

Subject: Kids at Camp over Ramah Intersession - Please Reply with Your Plans

Dear Second Session *Tzevet* (Staff) 2019,

Welcome! We are excited that you will be a part of our second session *tzevet* (staff)!

It is very important that you read and respond to this letter if you will have children at camp with you this summer.

First, we ask all of our adult staff-members to join us for an on-line kayitz 2019 orientation event, using ZOOM's video webinar app. We will run two events:

- Tuesday May 14th at 1:00 PM EDT – this call is primarily aimed at NEW staff-members
- Wednesday May 15th at 7:00 PM EDT – this call is primarily aimed at RETURNING staff-members

We ask that every adult staff-member to please join us for ONE of these two programs. (It's OK if you are a new staff-member who will join the second call, or a returning staff-member who will join the first call. Please [click here](#) to RSVP.

Here are the details for 2nd session staff arrivals from the attached "2019 Staff Travel Dates" document:

- Please arrive between **9-11 AM on Monday morning, July 22nd**.
- Staff who would like to arrive the night before (Sunday, July 21st) are welcome to do so. Please note that there will be no programming or formal welcome for staff-members until Monday at 11 AM. If you wish to arrive on Sunday July 21st, you must request permission by May 1st to do so (please contact Marggi at marggi@campramahne.org or 781-702-5290 x106). You must arrive in camp after 6 PM on Sunday, July 21st (so that we have time to clean and change-over the first-session staff rooms) and before 9 PM. (Please note that dinner will be served at approx. 6:30 PM that day.)

If you would like your camper(s) to join their *edah* (division) for the intersession trip and programming on July 22nd, we would be happy to arrange this, provided that you:

- Reply to this e-mail to let Marggi know, and
- You arrive at camp no later than 10:30 AM on the 22nd so that your camper(s) can join their *edah* before they leave camp for their trip that day.

Alternatively, your camper(s) may join their *edah* for dinner on the 22nd. There will be time for them to be welcomed after dinner and during *peulat erev* (the evening activity) that night.

If your camper(s) have never been to camp before, we believe that it is best for their first experience to be on opening day, July 23rd, with our full staff ready to greet them and welcome them to our exciting program. However, we understand that this is not possible for all families and, if you would like your camper(s) to join us for intersession programming as described above, we would be happy to welcome them to do so.

Please understand that some campers will not be able to move into their second-session *tzrif* (bunk) on the 22nd. If there are no full-summer campers in your child's *tzrif* (bunk) over intersession, then your child will be able to spend the night of July 22nd in another bunk with kids in their *edah* (division).

If you have Gan aged children, the same concerns apply. The second session full Gan experience starts on Tuesday, July 23rd. At that point, the full Gan staff will be ready to welcome your child to our wonderful program. We understand that many of you will have your Gan children with you on Monday. We will provide childcare that afternoon during your training. Please note that this will not be the full Gan program.

We ask that all staff parents e-mail our Registrar/Office Manager, Marggi, at marggi@campramahne.org, by Friday, May 1st to let her know your plans for your children during intersession.

If you would like to talk through your individual situation, please call Talya Kalender. She will be happy to help you figure out the best arrangement for your children. Talya can be reached by phone at 781-702-5290 x104 or email at talyak@campramahne.org.

Thank you for your help. *Kayitz* 2019 will be great and we are looking forward to creating the best possible summer experience for your children!

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