



FAQs for Ramah in the Berkshires Enrollment

When do I apply to camp?

Enrollment is currently open and you should apply now! The past few years we have had waiting lists in a number of age groups, and we expect summer 2021 to be full as well. If you apply before September 15th you will receive an early enrollment discount.

Does everyone who applies to Camp get in?

Unfortunately, not. The past few years we have had waiting lists in a number of age groups, and we expect summer 2021 to be full as well.

What is an “early payment discount”?

We offer an early payment discount to families that pay in full by either September 15th, 2020 or December 15th, 2020. For tuition bills paid in full by September 15th, you will receive an early payment discount of \$150 for each full-season camper and \$75 for each one-session camper. For tuition bills paid in full by December 15th, you will receive an early payment discount of \$75 for each full-season camper and \$35 for each one-session camper.

Will my credit card be automatically charged for the deposit when I apply to Camp?

No. Your credit card is charged only upon enrollment to camp. We will confirm your child's enrollment 2-3 days before charging your credit card for the deposit.

What happened to the CIF (Camp Improvement Fund) charge?

In 2021 we chose to remove the CIF charges to all camper families. We encourage families to donate to the Ramah Berkshires Annual Fund.

What happens to my tuition if Camp cannot open for summer 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic?

Although we hope (and pray) this does not occur, if Camp cannot open because of the COVID-19 pandemic, **you will be offered a full refund on your tuition.** Assuming Camp does open as expected, our camper cancellation policy can be found on the Fee Schedule sheet.

Are you planning any changes in capacity for 2021 because of COVID-19?

As of now, we are not. It is far too early to know what impact, if any, the COVID-19 pandemic will have on our Camp operations in 2021. At this point we are planning for a Camp that can operate at normal capacity. This may change, of course, and we are committed to keeping you informed throughout the year as our contingency planning continues.



Why have you added a new security fee?

Over the last several years, we have continually upgraded our on-site security. This has included additional camera coverage and fencing, closer coordination with local law enforcement, and, most importantly, a dramatic increase in the use of professionally trained security guards. As with most Jewish institutions, we feel strongly that these improvements were necessary and will continue for the foreseeable future. They also come with significant costs and we are asking our families to help us make continued investment in this vital area.

Why is there a potential for an additional COVID-19 fee?

As you can imagine, planning for 2021 is incredibly difficult, and we currently do not know what additional medical facilities or personnel might be required of us in order to operate. In order to assure our ability to safely operate Camp within our budgetary constraints, we have determined that we *may* need to assess an additional fee to offset costs associated with running Camp in the presence of COVID-19. We will only add this fee if it is absolutely necessary, and we hope to know more by early next year. As with all of our tuition and fees, concerns about ability to pay should be directed to Rabbi Ethan Linden. We remain committed to the idea that everyone should be able to attend Ramah Berkshires regardless of their ability to pay.

Question related to last year's (2020) tuition

What happened to the tuition that I rolled over?

This tuition has been applied as payment for 2021, and has reduced your total family balance.

Do I need to pay a deposit for 2021?

There is still a deposit for 2021 of \$500. If you have rolled over tuition from 2020, we will use this money to pay for your deposit.

Have I been charged 2020 rates or 2021 rates?

For Summer 2021 you will have been charged 2021 rates, unless you qualified to lock in 2020 tuition rates by supporting camp through a donation of greater than \$1,800, or by rolling over 60% of your tuition paid. If you think you have been charged an incorrect tuition amount, please contact Jackie Stafford at jstafford@ramahberkshires.org.

Do I receive the early application discount if I rolled over or donated in 2020?

If you indicated on your Tuition from 2020 form that you wanted to enroll your child for 2021 you will automatically receive the early application discount. Otherwise, to qualify for the early application discount you must apply before September 15th.

Do I receive the early payment discount if I rolled over tuition or made a donation in 2020?

No, not automatically. In order to receive this discount, you must pay your balance by either September 15th, 2020 or December 15th, 2020. (See specific discount amounts above.)