



2018 Financial Assistance Instruction Letter

We at Camp Ramah in Northern California are committed to working with you to make the Ramah experience affordable. We offer two types of financial assistance:

First Time Camper Grants

- ❖ Incentive grants are available to campers attending Jewish overnight summer camp for the first time, regardless of financial need. Any child for whom Camp Ramah is their first Jewish overnight camping experience may be eligible for a One Happy Camper grant of \$700 towards a two week camp tuition. Individual communities have additional first time camper grants such as the Sprouts incentive grants program for first time campers from the East Bay Federation.
- ❖ Once approved, these grants are applied directly against your tuition, reducing your balance due.
- ❖ The parameters of these grants are very specific, so please contact our Director, Rabbi Sarah Shulman, to discuss. Grants are limited and distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Need-Based Assistance (Tuition Scholarships)

- ❖ All need-based assistance requests are reviewed confidentially by the Camp Ramah in Northern California financial aid committee. Award funds are limited and awards are made on a first come, first served basis with the first round of applications being considered in October 2017. Please do not delay submitting your request due to not having filed your 2017 taxes. You may use 2016 returns and note in your request letter if your 2017 income or expenses will be different. The committee may ask for verification once 2017 forms are filed.
- ❖ To apply for need-based financial assistance, please submit a request letter explaining your situation, including a specific dollar amount of your scholarship request and that it is for Camp Ramah in Northern California. Please include a copy of the first two pages of your tax return and copies of schedules A, B, C & D, if applicable. In your request letter, please include how much you spend annually on travel and whether you are applying for additional assistance from other sources, including your local Jewish Federation or synagogue.

❖ Request letters and financial information should be emailed confidentially to scholarship@ramahnorcal.org. Note: If you send password-protected files you MUST also provide Nate the password, or else your application may be delayed or declined.

❖ Documents can also be sent to:
Nate Bankirer Camp Ramah in Northern California Business Manager
969-G Edgewater Blvd Ste. 804, Foster City, CA 94404

❖ While the committee tries to honor requests, it also strives to serve many families with the limited funds available. To apply for either the incentive grants or need based assistance, you must FIRST register your child at Camp Ramah in Northern California and pay the deposit. Families applying for need-based financial aid may pay a reduced deposit if needed. If, after registering and paying the deposit, you do not receive the assistance you requested, you may withdraw without ANY financial penalties any time within fourteen days of receiving your award information or until March 1, 2017 whichever is LATER. If you have any questions, please be in touch with our Director, Rabbi Sarah Shulman, directly at: sarah@ramahnorcal.org or 415- 688-4572.

❖ Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis up until June 1, 2018 or until all scholarship funds have been allocated. We recommend completing the scholarship application immediately after submitting your camper's application for the highest likelihood of receiving the award amount requested.

We look forward to welcoming your camper(s) to Camp Ramah in Northern California this summer.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Sarah Shulman
Camp Director
Camp Ramah in Northern California
A Summer of Possibilities Awaits...