



CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA

At the Max & Pauline Zimmer Conference Center

A Journey for a Lifetime

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Dear Parent:

We strive to ensure that all children can be given the opportunity to benefit from the Ramah experience, regardless of family financial circumstances. The enclosed information is designed to make the financial aid application process as efficient and equitable as possible for all camp families.

Because Camp Ramah has only a limited amount of financial aid resources to allocate each year, we encourage you **to apply to as many other funding sources as possible is critical**. Other sources of assistance may include:

- Your synagogue, Rabbi, sisterhood and/or men's club;
- Your child's religious school or day school;
- Local Federations, Bureau of Jewish Education; (all but Los Angeles)
- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, though your local synagogue USY;
- Local Jewish Free Loan Association;
- And of course, your own extended family.

Please remember that every funding source has its own qualification criteria and application deadlines. We suggest you contact all funding sources as soon as possible. Most sources due dates are in early spring, if not sooner.

To help Ramah allocate our funds wisely, and in a timely manner, we ask for your cooperation. Please answer all questions on the attached application and submit it to us **along with all required income tax documents. The application deadline is March 3, 2008. Incomplete applications and those lacking complete tax returns WILL NOT be considered.** Please submit only one application per family.

The sole criteria for receiving financial aid from Camp Ramah is family financial need. The information provided in this application, and your required income tax documents, will be kept strictly confidential. Please note Camp Ramah's special refund policy: tuition deposits may be refunded less a non-refundable, non-transferable processing fee of \$125 for campers requesting financial aid who do not to attend camp.

Please call me at 310-476-8571, ext. 4 if you have any questions regarding our financial aid application procedures.

Sincerely,

Dav Camras
Business Director

CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA
FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Completion

Complete the application **in its entirety**. Incomplete applications will not be processed. (Please print clearly and use blue or black ink). Make sure you print your email address and phone number clearly in case we need to contact you.

Due Date

Financial Aid Applications and all required income tax documents must be postmarked to the Ramah office by **March 3, 2008**. No incomplete applications will be considered! Late applications may be considered **provided** funds remain **following** distributions to those applicants whose applications were received by the due date.

Enrollment

A camp application for the summer of 2008 must be submitted and approved **before** this Financial Aid Application will be considered.

Required Supporting Documents

Include with your Financial Aid Application a copy of the following documents:

- A)** Completed **SIGNED** copy of your form 1040 tax return for 2006 **and** 2007 (including ALL supporting schedules, including schedule C if you are the sole owner of a business or K-1 if you are a principal in a professional corporation or partnership)
 - 1) If you do not file a Federal 1040, you must submit all sources of income for 2006 as appropriate – such as 2006 Official Summary Statement from Cal Works, Dept of Human Services, 2006 Food Stamp Allocation, Social Security, Workman’s Comp, V.A. Benefits, Housing Subsidy from City or State, Child/Spousal Support, Trust Income, Income from family or others, etc.
 - B)** All W-2 forms for 2006 **and** 2007 OR all 1099 forms for 2006 **and** 2007 if you are self employed.
 - C)** Other applicable tax returns and related K-1 forms if you are a principal in a professional corporation or a partnership
- (Please note that if questions arise, the Scholarship Committee may ask for additional documents or further details after reviewing your completed application.)

Signatures

Be sure that **both parents/guardians** have signed the form. **Unsigned applications will not be considered.** For single parent households, a signature from the primary parent or guardian is acceptable along with documentation attesting to independent financial responsibility.

No Past Due Balances

The committee will not consider a financial aid application if the family has a past due account from a previous summer.

Delivery of Application

We cannot be responsible for applications that may be lost in the mail. We recommend that you hand deliver the application to the Camp Ramah office or send it registered mail (return receipt requested) to ensure that it arrives in our office safely and on time. We strongly recommend that you keep a copy of your completed application. Applications can be addressed to:

Business Director - Confidential
Camp Ramah in California
15600 Mulholland Drive, #252
Los Angeles, CA 90077

Notification

You will be notified of the committee’s decisions in the beginning of May 2008.

Confidentiality

The information provided in this application will be kept strictly confidential.

Date Received _____
 Tax Forms _____
 Total Fees _____
 07 Ramah FA _____
 07 Other _____

2008 CAMP RAMAH FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

DUE MARCH 3, 2008

No application will be considered without
COMPLETE Income Tax documents.

Please Make a copy for your Records and mail the following tax documents by March 3, 2008

Tax Return 2007
 Tax Return 2006
 W-2 or 1099 forms 2007
 W-2 or 1099 forms 2006

I. YOUR FAMILY

Camper's Name(s):	Grade (Fall '08)	M/F	Session(s) (Check [✓] All That Apply)			
			Ses 1	Ses 2	Geshet (a/b/c/d/e)	Tikvah 1/2/E/E2
1.						
2.						
3.						

Has applicant or any member of your family attended Camp Ramah in California before? YES NO

List names and years: _____

Parents Are: Married Separated Divorced Single (never married) Widowed

Camper Lives With: Both Parents/ Guardians Mother/ Guardian 1 Father/ Guardian 2 Other

Parent/Guardian 1:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Employer _____
 Position _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Employer _____
 Position _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Self Employed Y N Years w/ Employer _____

If Unemployed, Date Unemployed _____

Gross Salary Before Unemployed _____

Former Profession _____

Self Employed Y N Years w/ Employer _____

If Unemployed, Date Unemployed _____

Gross Salary Before Unemployed _____

Former Profession _____

To what synagogue do you belong? _____ City: _____

Affiliation: Reform Conservative Orthodox Reconstructionist Unaffiliated Other

II. YOUR FINANCIAL AID REQUEST

How did you hear about this scholarship? Newspaper Ad Camp Friend Synagogue Other: _____

Have you received financial aid from **CAMP RAMAH** in the past? YES NO

From what other sources are you seeking financial aid for Ramah this summer? Please contact as many sources as possible.

Organization (Please list all sources)	Phone	Contact	Amount Expected

How do you plan to cover the cost of camp?

a. **Total Ramah Tuition** (total tuition charges for all children)

b. Family can afford (Scholarships are based on the expectation that families contribute)

c. Synagogue subsidy

d. All additional sources of funding

e. **Total lines b through d:**

Financial aid request from Camp Ramah? (subtract line e. from line a.)

a. \$
b. \$
c. \$
d. \$
e. \$
\$

III. FAMILY ASSET & LIABILITY INFORMATION

1. Statement of Total Cash (attach additional sheet, if needed)

Type of Account	Present Balance
A. Checking	\$
B. Savings/ CD's	\$
C. Trust Parent's/Family's <input type="checkbox"/> Child's <input type="checkbox"/>	\$
D. Total stocks, bonds & mutual funds	\$
D. Other	\$
Total	\$

2. Statement of Personal Residence and other Real Estate (attach additional sheet, if needed)

Type	Year Acquired	Original Cost	Current Value	Loan Balance	Monthly Payment
A. Personal Home (1 st)		\$	\$	\$	\$
B. Personal Home (2 nd Mortgage)		\$	\$	\$	\$
C. Second Home/Timeshare		\$	\$	\$	\$
D. Investment Property		\$	\$	\$	\$
Total				\$	\$

3. Statement of Retirement Funds (attach additional sheet, if needed)

Type	Original Value	Current Value
Total Pension Plan	\$	\$
Total IRA Account (401k, 403b...)	\$	\$

4. Statement of Automobiles, Trucks, and other Vehicles

Year	Own/ Lease	Make & Model	Original Cost	Current Value (Est.)	Loan Balance	Monthly Payment
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Total					\$	\$

5. Statement of Personal Loans/Credit Card Debts Medical and Other Liabilities (attach additional sheet, if needed)

Creditor's Name	Type of Obligation	Current Balance	Monthly Payment
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
Total		\$	\$

6. Statement of 2007 School Tuition (if applicable, entire family, attach additional sheet, if needed)

Child's Name	Relationship to applicant	School name	Grade Level	Full Tuition Amount	Room & Board (if not included)	Financial Aid	Parent(s) Monthly Payment
				\$	\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$	\$
Total				\$	\$	\$	\$

V. OTHER INFORMATION

If your annual expenses (IV.B) are greater than your annual income (IV.A), please explain how your family will make up the difference this year.

Do you see your financial circumstances changing in any way during the coming year? Please explain. If you are currently unemployed, please let us know when you plan to return to work. (Please continue on a separate page as necessary.)

Describe in detail the need or special circumstances that make your application necessary this year? Please provide us with any information that might help us evaluate your request. (Please continue on a separate page as necessary.)

I certify that the information provided herein is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of information provided in this application and attachments will terminate financial assistance retroactively, obligating me to repay Ramah the full dollar amount allocated to the family. I further agree, as a condition to receiving any financial aid, to inform Ramah of any changes in the family's financial situation that may occur during the next year.

**No application will be considered without
COMPLETE 2007 and 2006 Income Tax documents!**

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Print) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

(Two Signatures are required for two parent/guardian households)

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Print) _____

Please note: the application deadline is March 3, 2008 (for campers enrolled on or before March 3).

Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.

(Applications from late enrollees will be reviewed as space and funds permit.)