you contact them to confirm insurance coverage and arrange payment for any insurance co-pay or medication costs.

**You may send us a copy of your FSA Debit card if you prefer the MARP to utilize your FSA account for such charges;** please email [medical@ramahdarom.org](mailto:medical@ramahdarom.org) authorizing permission to do so and your signature. The FSA Debit card can be provided as an attachment to your Insurance Info & Authorization Form; please make sure the front and back of the card are both visible.

**Medication "Vacations":** Camp is often assumed to be a less structured, stress-free environment. As a result, parents are sometimes encouraged by prescribing physicians to allow their campers to take a "vacation" from their regular, school-year dose of medication during the summer. Although Camp provides an environment for relaxed fun, it is not always stress-free. **We strongly encourage you to maintain your child's routine medication regimen.**

If you are considering a "vacation" from medication for your child, please communicate with us so that we can adequately prepare to work with your child in the most positive way. Please contact [medical@ramahdarom.org](mailto:medical@ramahdarom.org) to discuss any medication vacations.

## Allergy & Epi-pen Guidelines

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- During the summer sessions, Camp Ramah Darom's dining room is completely peanut and tree-nut-free.
- Make sure that all allergies are listed in your camper's information on your family dashboard. On your camper's Health History Form, let us know if they carry an Epi-Pen for emergency treatment of a life-threatening allergic reaction and whether or not they understand and know how to use it.
- **If your child does carry an Epi-Pen, they must have two Epi-Pens at Camp.** Campers will be expected to carry one Epi-Pen on their person or in their backpack throughout the day at Camp. The second Epi-pen will be kept in the Infirmary.

- Please pack the Epi-Pens in your child's carry-on bag, not in their duffel. Campers must be aware that there is an Epi-Pen in their carry-on bag for emergencies and should be instructed to inform the MARP that they have two Epi-Pens in their possession when they go through the Health Check-in on the first day of Camp.

## Asthma & Inhaler Guidelines

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- **If your child uses an inhaler, they must have two inhalers at Camp.** Campers will be expected to carry one inhaler on their person or in their backpack throughout the day at Camp. The second inhaler will be kept in the MARP.
- Please pack the inhalers in your child's carry-on bag, not in their duffel. Campers must be aware that they have an inhaler in their carry-on bag for emergencies and should be instructed to inform the MARP that they have inhalers in their possession when they go through the Health Check-in on the first day of Camp.

## Lice, Teeth & Eye Care Policies

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**Head lice:** Help us prevent the spread of head lice by checking your child for lice and nits (lice eggs) before Camp starts. If your child is found to have head lice or nits during the Health Check-In on the first day, he/she must be treated before moving into their bunk. We partner with a professional company to conduct lice checks on arrival day and before departure. You will be contacted and charged if your child requires treatment.

**Dental & Orthodontics:** Please take care of all your child's dental and orthodontic needs before the start of Camp. Camp does not have a dentist or orthodontist on site. In the event your child needs dental treatment, we will contact you and discuss possible options for care. Camp can arrange a visit and transport to a local dentist or orthodontist in Clayton.  
*Remember to label all retainer containers with your child's name.*

**Glasses & Contacts:** Children who wear glasses or contact lenses should bring an extra pair to Camp. *Glasses should have the camper's name marked clearly on the inside of the frames.* In the event your child needs eye care, we will contact you and discuss possible options for care. Camp can arrange a visit and transport to a local ophthalmologist or optometrist in Clayton.

## Medical Insurance

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**Campers are required to have valid health insurance coverage. If you do not have insurance coverage for your camper, a short-term policy may be purchased through AMSkier (800.245.2666).**

Please provide evidence of your camper's coverage where indicated in the family dashboard. If there are any changes to your insurance coverage or updates before the start of Camp, please inform us and submit the updated information.

Ramah Darom maintains a secondary source of accident/medical insurance which is available to all campers. This policy provides insurance for those medical expenses incurred at Camp that are not covered by the camper's own primary health insurance coverage, excludes any pre-existing conditions, and is limited to \$1,000 for sickness and \$3,500 for accident per person per incident. The deadline for filing any claims for secondary coverage under this policy is September 30, 2023.

## Health Practices

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**Before the start of Camp, please have discussions with your children about the following health practices:**

- Do not share clothing, anything that touches the head (hats, kippot, scarves, combs, brushes, hair clips/ornaments, pillows, sheets, or towels), drinks, food, water bottles or personal hygiene items such as razors.
- Wash hands before and after meals and after using the restroom.
- Use the hand sanitizers located throughout Camp when washing with soap and water is not readily available.
- Showers should be taken daily, along with changing into clean underwear and clothing daily.
- Brush teeth at least twice a day.
- Stay hydrated: Drinking plenty of water throughout the day is extremely important. Campers must arrive with two reusable water bottles labeled with their name. A limited number of replacement water bottles will be available for a fee charged to the camper.
- Use sunscreen and bug repellent. Please teach your children how to use these items. Counselors will remind campers to drink and apply sunscreen regularly, but it is important that the campers also take responsibility.
- Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet! This is critical to good health at Camp. We will provide a healthy variety of food choices at every meal, including snacks.
- WEAR CLOSED-TOE FOOTWEAR. Open-toed shoes should have an ankle strap. Even acceptable sandals are not permitted for most Camp activities. Many injuries seen in the MARP are due to improper footwear. One pair of flip-flops for use in the shower is permissible.

## Parent/Guardian Contact

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**We do not contact parents for routine camper visits to the MARP, including minor injuries.** Parents are only contacted in the following circumstances:

1. If a Camp doctor prescribes medication or believes there is a significant medical issue
2. If your child is taken out of Camp for consultation or x-ray
3. If your child spends the night in the MARP

Our Camp doctors, at their discretion, may determine other situations where he/she will contact parents.

**Please remember to complete and submit all medical and health information for each camper by March 15, 2023.** If you have any questions about medical care at Camp, please email [medical@ramahdarom.org](mailto:medical@ramahdarom.org).

# Vaccination Policy & Covid Prevention Protocols

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 [ramahdarom.org/covid-prevention-vaccination-policies](https://ramahdarom.org/covid-prevention-vaccination-policies)

Ramah Darom's Medical Committee has established a set of policies and protocols to keep our campers, retreat attendees, guests and staff healthy while on our campus. A shared living and eating environment increases the risk of transmission of infectious diseases; the Committee's key objective is to avoid introduction and spread at Ramah Darom programs.

***Please scroll down for Covid-19 prevention protocols***

***specific to retreats and summer camp, and Ramah***

***Darom's policy for all other vaccinations.*** The protocols for

retreats were last updated on December 9, 2022 and Camp's

protocols were updated on November 4, 2022. All protocols are

regularly reviewed and updated by the Medical Committee. Any

substantial changes affecting an upcoming Ramah Darom program

will be communicated directly to attendees prior to the start of the

program.



## **Covid Prevention Protocols for Summer Camp**

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**The Ramah Darom Medical Committee has developed the following working assumptions for summer 2023. These protocols will be continuously reviewed based on the latest developments and may need to be adjusted:**

**We will likely require all campers and programming staff to stay up to date on their Covid vaccination as defined by the CDC.**

**We will likely treat Covid the way we treat any other camp virus.** That is, campers or staff who have a fever or are feeling too ill to participate in camp activities will stay in the Marp (Health Center) until their symptoms are resolving, but we will not require mild or asymptomatic cases to isolate. We don't plan to ask families to pick up campers with mild Covid cases; rather, in the same way we manage other illness at Camp, only campers who are too ill to be safely treated in our Marp will need to be picked up to recover at home.

**We will likely require pre-arrival testing to avoid knowingly bringing Covid into Camp.** We have not yet decided if the required testing will be PCR or home rapid tests or both.

**We will likely not do regular surveillance testing during Camp.** However, we have not yet decided if we will test symptomatic campers or staff for Covid during the summer.

*The working assumptions above will be continuously reviewed based on the latest developments and may need to be adjusted. If the Committee decides to make substantial changes to our protocols, we will share the updates with families and give you the opportunity to withdraw your campers with a full refund if you are not comfortable with the changes.*

**For more details, please read [this update](#) from our Medical Committee that was sent to all camp families on November 4, 2023.**

*Note that if your camper receives a positive Covid test result in the days leading up to their arrival at Ramah Darom and is unable to attend or must arrive late, we unfortunately are not able to refund or pro-rate their registration fees. We highly recommend purchasing **Trip Protection Insurance** including the “Cancel for Any Reason” optional add-on (available within 20 days of the initial deposit).*

### **Policy for All Other Vaccinations**

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Among our most cherished Jewish values is the importance of preserving life and maintaining health. Reducing the risk of vaccine-preventable illnesses from entering any of our programs is the single most effective strategy we can take to protect the health and wellbeing of our community. This goal can only be accomplished through the appropriate vaccination of all those in residence at Ramah Darom. Despite the best precautions taken to reduce the spread of infectious diseases, a shared living and eating environment increases the risk of transmission. While we respect that individual families may choose to forgo vaccinations, we cannot compromise the safety of our community as a whole.

**Ramah Darom requires that all individuals, families and programmatic staff attending or working at any Ramah Darom program (including summer camp and retreats) adhere to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) as outlined in US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention’s (CDC) Recommended Immunization Schedules.** You can find the complete Immunization Schedules at these links:

[CDC Recommended Immunization Schedule for Age 18 Years and Younger](#)

[CDC Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for Age 19 Years and Older](#)

If you are not sure which vaccines you or your child(ren) have received, please ask your healthcare provider. Note: Not all states have the same requirements, but ALL CDC recommended immunizations are required at Ramah Darom.

*Camp Ramah Darom campers are required to upload proof of all immunizations. The retreat registration agreement asks guests to affirm that everyone included on their registration meets all immunization requirements.*

## **Vaccination Exemptions**

There are exceptions to the Ramah Darom vaccination policy, but they are extremely rare. We recognize that individuals who have had a documented severe allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine may not be able to complete the immunization schedule outlined by the AAP and the CDC. Additionally, individuals with medical conditions such as congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, cancer and who are receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids also may not be able to receive certain vaccines.

We are happy to discuss case-by-case management of these circumstances of medical contraindication to partial or complete vaccination.

## **Process for Vaccinations Exemption Requests for Summer Camp**

Any exemption requests, including requests for exemptions from the Covid vaccine or booster, must be submitted by April 1, 2023. Exemption requests should be addressed to the Ramah Darom Medical Committee and emailed to Ramah Darom's CEO, [wlevitt@ramahdarom.org](mailto:wlevitt@ramahdarom.org). Requests must include current documentation from a Physician (MD or DO), or a Pediatric/Family Practice Advanced Practice Nurse (ARNP or PNP), describing the reason for exemption from immunization. Requests will be kept confidential and reviewed by our Medical Committee Chair, in consultation with members of the Ramah Darom Medical Committee. Ramah Darom is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy community and only grants vaccination exemptions in very rare circumstances.

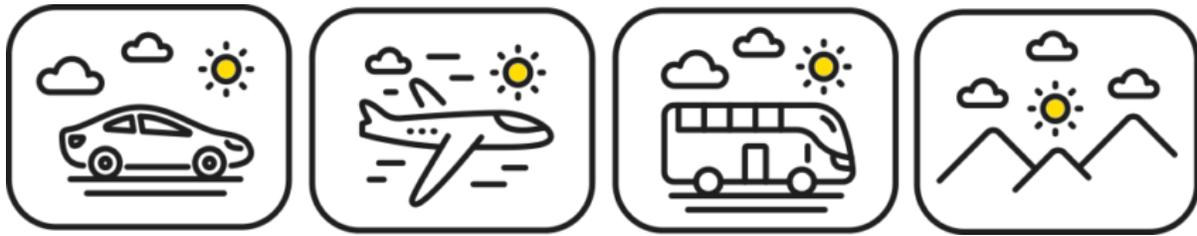
## **Process for Vaccinations Exemption Requests for Retreats**

Any exemption requests should be addressed to the Ramah Darom Medical Committee and emailed to Ramah Darom's CEO at [wlevitt@ramahdarom.org](mailto:wlevitt@ramahdarom.org) at least 30 days before the start of the retreat. Requests must include current documentation from a Physician (MD or DO), or a Pediatric/Family Practice Advanced Practice Nurse (ARNP or PNP), describing the reason for exemption from immunization. Requests will be kept confidential and reviewed by our Medical Committee Chair, in consultation with members of the Ramah Darom Medical Committee as required. Ramah Darom is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy community and only grants vaccination exemptions in very rare circumstances.

***Thank you for keeping our Ramah Darom community healthy!***

# Summer Travel 2023

 [ramahdarom.org/crd-travel-23](http://ramahdarom.org/crd-travel-23)



## Travel Registration

It is vitally important that we know exactly how your camper will be traveling to and returning home from Camp this summer. **We ask that you complete the Travel Form on your family dashboard by March 15, 2023** and keep us informed of any changes to your travel itinerary. It is your responsibility to ensure that we have the most accurate information regarding your travel arrangements.

If you are interested and available to chaperone the flight or bus from your city (and have the bus fee waived for your camper) or if you have any questions, please contact [travel@ramahdarom.org](mailto:travel@ramahdarom.org) for more information.

Session	Duration	Rising Grade (Fall 2023)	2023 Dates
Session Aleph	4 Weeks	4th-10th	June 7-July 2
Session Bet	4 Weeks	4th-10th	July 5-30
Full Summer (Aleph + Bet)	8 Weeks	6th-10th	June 7-July 2 + July 5-30
Gesher	8 Weeks	11th	June 7-July 30
Nitzanim K'tzara	18 Nights	4th	July 5-23
Garinim Aleph	11 Nights	3rd	June 21-July 2
Garinim Bet	11 Nights	3rd	July 12-23
Ta'am	5 Nights	2nd	June 7-12 July 5-10
Ramah Bamah	2 Weeks	8th-10th	July 5-19

Session	Duration	Rising Grade (Fall 2023)	2023 Dates
<b>Tikvah Vocational Education Program</b>	4 Weeks	12th+	June 7-July 2
<b>Ramah Israel Seminar</b>	6 Weeks	12th	<a href="#">Learn More</a>
<b>Camp Yofi</b>	5 Days		Aug. 2-6

## Car Travel

**Drop-off in Atlanta:** There is no fee for the buses from Atlanta. Counselors will greet campers and take them on coach buses to Camp. Families can drop off their camper(s) at **12:00pm** at either **the Atlanta Airport** (all arrival dates, exact location TBA) or at **Congregation B'nai Torah** (June 7 for Session Aleph and July 5 for Session Bet only) in Sandy Springs.



**Drop-off at Camp:** We strongly encourage all families to take advantage of our FREE Atlanta buses by dropping their camper(s) off at the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport or at Congregation B'nai Torah in Sandy Springs. If you do choose to drive to Camp, please understand that only campers and staff will be able to enter campus. Here are [driving directions to Camp](#).

- For June 7 (Session Aleph) and July 5 (Session Bet), please plan to arrive at Camp based on the age of your youngest camper: **11:00am–12:00pm for rising 7th–11th grade** or **12:00–1:00pm for rising 2nd–6th grade**.
- For June 21 (Garinim Aleph) and July 12 (Garinim Bet), please plan to arrive at Camp between **12:00 – 1:00pm**.

**Pick-up in Atlanta:** There is no fee for the buses to Atlanta. Families can pick their camper(s) up at **12:00pm from the Atlanta Airport** (all departure dates, exact location TBA) or at **11:30am from Congregation B'nai Torah** (July 2 for Session Aleph and July 30 for Session Bet only) in Sandy Springs.

**Pick-up from Camp:** For all departure dates, families can pick their camper(s) up between **10:00 – 11:00am** from Camp. Here are [driving directions to Camp](#).

## Bus Travel

We are excited to offer round-trip coach buses from the cities listed below. Please note that if we do not reach a minimum number of campers registered for the out-of-state buses by April 1, we will call those who have signed up to help make alternative travel plans.

## Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International

**Airport:** For all travel dates, airport drop-off and pick-up is at 12:00pm. The exact location will be announced via email one week prior to travel. There is no fee for the buses to or from Atlanta.



**Atlanta, GA (Congregation B'nai Torah):** On June 7 (Session Aleph) and July 5 (Session Bet), drop-off is at 12:00pm. On July 2 (Session Aleph) and July 30 (Session Bet), pick-up is at 11:30am. There is no fee for buses to or from Atlanta.

**Durham, NC (Beth El Synagogue):** On June 7 (Session Aleph) and July 5 (Session Bet), drop-off is at 8:30am. On July 2 (Session Aleph) and July 30 (Session Bet), pick-up is at 3:00pm. This bus costs \$150 each way.

**Charlotte, NC (Temple Israel):** On June 7 (Session Aleph) and July 5 (Session Bet), drop-off is at 11:30am. On July 2 (Session Aleph) and July 30 (Session Bet), pick-up is at 12:15pm. This bus costs \$125 each way.

**Jacksonville, FL (Jacksonville Jewish Center):** On June 7 (Session Aleph) and July 5 (Session Bet), drop-off is at 7:15am. On July 2 (Session Aleph) and July 30 (Session Bet), pick-up is at 5:00pm. This bus costs \$150 each way.

**Nashville, TN (West End Synagogue):** On June 7 (Session Aleph), drop-off is at 9:00am CT. On July 2 (Session Aleph), pick-up is at 1:30pm CT. This bus costs \$150 each way. There is no Nashville bus for Session Bet.

## Air Travel

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Please scroll down to view the list of recommended and chaperoned flights for cities with multiple campers. If your city is not on this list, please find a flight that arrives in Atlanta between **11:00am and 1:00pm** on your camper's arrival date and departs Atlanta between **1:30 and 4:30pm** on your camper's departure date. There is no fee for the buses to or from the Atlanta airport.



We understand that flight schedules continue to change, and we will do our best to update the list below to reflect these changes. Once you have booked flights for your camper(s), please add their confirmation number to the Travel Form on your dashboard as we will rely on this information to communicate the flight schedule updates.

Delta Discounts

**Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounts for Ramah Darom.**

**Please click here to book Delta flights using our special code!** If your camper is flying unaccompanied or with a Ramah chaperone, please call Delta Meeting Network at 1.800.328.1111 Monday–Friday, 8:00am – 6:30pm and refer to Meeting Event Code **NY293** to book their flights.

#### Chaperoned Flights

Ramah Darom will provide chaperones on certain flights, as noted on the flight list. To book your camper on a chaperoned flight, please call Delta at the number listed below and share the name and confirmation number for the chaperone on the flight list. Campers flying with chaperones will receive an email a few days prior to traveling that includes the chaperone's name and cell number and an airport meeting time and location.

If you are interested in chaperoning your camper's flight, please email [travel@ramahdarom.org](mailto:travel@ramahdarom.org).

#### Unaccompanied Minors

If your camper is not on a chaperoned flight or flying with an adult, please review airline unaccompanied minor policies and book accordingly. If you need to provide contact information for the adult meeting your child in Atlanta, please list Micah Segal-Miller at 470-440-9873. Please make sure to include your unaccompanied minor pin on your camper's travel form so Ramah Darom staff can update the accompanying adult information with the airline. In the week before the flight, we will also email you the accompanying counselor's name and number.

**\*\*We are still looking for chaperones for multiple flights. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please email [travel@ramahdarom.org](mailto:travel@ramahdarom.org).**

#### **Arrival Day Options for Shorter Sessions:**

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- Ta'am Aleph (June 7), Ta'am Bet (July 5), Nitzanim K'tzara (July 5) and Ramah Bamah (July 5)

Your camper's arrival day is on the main arrival day for Session Aleph or Session Bet, so please see the car, bus and plane options listed in the main sections above.

- Garinim Aleph (June 21)
  - **Drop-off at the Atlanta Airport:** There is no fee for the buses from Atlanta. Counselors will greet campers and take them on buses to Camp. Families can drop off their camper(s) at **12:00pm at the Atlanta Airport** (exact location TBA).
 

All campers flying to Atlanta must land between **11:00am and 1:00pm** on arrival day. If a camper is traveling without a parent/guardian, a counselor will greet them at the gate and take them to meet the bus.
  - **Drop-off at Camp:** We strongly encourage families to use our Atlanta Airport busing option. Please note that while families can drive to Camp to drop off their children on arrival day, only campers and staff will be able to enter campus. For campers driving in, please arrive between **12:00 – 1:00pm**.

### Departure Day Options for Shorter Sessions:

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- Garinim Aleph (July 2)
 

Your camper's departure day is on the main departure day for Session Aleph, so please see the car, bus and plane options listed in the main sections above.
- Ta'am Aleph (June 12), Ta'am Bet (July 10), Ramah Bamah (July 19), Garinim Bet (July 23) and Nitzanim K'tzara (July 23)
  - **Pick-up at the Atlanta Airport:** There is no fee for the buses to Atlanta. Counselors will accompany campers on buses to Atlanta. Families can pick their camper(s) up at **12:00pm from the Atlanta Airport** (exact location TBA).
 

All campers flying home should depart between **1:30 and 4:30pm** on departure day. If a camper is traveling without a parent/guardian, a counselor will accompany them to and from their gate.
  - **Pick-up at Camp:** Families may pick up their campers from Camp between **10:00 – 11:00am**. Please note that, like arrival day, families will not be able to walk through campus.

***Intersession is the time between sessions Aleph and Bet and only applies to campers staying for both sessions.***

If your camper is in Gesher, we will provide an Intersession program and an opportunity for you to speak to your camper at a select time. (We will contact you via email and ask you to submit your Intersession plan before Camp begins.)

Full-summer campers must either go to their own homes or travel home with a friend for the duration of Intersession. They may leave their luggage at Camp. For help with Intersession arrangements, please contact our Camper Care Team.

**Please remember to complete the travel form for each camper by March 15.** If you have any questions about travel or your family dashboard, please email [travel@ramahdarom.org](mailto:travel@ramahdarom.org).

# Luggage

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 [ramahdarom.org/luggage](http://ramahdarom.org/luggage)

## Luggage Requirements

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**Each camper is allowed two soft trunks or duffel bags, each not to exceed a total of 60 inches (L + W + H) and a weight of 50 lbs per bag, and a small backpack/carry-on.**

Our goal is to have most campers' luggage delivered to their cabins before arrival so they can immediately begin settling in when they arrive. This will also allow our counselors to focus entirely on welcoming your kids to Camp!



Here are more specific details for your area:

- **Atlanta and surrounding suburbs:** Atlanta-based families are required to drop off their luggage on Sunday, June 4 (Session Aleph) or Sunday, July 2 (Session Bet) between 1:00–2:00pm at Congregation B'nai Torah in Sandy Springs. At the end of each session, campers' luggage will be loaded onto the coach buses back to Atlanta. Please note that Garinim campers do not need to use this service.
- **Florida:** We are excited to continue our partnership with Camp Trucking – a convenient and efficient way to ship your camper's luggage directly from your home to Ramah Darom! Please read [their letter](#) for more information and **[register here](#)**. This service is required for all campers flying from Florida (only one-way required for Nitzanim K'tzara, strongly recommended for Ta'am and Garinim) and is strongly recommended for those who are driving or taking the bus. Families with **multiple campers qualify for a \$25 sibling discount** on second (and third and fourth) camper luggage shipping. Please text or call Camp Trucking at 970-500-8049 to receive your unique discount code to use when registering.
- **Other locations:** While we welcome shipping your luggage in advance (discounted rates available through **ShipCamps**), campers may bring their luggage with them on arrival day. If you plan to ship baggage, please schedule the delivery to 70 Darom Lane, Clayton, GA 30525, for at least three days prior to the beginning of the session. Mark bags clearly by labeling them with the camper's name and division and obtain return shipping labels. Please send copies of the labels to [travel@ramahdarom.org](mailto:travel@ramahdarom.org) so that we can attach the shipping tags at the end of the session. Families are responsible for the cost of shipping in both directions.

# Clothing, Laundry & Packing

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 [ramahdarom.org/clothing-laundry-packing](http://ramahdarom.org/clothing-laundry-packing)

**NOTE: Some of these guidelines have changed for *Kayitz* (Summer) 2023**

## Rules for Clothing at Camp

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At Camp, campers and staff dress in a way that demonstrates respect for the community and our educational environment. Clothing should be tasteful and modest. Camp is not a place to test out the latest extreme fashion trends. Dress at Camp is for comfort and activity, not for show. Campers will be sent back to their *tzrif* (cabin) to change if their clothing fails to meet the standards set forth below. Please make sure to scroll all the way for our piercing policy.



## Swimwear

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**All campers and staff must wear swimwear that reflects our modesty standards, such as:**

- One-piece or tankini-style swimwear that completely covers the midriff
- Board shorts or boxer-style swim trunks
- Rash-guard/swim shirts

## Shabbat Clothes

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Shabbat is a very special time of the week. Please note that at Ramah Darom we celebrate Shabbat from Friday night through sundown on Saturday. Our guideline for tasteful dress is not fancy; we discourage elaborate, expensive outfits and encourage simplicity.

**The following is appropriate for Shabbat:**

- Collared shirt (polo or button down)
- Skirt and blouse or a dress with sleeves
- Khaki pants or similar trousers
- Shorts are acceptable on Saturday, but not on Friday night

NOTE: Jeans are not appropriate for Shabbat, and all Shabbat tops must have sleeves (short sleeve, flutter sleeve and cap sleeve are permissible).

## Kippot, Tefillin & Tallit

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All males are required, and others are encouraged, to wear a kippah during *t'fillot* (prayers) and a kippah or hat during mealtimes. On Shabbat, only kippot are allowed during mealtimes (no hats). PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL KIPPOT ARE LABELED. We encourage campers to carry a kippah with them in their bag throughout the day.

All males of Bar Mitzvah age are required, and females of Bat Mitzvah age are encouraged to wear Tefillin. If your child is of Bar/Bat Mitzvah age but does not have Tefillin, please acquire a set before Camp. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TALLIT, TALLIT BAGS AND TEFILLIN BAGS ARE LABELED. (A clear plastic zippered pouch labeled with the camper's name is helpful to keep these items protected and together.)

### **What NOT to Wear**

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**The following items do NOT reflect our community standards and are NOT permitted at Camp:**

- Bare midriffs
- Exposed bra or underwear
- Halter tops, strapless tops, backless tops or low-cut shirts
- "Low rider" pants
- See-through clothing
- Short skirts or high-cut shorts that expose the buttocks
- Bikini swimsuits or Speedo brief style swimsuits
- Shirts with inappropriate words, phrases or symbols
- Tank top shirts (for men or women) that expose the back or any part of the chest (ie. shoulders should be mostly covered; racerback or spaghetti strap tank tops are not permitted; armholes must be fitted under the arm)

### **Label Everything**

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Label everything that comes to Camp with your child's name. You may choose to purchase labels online, but Sharpies work just fine, too!

### **Wear & Tear & Loss**

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Camp clothes will see a lot of wear and tear. Please consider sending clothing that is comfortable and well broken-in for everyday wear.

We do our best to protect your child's belongings, and we ask that you discuss with your child the importance of being responsible for their belongings.

**Ramah Darom assumes no responsibility either for wear and tear, loss or damage to a camper's clothing or other personal items.** We suggest that you arrange with your insurance agent for a floater policy to cover loss or damage.

**Note:** If your camper accidentally leaves items behind at Camp, please contact our office as soon as possible. We do our best to locate and return lost items, but we are only able to return items on which we can identify the camper's full name clearly marked on them. Items that are located can be mailed back home at the parent's expense.

- Labeled items will be kept for one month after Camp ends. During that time, we will make every effort to connect items with the family. After one month, unclaimed labeled items will be donated.
- Unlabeled items will be donated one week after Camp ends.

## **Laundry**

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**Please pre-wash all of your child's clothing prior to Camp.** In addition, be sure that all clothing you send to Camp is colorfast. Laundry will be sent out once a week and will come back 1-2 days after it has been sent. Please send your child to Camp with two laundry bags. Campers should not plan on washing their own clothes.

## **2023 Packing Lists**

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*Please use these lists as a guide and adjust to fit your child's own particular needs.*

[Ta'am Packing List](#)

[Garinim Packing List](#)

[3, 4 & 8-Week Packing List](#)

## **What NOT to Bring**

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- Any electronic devices that can connect to the Internet including computers, iPads, portable game systems or other similar equipment
- DVD players, televisions, video cameras, walkie-talkies, etc.
- Guns or knives (toy or real) of any kind or laser pointers
- Alcohol or tobacco, e-cigarettes of any kind, including Juul devices
- Illegal substances or related paraphernalia, including but not limited to marijuana in any form

# Money, Phones, Technology & Food

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 [ramahdarom.org/money-phones-food](http://ramahdarom.org/money-phones-food)

## Money & Phones

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All travel money and phones will be collected during check-in and stored in the Camp Office until departure day. We will also collect field trip money and return it when your camper's aidah (age division) goes on their trip. *Ramah Darom cannot be responsible for cash or other valuables kept in the cabin.*



Campers do not need to bring any money for field trips, but if they would like to buy items from gift shops, we recommend the following:

**2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades:** \$0      **5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades:** \$20      **10<sup>th</sup> grade:** \$40      **11<sup>th</sup> grade:** \$100

## Technology

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### **Camp is a screen-free experience!**

Any devices with screens (including phones, iPads, computers, etc.) that are brought to Camp will be collected and held in a safe space in our Camp office for the duration of the session. Campers will receive their screens back at the end of the session, as they arrive at the airport, depart the bus or are picked up by family members.



**If your child has a phone with them for travel purposes, make sure they understand that it must be turned in for storage upon arrival.**

### **Suggestions to help your children to adapt to this screen-free environment:**

- Talk to your children about the benefits of “unplugging.”
- Encourage your children to write you letters.
- Provide your children with address labels of friends and family along with postage.
- Provide a basic (screen-free) MP3 player, including the original iPod, iPod Shuffle or Nano for your child (listening to music and audiobooks on one of these devices is allowed).

## Music & Audio Books

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Campers are permitted to bring an original iPod, iPod shuffle or Nano or other screen-less MP3 player to enjoy their personal music at Camp and share with their friends.

**Camp Ramah Darom bears no responsibility for lost or damaged personal electronics.**

Please review the music that your child wishes to bring to Camp to be certain it is appropriate for the Ramah Darom setting. Do NOT send your child to Camp with music that advocates drug use or violence, which degrades other human beings, that is sexually explicit or that includes swearing, cursing or other inappropriate lyrics.

Your assistance in this matter will help create a comfortable and positive environment for all of our campers and for our entire community and communicate the value of *Kedushat Halashon* (the sanctity of language) that Camp holds so dear.

**Food Policy**

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In addition to the three nutritious meals, our kosher dining hall always has fresh fruit available and provides additional scheduled daily snacks to all campers. For the safety of our community members with allergies, we do not allow any products containing peanuts or tree nuts. **We ask that campers DO NOT BRING FOOD to Camp.** Any food sent to Camp will be disposed of.



# Camp Life

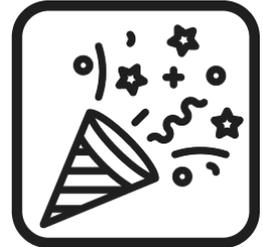
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 [ramahdarom.org/camp-life](http://ramahdarom.org/camp-life)

## Birthdays at Camp

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Every camper with a birthday during Camp will receive a birthday cake for a *tzrif* (cabin) party in the dining hall at mealtime. There is no need to call Camp with a similar request. Campers with birthdays during Camp will be allowed to phone home on their birthday. Calls are generally made between 8-10pm EDT and are facilitated by the *Yoetz/et*.



## B'nai Mitzvah Reviews

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As an educational institution, Ramah Darom is committed to making sure that the hard work your child has put in preparing to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, prior to Camp, is not forgotten during an amazing, fun-filled summer. If your child has a Bar/Bat Mitzvah between July and December 31, 2023, Camp will provide some guided scheduled review with a staff member on a weekly basis. Since there is very little “free time” at Camp, the review will usually take place during rest hour. Camp staff will schedule the review times and make every effort to make sure your child attends, but it is ultimately the camper’s responsibility to attend their review sessions!



While we do not offer review sessions for children with Bar/Bat Mitzvah occurring after December 31, 2023, every camper will have the opportunity to learn valuable skills during the summer like leading services, *Birkat Hamazon*, reading Torah and Haftarah (Camp does have its own melodies though, which may vary from what your congregation sings).

## Camp Time

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During the summer, on the first night of Machzor Aleph and Bet (First and Section Session), Camp Ramah Darom sets its clocks to Eastern Standard Time. For example, when it is 12:00 noon in Atlanta (which is Eastern Daylight Savings Time–EDT), it is only 11:00am at Camp. On the last evening of each session, the clocks are changed back to EDT. “Camp Time” allows younger campers an opportunity for programming on Saturday nights after Shabbat. In addition, the sun has an extra hour each morning to warm the pool and lake for swimming and dry dew off of the playing fields.

# Graffiti, Gratuity, Piercing & Privacy

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 [ramahdarom.org/graffiti-privacy-gratuity](http://ramahdarom.org/graffiti-privacy-gratuity)

## Graffiti Policy

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The buildings at Ramah Darom are beautifully maintained and represent the work and dedication of supporters throughout the country. Ramah Darom does not permit writing on walls, tables, benches, bunkbeds or any other piece of Camp property. Campers are expected to properly respect the campus and the buildings.

**Absolutely no graffiti is permitted.** A fine of \$300 per incident plus any maintenance costs for repairs will be assessed for any defacing of, or damage to, Camp property. Re-enrollment of a camper will not be permitted until the fine is paid in full.

## Piercing Policy

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**At the foundation of Judaism is the idea that each human being is created *B'tzelem Elokim* (in the Image of God).** At Camp, this value is expressed in the way that we dress, in our appearance and personal hygiene and in the way that we speak and act towards one another. Certain norms in secular society challenge the notion that our actions should reflect the idea of being created *B'tzelem Elokim*. Contemporary social trends like body piercings negate the underlying Jewish value that our bodies are to be viewed as gifts on loan from God, entrusted in our care. While earrings and small nose rings (for both men and women) are acceptable, other body piercings are not acceptable at Camp.

## Gratuity Policy

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Staff members at Ramah Darom are engaged in an important educational enterprise. As professional educators, they may not accept gratuities under any circumstances. If you feel that a staff member has performed exceptionally well during the summer, please bring this to the attention of the Camp Director. If you would like, you can show your appreciation for a staff member by making a contribution in that staff member's name to the Staff Appreciation Fund. A card will be sent to the staff member in whose name the gift is made. Contributions may be made by calling Sharon Rosenfeld at 404.503.2129 and will be used to enhance staff life at Camp.

## Privacy vs. Protection

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While respect for the privacy of individuals at Camp is a value we teach and encourage, the needs of the community sometimes supersede the needs of the individual. If the health or safety of other campers or staff is at risk, campers may be asked to have their belongings searched and inventoried in the presence of two designated members of the senior staff.

# Parent/Guardian Logistics

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 [ramahdarom.org/parent-guardian-logistics](http://ramahdarom.org/parent-guardian-logistics)

## Family Emergencies During Camp

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If there is a family emergency, please inform the Camp office by calling 706.782.9300.

**Please communicate to whoever answers that you are calling regarding an emergency so your call can be directed properly.**

Decisions regarding how to handle the specific situation will be made in partnership with our Camp Director, Camper Care Team and the parent(s)/guardian(s). Only after Camp is notified are arrangements made for parents and children to talk. This approach prepares Camp to support your children through the difficult situation.

## Parent/Guardian Summer Vacations

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If you will be away from home when your child is at Camp, or if your summer address is different from your address during the rest of the year, please email this information to [Andrea Cohen](#) so we can make sure the MARP and Camp Director know how to reach you should the need arise.

*If you will be traveling out of the country while your camper is at Camp, we ask that you designate someone local who can be available to meet or pick up your camper in the event of a medical or another emergency. Please be sure to share their name and contact information with [Andrea Cohen](#).*

# Communications

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 [ramahdarom.org/communications](http://ramahdarom.org/communications)

A major goal of the summer camping experience is to build independence and self-reliance. Your child will be strongly encouraged to write home at least once a week. Parents/Guardians may also communicate with their camper(s) through letters and a special email system (see below for more information). In order to assist parents in communicating with Camp and check on the status of their camper(s), Camp maintains a staff of *Yoetzim* (Parent Liaisons). These skilled senior staff members have extensive experience in working with children and will answer any questions you may have about your camper's summer.

Mail & Flat Package Policy

## Snail Mail

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Prior to Camp, you will receive an email with the guideline for communicating with Camp as well as a list of the names of the *Yoetzim* (Parent Liaisons) assigned to each *aidah* (division) for each session.



### **Campers are required to write home twice a week.**

Letters sent through the USPS may take some time to arrive home. If this happens, don't worry as "no news is good news"! If you receive a homesick letter from your child, or are just concerned, please call Camp and ask for the *Yoetz/et*. Your child's *Yoetz/et* will check out the situation and get back to you within 24 hours.

### **Please write your child often!**

You should send your first letters to Camp one to two weeks prior to the start of the Camp session, as mail service to Clayton can be slow. Please allow at least a week for mail delivery, as there is no mail pickup at Camp between Friday and Monday.

### **Address all mail to your camper(s) as follows:**

Camper's Name

Bunk # \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Ramah Darom

70 Darom Lane

## Flat Package Policy

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Camp Ramah Darom will only accept flat envelopes up to 12"x15" for magazines, photos, or books.

Small items such as stickers, pens, and rubber bracelets are permitted as long as they fit inside the flat envelope.

**DO NOT SEND FOOD, CANDY or GUM.** Any food sent to Camp will be disposed of. Packages that are not flat and or larger than 12"x15" may be returned to the sender at the senders' expense.\*

## Books

\*For the avid readers among our Camp community, we will accept boxes mailed from Amazon containing BOOKS ONLY.

## Necessary Items

\*Should your child forget an item (e.g., sunscreen, water bottle or sandals) please be in touch with your child's *Yoetz/et*. Often, they are able to obtain these items for your camper avoiding the wait and hassle of shipping something to Camp. If an item still needs to be sent, after obtaining permission, please address the package to **Camper's Name, Aidah Name, c/o Yoetz/et Name**.

## Email at Camp

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Campers can receive emails from parents and guardians. *There is a small fee that covers the cost of technology, supplies and staffing so that we can offer this service.* Each morning (except Wednesdays and Saturdays) emails will be printed out and distributed to campers around lunchtime. Emails sent after the batch is printed, or sent on Wednesdays or Saturdays, will be distributed to campers the next day.



Parents can also send with their email, a request for a handwritten response which will provide the camper with one page to write back to parents. These forms, once filled out by your child and returned to our Camp post office box will be sent electronically via Bunk1 back to the parents. **Even if you have sent an email, please do not expect an immediate reply!** It can sometimes take a few days for your child's reply as they may be out of Camp on a trip, involved in a day-long camp activity or just busy having fun!

## Phone Calls at Camp

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Unless it is an emergency, campers do not speak to parents on the phone. Please note that cell phones are not permitted at Camp. If a camper brings a cell phone, it will be collected and held in the Camp office safe until the end of the session.



If you are concerned about your child’s well-being, or if you want to find out how your camper is doing, please leave a message for the *Yoetz/et*. Contact information for *Yoetzim* will be emailed to you before Camp begins. The *Yoetz/et* will research the situation and get back to you within 24 hours. Please note that messages left for the *Yoetzim* on Friday afternoons are not generally returned until Sunday morning. In addition, most of the *Yoetzim* are off on Wednesdays. Messages left on Wednesday will be returned on Thursday morning.

If the situation is an emergency, please follow the emergency contact procedure as outlined under “Parent Logistics.”

### **News & Updates from Camp**

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In addition to the letters parents will be receiving from their child(ren), our online photo galleries, regular videos, aidah updates and pre-Shabbat news updates (*Drishat Shalom*) will help parents stay connected with all the fun happening at Camp.



### **Drishat Shalom/Pre-Shabbat News**

During the summer, *Drishat Shalom* will be emailed every Friday before Shabbat. This weekly news update will summarize the week and touch on intangible aspects of the Ramah Experience – the magical parts of Camp that photos and videos cannot capture.

### **Photos & Videos**

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Each day, our Camp photography staff takes a myriad of photos of campers in action, and we will upload those photos a few times a week. We will share a combination of posed and candid photos at a diversity of Camp locations and activities. You can easily download photos as well as share them on social media. You will receive details on how to access photos before Camp begins.



We will share videos with you, giving a glimpse of the activity, excitement and programmatic highlights.

# Yoetzim

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 [ramahdarom.org/yoetzim](http://ramahdarom.org/yoetzim)

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***Yoetzim* are Camp Ramah Darom senior advisors and parent liaisons.**

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Each *aidah* has a *Yoetz/et* at Camp. *Yoetzim* support counselors and campers and will be available to answer questions or inquiries about your child's Camp experience. They will also be an integral part of arrival day to offer support and answer questions. **We will email you more information about your camper's *Yoetz/et* and how to contact them before the session begins.**



If you have concerns about your camper, please reach out to their *Yoetz/et* (Parent Liaison) listed below by *aidah* (age division). Messages left for your child's *Yoetz/et* will be returned within 24 hours. Messages left on Wednesday will be returned on Thursday, and messages left on Friday or on Shabbat will be returned Sunday.

# Camp Brit (Agreement)

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 [ramahdarom.org/camp-brit](http://ramahdarom.org/camp-brit)

## The Brit (Agreement)

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### קהילה קדושה/*Kehillah K'doshah* (Holy Community)

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At Ramah Darom we exemplify the qualities of כבוד (respect) and טוב לב (kindness) in interactions with כלם (everyone) both during the summer and during the school year.

We respect the feelings and emotions of others when in Camp and when at home. We talk with kind words, invite others to join us in play, take care not to exclude, humiliate or show meanness to others and respect others' bodies.

- We respect the property of others by not taking, defacing, destroying or altering property that does not belong to us.
- We follow the rules of Camp, which include NOT bringing cigarettes, Juul equipment, e-cigarettes, drugs, dangerous objects or illegal or dangerous items to Camp.
- We follow Camp rules and behavior expectations on campus, field trips and Camp transportation.
- We respect the requests and directions of staff members whose role is to keep us all safe and ensure an enjoyable time for all.
- We continue to treat members of our community with respect and kindness, including respectful interactions while texting and using social media, all year long.

### בצלם אלוהים/*B'tzelem Elohim* (In the Image of God)

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At Ramah Darom, we view each person as a reflection of God. Our diverse community is an essential part of who we are because every member of the Ramah community is of equal and supreme worth.

- We respect that each of us is a unique individual, offering compassion and help without teasing or bullying those who may be different from ourselves.
- We each strive to be the best version of ourselves, focusing on our own growth and learning.
- We accept that we each may make mistakes, but we can all learn from these experiences and attempt to give each other the benefit of the doubt when there is a disagreement.
- We are part of an inclusive environment, and we do not exclude others or make fun of another's challenges.

- We come to Camp with a positive attitude and bring our curiosity for exploring our Judaism.
- We commit to be a דגמה אישית (role model), expressing our profound Jewish joy and love for our קהילה (community).

## Noncompliance Policy for Behavior/Breaking Camp Rules

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While we do not expect perfection, we do expect all members of our community to strive for growth and to behave in a manner consistent with our *Brit*. Our goal is to help campers learn how to be members of our community through interventions when necessary. Some behaviors may necessitate immediate dismissal\* and others will generally follow the procedure below. In all cases, the discretion of Camp leadership will be utilized.

**1<sup>st</sup> Intervention:** Counselors will be the first line of intervention with camper behaviors. They will utilize collaborative problem solving to address camper misbehavior and notify the *Rosh Aidah* (Unit Head) and *Yoetz/et* (Parent Liaison) as soon as possible of any incident.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Intervention:** *Rosh Aidah* will meet with the camper and counselor to decide on appropriate logical consequences, such as cleaning an area of Camp, writing an apology letter or missing an evening activity.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Intervention:** *Yoetz/et* (advisor) will work with the *Rosh Aidah* to decide on appropriate consequences and may also meet with the camper to create a behavior plan for camper success. Parents will be called and informed of the misbehavior, consequence and behavior plan, if applicable.

**4<sup>th</sup> Intervention:** Camper and *Rosh Aidah* will meet with the Camper Care Manager, Assistant Director or Camp Director. Parents will be called and included in the consequence plan. Dismissal from Camp may occur at the discretion of the Camp Director.

## Immediate Dismissal

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**While Camp is a place for growth, certain behaviors put your child or others at risk of immediate dismissal\* from Camp, such as:**

- Possession or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco products
- Possession or consumption of non-prescribed legal drugs
- Leaving Camp property without proper authorization
- Purposefully harming others at Camp, emotionally or physically, or engaging in self-harm
- Possession or use of e-cigarettes, vape pens or similar devices with or without tobacco or marijuana products
- Possession of or use of guns, knives or weapons of any kind

***\*Campers who are dismissed from Camp due to behaviors or breaking of Camp rules, will receive no refund of tuition or fees. Travel costs incurred due to dismissal will be the parents'/guardians' responsibility.***

**The following items will be confiscated and may be returned at the end of Camp**

- Cell phones or any electronic devices that can connect to the Internet, including computers, iPads and other tablets, eReaders, portable game systems or other similar equipment
- Other electronics, including DVD players, televisions, video cameras, walkie-talkies, etc.
- Flammable materials such as matches, fireworks, lighters, butane, incense, candles and hot pots
- Money, apart from money provided for *yitziot* (trips)

*If a camper is dismissed for behavioral concerns, there will be a re-interview process to determine whether they can return in a subsequent summer. The re-interview process may include conversations with parent(s)/guardian(s), teachers and/or therapists and the camper. The Community Care and Inclusion Manager will make a recommendation to the Camp Director, and together, they will inform the family whether a camper is invited to return.*

**In order to best understand expectations and acknowledge commitment to the Ramah Darom community, all campers and Parents/Guardians are required to read, discuss and agree to this Brit and complete the Brit Acknowledgment document on your Family Dashboard before arriving at Camp.**