
Countdown to Ramah Day Camp 2026: How does my child get to camp?

Welcome to the next email in our Countdown to Camp series as we share all the info you need to prepare for a successful summer. [Click here for previous Countdown to Camp emails](#). Remember, all forms are due on March 31 and can be found in your [CampMinder account](#)!



Shalom Ramah Day Camp Families,

You may be wondering, "How does my camper get to camp?" The majority of our campers ride the bus, but we also have parent pick up and drop off options. **Please read below for all the transportation information and be sure to complete your transportation form!**



Bus Options

Our campers love the camp bus rides! Counselors ride along with the campers and keep everyone busy with games and songs. The camp fun starts as soon as the campers step foot on the bus, and doesn't end until they're back home!



We offer both door-to-door bus service and centralized group bus stops based on your address. Bus schedules will be emailed the week before your child's session starts.

Door to Door Bus Service

Door-to-door transportation is provided for families that live within Ramah Day Camp's bus boundaries and are accessible by school bus. Boundaries include many of the northern Chicago suburbs and are subject to change. Campers will not be able to ride any bus other than their assigned bus.

Centralized Group Stops

- **Chicago**
 - Temple Shalom ([3480 N Lake Shore Dr](#))
 - DePaul College Prep ([3333 N Rockwell St](#))
- **Skokie/Evanston**
 - Ezra Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation ([4500 Dempster St](#))
- **Oak Park/River Forest** –
 - West Suburban Temple Har Zion ([1040 N Harlem Ave](#))



Parent Pick Up and Drop Off

Parents are welcome to drop off and pick up their children at Ramah Day Camp. If they normally ride a bus and you will be driving them instead, please let us know ahead of time.



Camper Drop Off & Pick Up Procedure (via Car)

- **Camper Drop Off (8:50–9:05am):**
 - Please park near the Ramah sign along the street. The north side of the lot is reserved for buses, so space is limited—feel free to circle the block if needed. A staff member will greet you at your car, help check in your camper, and walk them into camp.
- **Pick Up (3:45–4:00pm):**
 - To avoid bus traffic, please don't arrive before 3:45pm. Park by the Ramah sign along the street and check in with security—your camper will be brought to you by a staff member.
 - Need to pick up earlier? Please come before 2:45pm and let the camp office know by 12pm that day.



Transportation Form

The transportation form (as well as all the other forms in your account) are due **March 31**. Forms received after that date will incur a **\$100 fee per family**. Please make every effort to complete this form on time so we can plan the buses and transportation staff accordingly. Log in to the [Campanion app](#) or your [CampMinder account](#) to complete the form.



Playdate Transportation Policy

If you would like your camper to go home with another camper **who rides a different bus**, the campers will need to be picked up from camp as campers may only ride their assigned bus.

If parents want campers dropped off at a **different stop on their own route**, they may contact the Transportation Coordinator or call the camp office before 12:00pm the day of the change. Parents of both campers must contact camp to approve the change.



Bus Timing Notifications

We send text messages to keep you updated on bus arrival times. **In order to receive text messages, you must complete the text message opt in form in your [CampMinder account](#) or on the [Campanion app](#)**. If you have previously opted out, you must opt back in to receive texts. Please also confirm that your cell phone number is correct in your CampMinder account.



If you have any transportation questions, please reach out to our Transportation Coordinator at bus@ramahday.com.

[Our team](#) remains available and accessible to you. If you have any questions, concerns or topics you would like to discuss – we encourage you to [schedule a one-on-one conversation with Dina](#). Thank you for your continued partnership!

Shalom,



Dina Greenberg
Director



In Case You Missed It...

Click the links below for our previous Countdown to Camp emails.

- [How do I get ready for camp?](#)
- [How will my child stay healthy at camp?](#)
- [How do I share information about my camper?](#)
- [How can I visit camp this summer?](#)
- [All Countdown to Camp emails](#)



Additional Reminders and Save the Dates

Registration links coming soon!

<p>Sip and Schmooze Get to know Dina! Sign Up</p> <p>Sunday, March 29 Bean Bar, Northbrook 9:00 am - 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Countdown to Camp New Parent Orientation</p> <p>Thursday, April 30 Zoom 7:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Meet & Greet & Treats at Ramah Day Camp</p> <p>Sunday, May 31 9:30 - 11:00 am Open to pre-K-2nd grade families. Spend a morning at the day camp and meet new friends!</p>
<p>Kikar Kickoff Camper-Parent Orientation at Ramah Day Camp</p> <p>Sunday, June 14 10:00-12:00 pm All Campers and Families</p>	<p>Open Swim Day at Ramah Day Camp</p> <p>Sunday, June 28 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Open to campers, families, grandparents, friends and more!</p>	<p>Family Fun Day at Ramah Day Camp</p> <p>Sunday, July 26 12:00-3:00 pm Open to campers, families, grandparents, friends and more!</p>
<p>ALL FORMS DUE MARCH 31!</p> <p>Log in to your CampMinder account or download the Campanion App to complete forms.</p> <p><small>*Note: The Friendship Request Form and the Camper B'rit will be available next month and we will let you know when they are enabled in your account.</small></p>		<p>Download the Campanion App</p> <p>Use your regular CampMinder credentials to log in. You'll be able to complete all your forms right in the app!</p>



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