

**In an independent survey following the 2007 season, Ramah parents were asked,**

**What was your most important reason for choosing Camp Ramah in Wisconsin for your child?**

“My child had a great time last summer and made good friends he was eager to see again. The quality of the staff is superb. There is an overall positive environment, making being Jewish fun & meaningful.”

“My daughter needs the getaway and Ramah has proven to be a safe, wonderful place for her. She has grown each year away from home and we attribute that growth to what Ramah gives her in many areas...”

“Ramah is an opportunity for my children to be surrounded by mentors who provide them with the finest examples of how to integrate Judaism with living. It is fun, but educational at the same time.”

“He had a wonderful experience last year - his first year. He thrived and enjoyed the Jewish experience very much! I wanted him to be with other Jewish kids his age and forge the pre-college relationships and solid Jewish identity that will help guide him in his adult life and Ramah does an excellent job of providing a large part of that foundation that comes from outside the home and being part of a community. Well done!”

“It was great for my child to be in an extended community with an observant Jewish environment, excellent staff and programs along with opportunities to develop meaningful, lifelong friendships”

“Camp Ramah in Wisconsin provides a wonderful Jewish atmosphere for my children. The strong sense of community coupled with the Jewish values Ramah provides make this the only choice for my children.”

“How many reasons would you like?! Mostly, I think, it was my own experiences at Ramah that made me want my children to have the same (but their own) wonderful experiences. Ramah taught me that I could be proud of being a Jew, and the friends that I still have to this day is a testament to the warmth and strength that was gained so many years ago. My sons now tell me they "get it" - the magical feelings, the spiritual connections. And, the best part is they've made it their Ramah, too! “

“She is clearly very happy there. I appreciate the commitment to Jewish values, education and feeling that my daughter thinks its "cool" to be Jewish. It is safe. She feels spiritual at camp.”

“She loved it her first year, made wonderful friends, and we want her to be immersed in the kind of serious Jewish life we live at home, but which is not common in our community.”

**Parents were also asked, "What is Camp Ramah in Wisconsin's major strength?"**

"Ramah is a safe place for our son to gain independence, make new friends, and connect with his Jewish identity."

"For my daughter, Ramah has two major strengths. The first is that it allows her to absorb in both conscious and unconscious ways, prayer, song, culture and the all-around essence of Judaism without ever being overbearing or obvious. The second strength of Ramah for my daughter as well as my son is that Ramah is a wonderfully safe environment at which they can learn to test and perfect their wings. Lastly, Ramah's exemplary ability to create a climate of community across age-groups is just stunning."

"It's not only the Jewish curriculum and experience, but it's also the "safe place" that is emphasized and teaches the kids tolerance and courage to figure out who they are. I also love the Tikvah element! I believe Ramah Wisconsin is a very special place and I feel so blessed that my son has that to look forward to each year. He found and chose Ramah and I really believe that it was a force greater than himself that led him to that decision."

"Kids can be interested in Hebrew, Judaism and drama and music and basketball. They have a well rounded experience while having so much fun."

"Ramah's major strength is in what it teaches by example--Judaism, kindness, community, values and fun. Camper-camper relationships along with camper-counselor relationships are also a critical integral part of this experience."

"The counselors and staff. The activities and the smoothness of how well this camp is run."

"The major strength of Ramah is the connections my child makes with Jewish kids his age from all over the Midwest. These kids have a bond that is really quite incredible."

"Very high quality staff that is very well supervised; an experienced "tried and true" formula with good combination of activity, friendship and learning."

"The strong sense of community is wonderful and they make each camper feel as if they belong."

"Sense of caring for each and every child."

"It improves every year. Every aspect of the program is evaluated and refined. The camp has superb lay and professional leadership."