

Subject: Kids at Ramah during Staff Week? Please Reply With Your Plans ASAP

Shalom *Tzevet* (Staff) 2019!

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.

As detailed in the attached "2019 Staff Travel Dates" document, here's a quick review of when different categories of *tzevet* (staff) are expected to arrive during *shavua hachana* (staff week) 2019:

Agam/Sirot (Waterfront/Boating) staff:

- Training will begin on Wednesday, June 12th, so please arrive that morning by 10 AM.

Ropes/Adventure staff:

- This year's training course is tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, June 16th, so please plan to arrive that morning by 11 AM. **We will confirm the training dates/timing later in the year.**

Rashei Anaf and Yoetzot:

- Please arrive on **Wednesday, June 19th** – the first day of *shavuah hachanah* (staff week) -- between 11 AM-2 PM.

All other adult staff/staff not living in tzrifim (bunks):

- Please arrive on **Friday, June 21st between 11 AM-3 PM** so that you can join our community and share Shabbat with us. Please note that, other than a welcome/question and answer session that afternoon before Kabbalat Shabbat, formal staff training will not begin until Sunday morning, June 23rd.

We believe that it is best for your kids' first experience at camp to be on opening day, June 25th, with our full staff ready to greet them and welcome them to our exciting program, whether they are campers in *tzrifim* (bunks) or younger children in our gan program. Ideally, staff parents will make other arrangements for their children for these pre-camp training days, and then your kids will join you when camp begins on June 25th.

However, we understand that this is not possible for all families and, if you would like your camper(s) to be with you for some/all of the days that you will be in camp during *shavuah hachanah*, we would be happy to welcome them to do so. We will arrange childcare for your kids while you are in training. Your children will stay with you in your room, and there will be time for you to move their belongings into their *tzrifim* (bunks) on Monday afternoon June 24th, the afternoon before opening day, June 25th.

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 staff week.

If you would like to talk through your individual situation, please call Talya Kalender, she would be happy to help you figure out the best arrangement for your children. She 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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