



CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA

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A Journey for a Lifetime

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Dear Friends,

Shana Tova! Enclosed is exciting information on Camp Ramah's **Winter Specialty Camps** - 5 wonderful days for your children to experience the magic of Ramah while focusing on expanding their artistic, athletic or adventure abilities. For those of you new to Ramah, we invite you to begin your Ramah journey with Winter Camp. For those already part of the Ramah family, please consider extending the magic into the winter season.

During the winter and summer, Camp Ramah stimulates the imaginations and energy of around 1,400 children within the context of a committed Jewish environment. Our campers have fun and our parents know that their children are benefiting from the educational, safe, fun, social and spiritual opportunities only a Ramah experience can offer.

Based on the great success of Winter Camp 2007 we are proud to once again offer our Winter Specialty Camps. From December 24 - 28, Winter campers, grades 3 - 7, will focus on either Visual Arts, Sports or, new to this year's winter camp line-up, Outdoor Adventure. All workshops are led by knowledgeable and experienced instructors ready to take your camper's skills to the next level. All campers will also take part in other Ramah offerings - from Israeli dancing, swimming in our heated pools (with water slides!) and hiking on our trails to hanging out with new and old friends, laughing with trained Ramah staff and so much more. Our Winter Specialty Camps are sure to be an experience your child will never forget!

Sign up now and take advantage of the following 2008 Winter Camp incentives:

2008 Winter Camp Raffle!!

Be one of the first 25 campers to get a Winter Camp application in to our office and get your name entered into a drawing to enjoy Winter Camp...
AT NO COST!!

Winter/Summer Discount!!

Planning on enjoying both Winter and Summer Camp? Want to try Winter and then sign up for Summer? All campers who attend both Winter and Summer Camp will receive \$100 off of the cost of summer tuition!

Please take the time to fill out the enclosed application to ensure your child a space in this exciting encampment.

We hope to see your children at camp soon!

Erika Resnick
Winter Camp Director

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Executive Director

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SAVE \$100
off Summer '09 tuition
when you enroll in both
Winter & Summer camp!

Winter Specialty Camps

Wednesday, December 24 – Sunday, December 28, 2008

Visual Arts



Sports



Outdoor Adventure



Don't wait 'til next summer to come back to Ramah!

Join our new and improved Winter Specialty Camps for campers grades 3 – 7 and dive into a Ramah experience focused on outdoor adventure, sports or visual arts! Devoted Ramahniks and campers new to Ramah will develop and improve their specialty skills, enjoy fun camp activities, make friends and have a memorable winter break. On top of outdoor adventure, sports clinics or art workshops, winter campers will enjoy our heated pools and waterslides, Israeli dance, campfires, yummy food and more!

Win **FREE** Winter Camp Tuition!



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15600 Mulholland Drive • Suite 252 • Los Angeles, CA 90077

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**First 25 Winter Camp applicants will be entered in a raffle to win free Winter Camp tuition.*

Sports

Campers enrolling in the **sports track** will enjoy training in basketball, soccer and tennis with experienced coaches ready to take your game to the next level!

Basketball: Drills, shot clinic, position improvement, defense/offense strengthening

Tennis: Back and front hand strengthening, singles and doubles play, serve clinic

Soccer: Techniques in passing, dribbling, shooting, heading, defending and trapping soccer balls

Visual Arts

Campers enrolling in the **visual arts track** will work with art instructors to create masterpieces in a variety of media!

Paint: Acrylic, tempera and water color, portraits and still life

Sculpture: Working in our ceramics room, wheel and hand work with clay and glazes

Sketch: Charcoal and pencil, still life images



Outdoor Adventure

Campers enrolling in the **outdoor adventure track** will get to know the outdoors through a variety of challenging and memorable activities led by trained instructors.

Ropes Course: Navigate from the lower elements up to the higher, more challenging elements (climbing wall, cat walk)

Mountain Biking: Bike in and around some of Ojai's trails, learn skills such as changing a tire

Hiking: Explore trails around camp while learning basic survival skills



"Winter Camp was our son's first experience away from home and he had a super time! He loved the hikes, t'fillot, sports and food. Winter Camp was a great bargain and we look forward to sending him back to Ramah."

— RAMAH PARENT

Facility

Nestled in lovely Ojai, Ramah offers fresh mountain air in a peaceful setting. Campers sleep in bunks with private bathrooms, heating and air conditioning. They enjoy nutritious meals and snacks from our kosher kitchen and use our Olympic-sized pool, two waterslides, sports facilities, hiking trails and art studios. Camp Ramah in California is proud to be the first Jewish summer camp in the US with a solar energy system.

The Staff

Ramah staff members are experienced counselors who are positive Jewish role models for our campers and trained, gifted instructors in their area of focus. Counselors receive special training in child development and Jewish education, and bring their own talents to help create a fun and supportive experience.

Financial Assistance

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to experience Camp Ramah regardless of a family's financial situation. Scholarships and payment plans are available to help make this opportunity possible.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO
REQUEST AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CALL

888-Camp-Ramah
or visit www.ramah.org





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Winter Specialty Camps

December 24-28, 2008

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Application must be accompanied by a photograph approximately 1.5" x 1.5"

APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN - PLEASE PRINT

CAMPER INFORMATION

Name of Camper: Last, First, Hebrew				<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address:				Phone Number ()	
City	State	Zip	Camper Email		
Date of Birth Mo/Day/Yr	Name of School		Current Grade in School Fall 08		
Synagogue (Name, City)		Synagogue Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Did child attend Camp Ramah in California during the summer of 2008?			INDICATE CAMPER'S T-SHIRT SIZE: <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Size:		

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent 1: (Last, First) Mr. Dr. Rabbi		Parent 2: (Last, First) Mrs. Ms. Dr. Rabbi			
Child lives with: Both Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		Name of Legal Guardian:			
Parents are: Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>					
Address of Parent 1 (if different than camper information):		Business Phone: ()			
		Cell: ()			
Email Address:					
Address of Parent 2 (if different than camper information):		Business Phone: ()			
		Cell: ()			
Email Address:					

EMERGENCY

NAME OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OTHER THAN PARENT:		
Name:	Phone ()	Relationship to camper :

Winter Specialty Camps 2008 December 24 - 28 \$440 Indicate Specialty Camp (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Outdoor Adventure Camp</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sports Camp</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Visual Art Camp</i> Winter Specialty Camps are for campers currently enrolled in 3rd - 7th grade.	This application, together with <u>full</u> payment should be mailed to: Camp Ramah, 15600 Mulholland Drive, #252, Los Angeles, CA 90077. Faxed applications will <u>not</u> be accepted. Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Donation to Scholarship Fund Suggested amount (\$36) \$ _____ Donation to Ramah Fund Suggested amount (\$36) \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____ Visa/ MC Number: _____ Exp. _____ Name on Card: _____ Billing Address: _____	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Date Rec'd _____ Amt. Encl. _____ Check # _____ Accepted _____ Date _____
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EDUCATION

RAMAH PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE			
The educational philosophy of our program emphasizes the uniqueness of each camper. It is, therefore, important that we have specific information about each child which only you as a parent can provide. We want your child to have a wonderful time at camp. We ask that you answer the following questions as fully as possible.			
JEWISH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:	City:	<input type="checkbox"/> Day School <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrew School	Grade Level:
Name of Principal:		Hours per week of Jewish/Hebrew studies:	
If camper is not currently enrolled in a program of Jewish education, please attach an explanation of the specific circumstances. **Camp Ramah reserves the right not to accept a child who is not enrolled in a formal program of Jewish studies.** <i>(Please continue on reverse side)</i>			

RAMAH PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE (cont.)

FAMILY

How did you hear about Winter Camp? Parent is Ramah Alumnus Day School/ Hebrew School Educator A Ramah Family /Alumni
 Newspaper Ad Recruitment Event Synagogue/Rabbi Website My Child Other _____

Does your child have siblings? If yes, list name(s) and age(s): _____

Has your child been to camp before? If yes, list name of camp(s) and seasons/year(s): _____

Are there any special family situations that we should know about? If yes, please explain: _____

Has your child ever experienced any unusual psychological/physical trauma? If yes, please explain: _____

Has your child ever received psychological or psychiatric counseling or treatment? If yes, please explain: _____

Does your child have any physical or medical condition which will impact his/her program and activities at camp? If yes, please specify: _____

Please list food allergies: _____ Please list dietary restrictions: _____

Past illnesses of which we should be aware? If yes, list: _____

Does your child take medications? If yes, list: _____

PHYSICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL

GENERAL

Is there anything else we should know about your child that might help in making his/her stay at camp more pleasant? (Please DO NOT list bunk requests on this form) _____

PARENT'S AGREEMENT AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION *Please read carefully and sign below.*

1. As required, I am enclosing the full camp fee. I understand that all cancellations must be in writing and that the fee is refundable less the following administrative fees; \$44 before November 17, 2008; \$132 before December 3, 2008. There will be no tuition refunds after December 3, 2007. Any changes in enrollment will be subject to the above fees. I understand that **space in camp cannot be guaranteed until full payment is received.**
2. I understand that Camp Ramah is **not responsible** for my child's personal property. Camp Ramah will provide a list of needed items prior to the opening of camp. Camp Ramah strongly recommends that campers do not bring valuable items such as expensive cameras, musical instruments, jewelry, or fancy clothing to camp. You can purchase insurance either through a personal effects insurance policy or additions to your homeowner's policy to insure the camper's personal belongings.
3. I authorize the use of still or video photos and audio recordings of my child for Camp Ramah publicity purposes.
4. In case of medical emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director or designate to secure proper treatment for my child; which may mean hospitalizing, ordering injections, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above.
5. I understand that camp insurance does not serve in any instance as primary coverage for my child. In the absence of insurance, I will be responsible for all medical costs as billed.
6. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper whose physical condition, mental condition, behavior, personal conduct, or influence on other campers is deemed detrimental to the camp atmosphere. Should this occur, the deposit or unused camp fees will NOT be refunded.
7. I understand that part of the camping experience involves activities, group living arrangements and interactions that may be new to my child. These things come with certain risks and uncertainties beyond what my child may be used to dealing with at home. I am aware of these risks, and I am assuming them on behalf of my child. I realize that no environment is risk-free. I have instructed my child on the importance of abiding by the camp's rules. My child and I both agree that he/she is familiar with these rules and will obey them.
8. I certify that the information on this application is both true and accurate and that I have not left out any health or medical information that would help Ramah understand or work with my child.
9. I give permission for my child to participate in activities outside Camp Ramah's grounds as planned by the staff and as approved by Camp Raha

X _____
 SIGNATURE OF PARENT OF GUARDIAN

 DATE



CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA is a non-discriminatory educational institution. Rules for acceptance and participation in the camp program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

