

Ramp it Up! with Yachad 2008

Ramp it Up! with Yachad

is a summer program for high school students.* Students spend the week building an accessibility ramp for a lower-income homeowner with disabilities. Work is done under the supervision of a professional carpenter and counselor. Using team work, 4x4s and power tools, students develop leadership skills, learn about issues of poverty, civil rights and Jewish values of *tikkun olam*—repairing the world.

Choose a session or two! Each work day is from 9-4*

Session I

June 16-20

Suitland, MD, 20746

A mother of three and longtime Washington-area resident, once incredibly social and active, is only able to leave her home with assistance. With a new ramp she will be able to go grocery shopping, visit with friends, attend church, enjoy the outdoors and become independent again.

Session II

June 16-20

Forestville, MD 20747

A 20 year-old woman with cerebral palsy has needed an access ramp for a long time. The struggle of lifting the wheelchair over stairs to get her to school, doctor's visits and family gatherings has taken its toll on her mother, her primary caregiver. A ramp will be life changing for the whole family.

Session III

June 23-27

Alexandria, VA 22306

A young Latin American immigrant was victim to a random act of violence only a year after arriving in America. A gunshot wound to his spinal cord paralyzed him and the aggressor was never found. Now, living with limited English skills, he has particular difficulty advocating for himself. A determined student, he struggles to leave his house to get to and from English class. A ramp will give him a fresh start and help him obtain independence.

*Student must have completed freshman year to participate.

**Time may vary.

-All locations are near the Beltway, and reasonably close to a Metro stop.

-Carpooling and rides to and from the Metro can be arranged.

-\$350.00 per session. Funds will be requested only after paperwork is submitted.

**Ramp it Up! with Yachad
Participant Application 2008**

Application Deadline: May 16, 2008

Send in as soon as possible.

General Information

Name: _____ male female

Date of Birth: _____

Entering what year in school?: _____

School: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian:

Parent or Guardian Email: _____

Parent or Guardian Cell/Work: _____/_____

Synagogue membership (if applicable): _____

How will you be getting to the site? (circle one)

Driving myself Getting a ride from _____

Metro Carpool

Other _____

Would you want to set up a carpool system if possible? _____

How did you hear about Ramp it Up?

Please check the session/s that you would like to register for. If there is more than one that you are available for, please circle your first choice.

- Session I: *June 16-20*, Suitland, MD, 20746
- Session II: *June 16-20*, Forestville, MD 20747
- Session II: *June 23-27*, Alexandria, VA 22306

Essays

Ramp it Up is not only physically challenging but is emotionally challenging as well. The program requires all participants have a great deal of patience and a high level of maturity and enthusiasm. Please describe in **300 words** or less how you know you are ready for this program. You may want to cite past experiences.

Please describe in **200 words** or less what you hope to get out of this experience.

Past Experiences

Please list your experiences in both leadership positions and/or sports teams/teams of any sort. You may include an attached CV or use the lines below.

Activity	Position	Organization	Dates
Varsity Soccer	Captain	My High School	'05-'08

References

Please give us the name and phone numbers of two references-none may be related. One must be business/education/sports team/community service related.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

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Relationship: _____

Participant Agreement

Due to the time constraints and seriousness of being on a construction site surrounded by power tools and potential hazards, we require that all participants read and sign the following agreement. If any terms are broken, Yachad reserves the right to dismiss any participant from the program with no refund or guarantee of SSL hours.

- I will attend each of the five days, for the entire day, unless pre-approved by my counselor.
- I will comply with all safety rules and instructions.
- I will follow all instructions of the carpenters and counselors at all times on site.
- I will participate in the educational opportunities and discussions.
- I will cooperate and act as part of a team to the best of my ability.

Applicant's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

YACHAD, Inc.

Parental Permission
(18 and under)

In consideration of the opportunity afforded my child (name of child)_____to participate on a voluntary basis in the Yachad "Ramp it Up!" program, and in light of the aims and purposes of the community service provided by Yachad, Inc. in organizing this project, I (we) give my (our) permission for my (our) child to participate in the project, and I (we), on behalf of my (our) child and myself (ourselves), waive any right or cause of action arising as a result of my (our) child's participation in said project from which any liability may or could accrue against Yachad, Inc. and its officers and directors collectively or individually. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I (we) on behalf of my (our) child and myself (ourselves), agree that this waiver shall include any rights or causes of action resulting from personal injury to my (our) child or damage to my (our) child's property sustained in connection with my (our) child's activities from the project. By signing this form I warrant that I am authorized to give this permission.

Signed this ____ day of _____ 2008

Parent or legal guardian

Parent or legal guardian

Consent and Release

I (we) hereby consent to the non-profit use of my child (name of child) _____'s likeness by Yachad and its assigns, including but not limited to the use of his/her likeness on Yachad's website and in Yachad's promotional and press materials, with or without use of his/her name.

Signed this ____ day of _____ 2008

Parent or legal guardian

Parent or legal guardian

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Participant's name: _____

Participant's doctor:

 Name _____

 Phone number _____

Phone where parent can be reached during the program: _____

Additional emergency contacts:

Name _____ Phone _____

 Relationship to participant _____

Name _____ Phone _____

 Relationship to participant _____

Medical information:

Is your child taking any medication(s) that we should be aware of?

Does your child have any allergies?

Does your child have any medical conditions that we should be aware of?

Who is your health insurance carrier? _____

Group and/or Policy Number: _____

Parental Permission and Release:

I hereby give permission for my child _____ to attend the Ramp it Up! program. In case of an accident or any medical emergency, and if I, my spouse or emergency contacts cannot be located, I authorize the staff to take appropriate action as it, in its sole discretion, deems necessary.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____