



BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy
Seeds of Innovation Rabbinic Intern
POSITION DESCRIPTION

THE PROGRAM

BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy guides Jewish young adults (18-26) on therapeutic expeditions. BaMidbar's program utilizes the wilderness environment as a vehicle to promote therapeutic growth of students, in a process that is individualized for each student, and is guided and directed by a licensed mental health professional. BaMidbar's clinical intervention and wilderness experience are provided through a Jewish framework. At BaMidbar, we welcome students of diverse Jewish backgrounds and practices. Our goal is to meet students where they are, and offer Jewish practice, narrative, and community as a resource for mental wellness. BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy is a program of the non-profit Ramah in the Rockies.

Position Type: Part time

Start Date: October, 2018

Reports To: Director

Schedule: Average 1 Shabbat / month + 20 additional hours per month

Location: One Shabbat at the Ramah in the Rockies' ranch per month, plus 20 additional hours per month from a remote location

POSITION PURPOSE: The Seeds of Innovation Rabbinic Intern will work with BaMidbar staff to compile programming resources into a comprehensive curriculum guide. In addition the Rabbinic Intern will spend 8-12 Shabbatot at the Ramah in the Rockies ranch, working with program staff on the ground, delivering limmudim, and, in coordination with the Jewish Life and Learning Coordinator, supporting Jewish life within the program.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Curriculum Compilation:

- Work with program staff to compile weekly "Living Torah," Shabbat limmudim and holiday programming into a comprehensive curriculum guide
- Work with program staff to develop guidelines and compile resources for daily "Shmirat ha Nefesh" practice (BaMidbar's non-traditional weekday spiritual practice)

Jewish Learning

- Collaborate with BaMidbar's Jewish Life and Learning Coordinator, clinical team and program team on integrating Jewish practice, ritual, and tradition into educational and therapeutic content
- Support field staff in integrating Jewish metaphor, storytelling, learning, and tradition into daily wilderness living
- Facilitate individual and group Jewish learning opportunities
- Help staff diversify daily tefillot options



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PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge/Education

- Current rabbinical school student
- Comfort leading Jewish prayer in a traditional, egalitarian setting
- Enthusiasm for Jewish music and the role music can play in creating community and spiritual connection
- A strong knowledge base of Jewish content and an ability to apply Jewish learning to therapeutic, outdoor, and experiential settings
- Experience with curriculum development

Behavioral Competencies

- Understanding and acceptance of diverse attitudes toward Judaism and Jewish engagement, and an ability to meet clients wherever they are in their individual Jewish journeys
- A commitment to an inclusive and vibrant Jewish community
- Engenders respect and is well equipped to empower and inspire others toward personal growth and development
- Entrepreneurial attitude and independent thinking
- Flexibility, adaptability and capacity to work in a fluid and changing work environment
- An open, inclusive, team-oriented work style and ability to collaborate

Other Considerations:

- The essential functions of this position require outdoor work in all weather conditions, including work in sub-zero temperatures.
- A pre-employment background check will be required, including fingerprinting and FBI background check
- Applicants must have a valid driver's license, with an insurable driving record

COMPENSATION

- **Salary:** \$800 per Shabbat (Friday - Sunday including travel time) with the program, plus \$400/month for remote work. Additionally, BaMidbar will reimburse reasonable travel costs including flight and transportation to /from DIA.

LOCATION

BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy is based at Ramah in the Rockies, a 360-acre ranch nestled in the pristine Pike and San Isabel National Forests. Ramah in the Rockies is 90 minutes from Denver, at an elevation of 8,000 feet. At BaMidbar, students spend four days per week on expeditions, exploring the public lands of Colorado. They will spend the remaining three days at our basecamp in the Rocky Mountains, visiting with therapists and celebrating Shabbat as a community.

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to joryh@bamidbartherapy.org. The subject line of the email should read *Rabbinic Intern Application*. Please be prepared to provide copies of all relevant certifications and licenses.