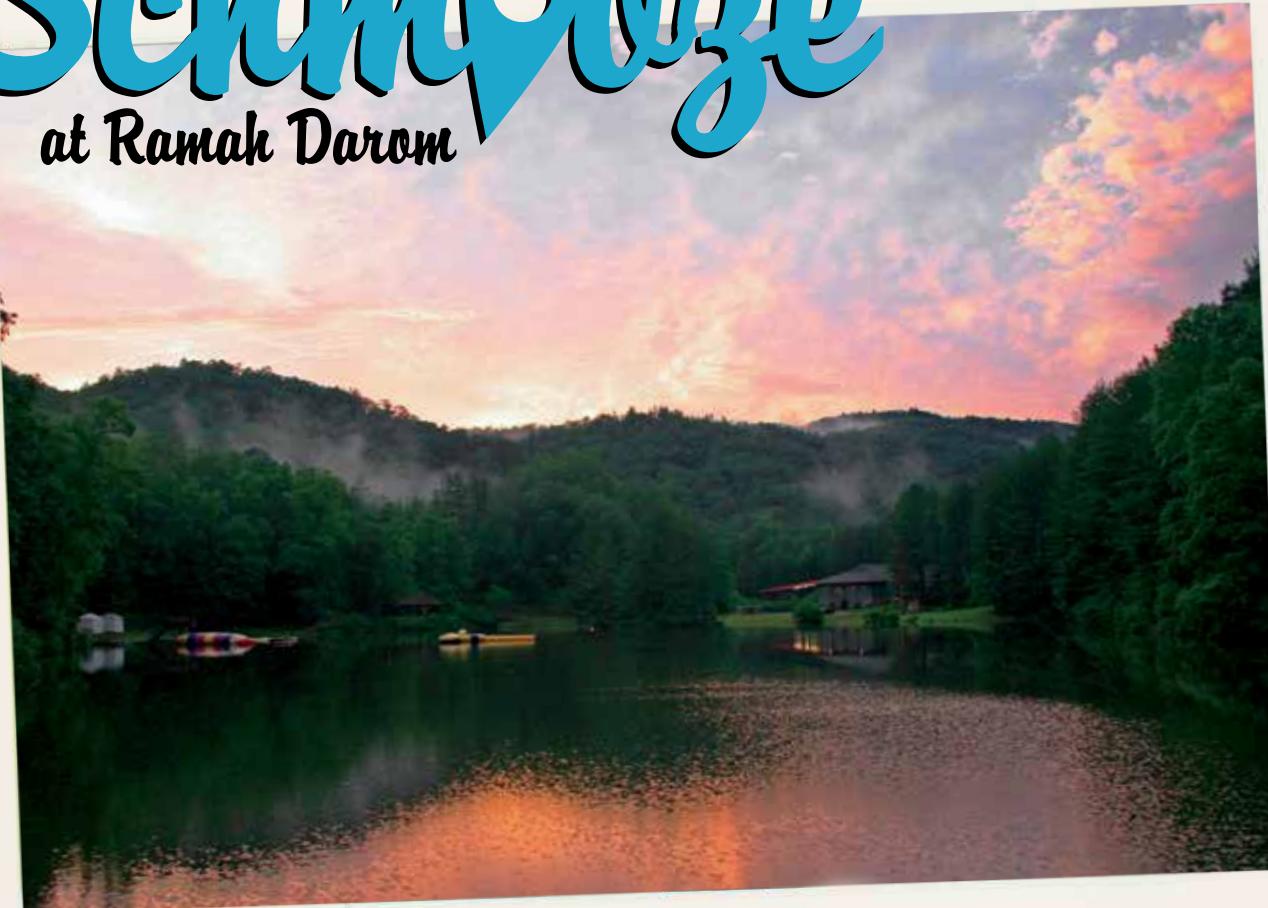




Southern Schmooze

at Ramah Darom



Program Guide

January 31- February 2, 2025



Agudath Israel
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B'ruchim HaBaim (Welcome)!

We are excited to welcome you to the Southern Schmooze Shabbaton at Ramah Darom. It brings us such joy to come together as a united, supportive Jewish community. This retreat is an opportunity to connect with your community, take a break, enjoy fresh mountain air, meet new friends and be inspired.

Please take time to read through this Program Guide and bring it with you wherever you go.

We are always happy to answer any questions!

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Top 10 Things to Know

1. Counselors, Supervision & Shmira (Night Listening): There are amazing counselors here to help enhance our programming. During programming that is not specifically marked as a "Youth Activity", parents are responsible for the supervision of their children. This also applies to mealtimes. Complimentary shmira takes place during adult evening activities. Counselors will sit in the hotel hallway and listen for children who wake up or need something. Please note that each household will not have its own babysitter. Night listeners are there to respond to needs that arise but are not available to supervise bedtime.

2. Emergencies: Call 911 from your mobile device or any phone on campus. Be prepared to state the nature of the problem and your location (70 Darom Lane, Clayton, Georgia 30525). Also, please notify a staff member of the situation by calling 706.782.9300. There are landlines in the Welcome Center office, at the pool, in the kitchen and in all living spaces. See Ramah Darom Emergency Protocols for more information.

3. Hot Water: Our shower gauges are a little quirky at times. If you are having trouble getting hot water for your shower, try turning the water temperature in the opposite direction to see if that works before submitting a maintenance request.

4. Kashrut, Meals & Snacks: The Kaplan Mitchell Retreat Center at Ramah Darom is an AKC-Certified kosher campus. All meals, snacks and beverages are provided. Outside food is not allowed in the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall).

Here is some important mealtime information:

- Please avoid leaving a single seat between you and the next person so we can fit all guests in the dining room. We encourage you to sit with new people at each meal!
- All special dietary food needs will be served from the kitchen prep area.
- Lunch and dinner begin with a communal blessing. Please wait before entering the buffet line. These meals will conclude with announcements and blessings.
- Beverages and snacks will be available between meals by the coffee and tea station in the Chadar Ochel.

5. Maintenance Requests: You can submit maintenance requests at RamahDarom.org/Maintenance. Please avoid submitting requests between 9:00pm-7:30am, unless it is an emergency.

6. Shabbat: At Ramah Darom, Shabbat is a very special time of the week. Out of respect for this value and our community, we ask that guests refrain from using electronics in public spaces. We will provide tea lights for Shabbat candle lighting. Please do not light candles in your room!

7. Smoking, Firearms & Illegal Substances: Firearms, illegal substances and related paraphernalia are not permitted on campus. Smoking is not allowed inside any building. There is a designated smoking area outside on the back porch of the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall) and in the Welcome Center parking lot. A fee will be assessed for rooms or areas showing evidence of smoking or smoke damage.

8. Valuables & Keys: Ramah Darom is not responsible for any missing or lost items. If you are staying in a hotel room and are uncomfortable leaving valuables in your room, keys are available with a refundable deposit.

9. Vehicles: The speed limit on campus is 5mph. Please only park in the approved parking locations near your accommodation and leave your vehicle parked for the duration of the retreat. Guests are not permitted to drive through campus at any time.

10. WiFi & Phones: Wireless internet service is available through-out campus via "Ramah Darom WiFi" (no password).

If you have any issues connecting to the internet, try turning your device's WiFi off and back on, then try reconnecting. If you still have connectivity issues, contact the Bridge Communications Help Desk: 866-632-2717, hit 1 (for after-hours emergency support, hit 5), email support@bridge-comm.net, or inform a member of the Ramah Darom staff.

Cell phone signals can be spotty. We suggest enabling WiFi calling.

All accommodations have landlines. The extension number is posted near each phone. To call from one campus phone to another, dial the four-digit extension for the room or location you are trying to reach. You can make free calls to any place in North America and most of Canada from these phones.



Daily Schedule

Friday, January 31

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
2:00-5:00pm	Check-in	Welcome Center
3:00-5:00pm	DIY Pre-Shabbat Activities: Get in the Shabbat spirit with some Ramah Darom fun: Design and decorate challah boards, braid challah to enjoy at dinner, make besamim parcels for Havdallah and write Shabbat-o-Grams!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall)
4:00-4:45pm	Walking Tour: Familiarize yourself with the main areas of Ramah Darom's campus.	Meet at Welcome Center
5:00-5:30pm	Preparation for Shabbat	
5:45-6:00pm	Welcome & Community Schmooze: Candle lighting in Clayton, GA is at 5:43pm. Candles will be available for individual lighting in the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall) from 5:15-5:43pm.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
6:00-7:00pm	Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv led by Ramah Darom Teens	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
7:15-8:15pm	Shabbat Dinner & Ruach (Singing)	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
8:30-10:45pm	Shmira (Night listening)	Accommodations
	Schmooze Community Icebreakers led by Rabbi Sam Rotenberg	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
8:45-9:30pm	Youth Activity–PJ Party Icebreakers & Games: Led by Ramah Darom counselors. Perfect for all ages!	Mountainside Hotel Lobby
9:30-10:30pm	Shabbat Oneg, Puzzle Challenges, Games & Celebrity	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

Saturday, February 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:30-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30-11:30am	Shabbat Shacharit (Morning Service) Interactive Torah Service & Musaf: Pay attention, there will be a quiz bowl during the Torah Service with tasty treats for all those who answer questions correctly! There will be books and Shabbat friendly toys and games for kids to play with during services.	Moadon
11:30am-12:15pm	Competitive Bingo for All: Enjoy a fun and relaxed game of bingo with special challenges to liven the game up.	Mercaz Aryeh
12:15-1:15pm	Shabbat Lunch	
1:30-2:30pm	Menucha (Rest) or Game Hour: Hangout and schmooze as you enjoy playing board & lawn games with friends.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
2:35-2:45pm	Camper Drop Off at Beit Am	Beit Am (Covered Basketball Court)

Saturday, February 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
2:45-3:45pm	Hike to the In-Camp Waterfall	Meet at Pizza Patio
	Sushi Making	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	Youth Activity—Camper's Choice (Parents welcome, but not needed!)	
	Gaga Tournament: Ideal for Kindergarten & up	Lower Roads Gaga Pit
3:45-4:00pm	Playground Time: Ideal for Kindergarten & under	Gan
	Snack & Coffee Available	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
4:00-5:30pm	Schmooze Text Study & Think Tank led by Schmooze Rabbis: You too? Enjoy an hour of learning and schmoozing to identify successes in your communities and share best practices.	Mercaz Aryeh
4:00-5:00pm	Youth Activity—Camper's Choice (Parents welcome, but not needed!)	
	Hike to the In-Camp Waterfall	Leave from Snack
	Improv & Games	Beit Am
5:15-6:00pm	Youth Activity—Shabbat Trivia Game: Perfect for all ages!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
5:30-6:00pm	Mincha (Afternoon Service)	Beit Knesset
6:00-7:00pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
7:00-7:15pm	Maariv (Evening Service)	
7:15-8:45pm	Havdallah, Rikud (Dancing), Bonfire & S'mores	Beit Am
8:45-10:45pm	Shmira (Night Listening)	
9:00-10:30pm	Peulat Erev (Evening Activity): An Evening of Karaoke & Fun!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

Sunday, February 2

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:15-8:45am	Shacharit	Beit Knesset
8:30-9:30am	Aruchat Boker	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30-10:00am	Schmooze Reflections	
10:00-10:15am	Schmooze Community Photos	Kikar (Activity Field)
10:15-11:00am	Camp Classics	
	Archery: Sign-up Required. Must be at least 8 years old.	Archery Range
	Arts & Crafts: Make fun art projects and sensory bags.	Levine Center Portico
	Hike to Out-of-Camp Waterfall	Meet at Pizza Patio
	Tie-Dye: Bring a white cotton t-shirt, socks or pillow case	Kikar
11:00am	Packout Lunch Available: Stop by the Chadar Ochel to make a pack-out lunch before you hit the road!	Chadar Ochel
	L'hitraot (Goodbye) - See you next year!	



Security & Emergency Protocols

Every building has an emergency exit plan posted and is equipped with fire extinguishers.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF EMERGENCY EXITS WHENEVER YOU ENTER A BUILDING.

The Sheriff's department has an on-site officer guarding this facility throughout the program.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

First aid kits are available at the Welcome Center reception desk, Marcus Lodge community room (ground floor), Mountainside Hotel (lower level), Lakeside Hotel (bottom floor) and in the Main Dining Hall. AEDs are located at the Welcome Center (on bottom floor by room 102), Mountainside Hotel (lower level), Main Dining Hall, pool and boathouse.

In the Event of a Medical Emergency:

- IMMEDIATELY DIAL 911. Give location, gender and approximate age of victim and if possible, the type of emergency. Then dial 706.782.9300 from your cell phone or any campus phone and follow the prompts to alert a Ramah Darom staff person of your emergency.
- Stay with the injured person until help arrives. Try to calm, reassure and stabilize the person. Never move an injured person with a suspected neck or back injury.
- When medical staff arrive at the scene, summarize the situation and answer questions.

SEVERE WEATHER

Thunder and/or Lightning:

- Gather your family/group and move to a safe area (large indoor facility, bunk common room) until the weather has passed.

Tornado Warning:

- Head immediately to one of the following designated emergency locations: Welcome Center lower level hallway, Marcus Lodge lower level community room, Mountainside Hotel lower level hallway, Levine Center lower level hallway and lower level common space of bunks 1/2 or 29/30.
- When at location, stay away from windows.
- Stay at designated emergency location until the "all clear" signal has been given over the emergency speakers.

FIRE

If You Spot a Fire:

- Leave the building and do not re-enter to remove personal property.
- Pull the fire alarm if your building has one and IMMEDIATELY DIAL 911. Give location, and if possible, type of fire (grease, electrical, paper, etc.). Then dial 706.782.9300 from your cell phone or any campus phone and follow the prompts to alert a Ramah Darom staff person of your emergency. The office will sound the alarm over the campus wide emergency system.
- If a phone is not accessible, sound the closest fire alarm.
- If a campus-wide fire alarm is sounded, all guests should proceed immediately to the field in front of the Levine Center Dining Hall and remain there until the "all clear" signal has been given over the emergency speakers.
- If the fire occurs on or near the field, all guests should proceed to the Beit Am (Covered Court).

ACTIVE THREAT

- EVACUATE if at all possible, leaving the area by the quickest route available. If necessary, leave the campus grounds. Leave your belongings behind.
- Call 911 as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you are not able to evacuate, HIDE OUT in an area out of the active shooter's view. Block entry to your hiding place. If possible, lock the door. Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet.
- TAKE ACTION only as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.
- When law enforcement arrives, remain calm and follow the officers' instructions. Immediately raise hands and spread fingers. Keep your hands visible at all times. Avoid quick movements toward officers whenever possible.

L'hitraot

Thank you for joining us at Ramah Darom!





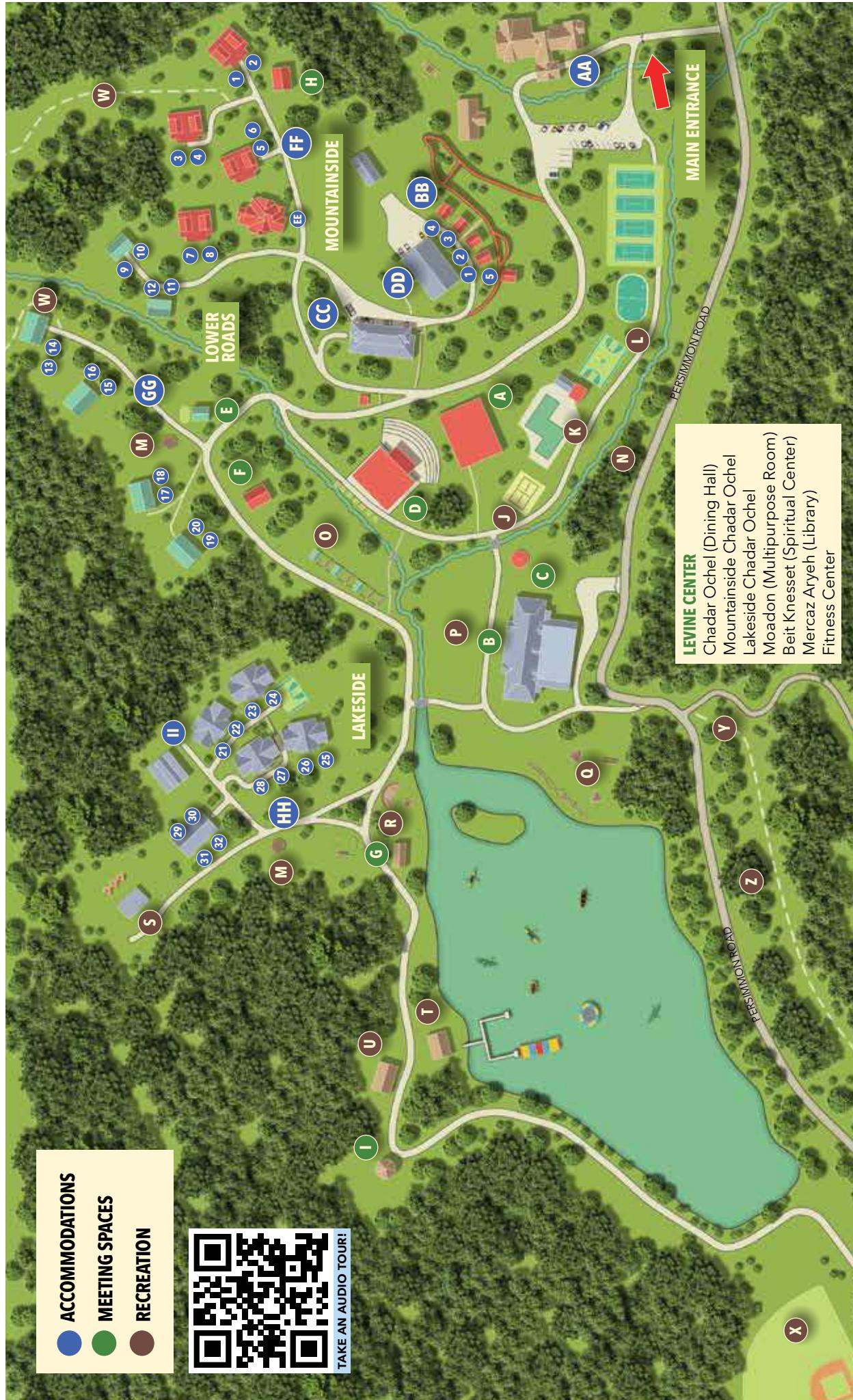
ACCOMMODATIONS

MEETING SPACES

RECREATION



TAKE AN AUDIO TOUR!



A	Program Center
B	Levine Center
C	Ohel (Tent), Pizza Patio
D	Bet Am (Covered Court)
E	Amphitheater, Garden
F	Gan (Daycare)
G	Mirpeset Tefillah (Lower Roads Pavilion)
H	Margam (Lakeside Pavilion)
I	Mountaintop Pavilion
J	Treehouse
K	Volleyball
L	Breicha (Pool) Sports Courts: Basketball, Hockey, Tennis, Pickleball
M	Gaga
N	Farm
O	Odyssey Course
P	Kikar (Activity Field)
Q	Climb & Swing
R	Medura (Lakeside Firepit)
S	Archery Range
T	Agam (Lake) & Boat Dock
U	Omanut (Art Building)
W	Waterfall Trail
X	Softball Field
Y	Menkowitz Trail
Z	Future Home of the Mayer "Bubba" Mitchell Campus