

Family Camp 2024 Frequently Asked Questions

Who is this Ramah Family Camp geared towards?

Family Camp is geared towards families with children ages 2-13, however all are welcome! Both current & alumni Ramah families and families joining our community for the first time are encouraged to attend. Ramah Family Camp is a wonderful first entry point for a first-time Camp Family.

When does the retreat officially begin and end?

The retreat officially begins on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 11:00 AM. The program concludes on Monday, August 26, 2024. Rooms must be vacated by 12:30 PM, and the closing *tekes* (ceremony) will occur at 2:00 PM.

What is Ramah's religious policy?

Ramah Berkshires is an Egalitarian *shomer Shabbat* and strictly kosher facility with an on-site *mashgiach* and *eruv*. We ask that all guests refrain from driving on campgrounds and using cell phones in public spaces during the Sabbath. Egalitarian Shabbat and weekday services will be offered for those wishing to attend. Additionally, we're thrilled to offer Jewish learning opportunities for learners of all ages.

What happens if it rains?

The retreat is scheduled for rain or shine. Camp will have a full schedule of engaging and exciting activities developed for each day in case of inclement weather.

Is there Wi-Fi in camp?

There is Wi-Fi in the *Moadon* (lounge), the office, and several locations around camp, including most non-bunk housing cabins.

Is it okay to bring food to camp?

There will be delicious meals served in the *chadar ochel* (dining room) and snacks available at different times during the day. If you need to bring food into your cabins, please ensure it is kosher. It is also important to keep food in sealed containers to prevent unwelcome "visitors." To protect the safety of all the guests and campers, Ramah Berkshires is a "nut-free" facility.

Please contact us to explore any dietary needs. Our professional food service team can accommodate nearly any dietary restrictions!

Are there medical personnel on the grounds?

The CRB Health Center (Marp) will not be operational during the retreat. However, there will be CPR/First Aid certified staff present at all times who can handle emergencies.

Additionally, there are hospitals and urgent care centers within driving distance of Camp.

Who do I contact if I have questions, concerns, or suggestions?

There will be several Ramah staff members at the retreat who will make sure you have a wonderful experience. If you need to contact us before the retreat, please email retreats@ramahberkshires.org.