Dining Plan Selection Information

The following information has been compiled to assist students in selecting a Dining Plan that is best for them. Questions regarding any of this information can be directed to the Dining Services Office at 201-684-7773.

Students assigned to Pine, Linden, Mackin, Bischoff, Laurel, and Overlook Halls are required to select and purchase a Dining Plan for each semester of the academic year. Students assigned to the apartments on campus may also choose a Dining Plan, however, it is not required. Below is a glossary of commonly used terms that may assist students in making their selection.

Glossary of Terms

**Flex Dollars:** These are dollars attached to all Dining Plans which may be used to purchase meals over the allotted number of meals for each week, for student catering, guest meals, or for use in any of the retail operations on campus. These dollars are similar to a debit banking account, with the assigned amount of dollars being available at the beginning of each semester and debited as they are used throughout the semester. These dollars must be used by the end of each semester, or they will be forfeited.

**Late Night Dining:** In addition to the traditional breakfast, lunch and dinner served, Ramapo College offers a late night dining program from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week. All meal plans may use a meal as an option during this time frame.

**Meal:** This represents each time a student enters the student restaurant for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The student may enter the facility only once during each meal period, with the exception of the Ultimate plan, which offers unlimited usage. Any additional meals over and above the number stated in the selected Dining Plan will require payment with Flex, Ramapo Dollars or cash.

**Ramapo Dollars:** These are essentially the same as flex dollars, with the difference that they may be purchased separately, without purchasing a Dining Plan and carry over from semester to semester. This plan may be added to at any time throughout the semester and unlike flex dollars, does carry over from the fall to the spring semester. These funds
may be used throughout the student’s college career at Ramapo. Ramapo Dollars are not refundable for any reason. Ramapo Dollars may be purchased at the Ramapo Dining Office, or online at ramapodollars@ramapo.edu from your Ramapo email address. Purchases made in Dining Services may be paid by cash or check only.

**Retail Operation:** This refers to facilities which are not specifically geared towards meal plans. The retail operations on campus are the Curtain Call Café, located in the Berrie Center, the Atrium, located in the Scott Student Center, and the Roadrunner Express Convenience Store, located in the Trustees Pavilion. All three facilities accept cash, Flex and Ramapo Dollars.

**Student Restaurant:** The student restaurants are the facilities that offer all you care to eat dining for students on dining plans, as well as visitors who wish to pay a flat rate at the door. The student restaurants are located in the Trustees Pavilion (“Pavilion Dining”) and the Scott Student Center (“Birch Tree Inn”).

**Week:** The week begins on Saturday and ends on Friday. There are four meals served Monday through Friday: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late night dining. There are three meals served on Saturday and Sunday: brunch, dinner and late night dining. Meal allotment is reallocated on Saturday for brunch. There are approximately 16 weeks in each semester.

**Dining Plan Options**

**THE ULTIMATE –**

This plan offers students the “ultimate” in flexibility and access. Students on the Ultimate plan have the option of accessing the student restaurants as many times as they would like during the course of the day. A coffee and a bagel on the way to class or a sit down dinner, this option provides it all. The student with this plan has unlimited access to the Birch Tree Inn or the Pavilion for any of the meals served over the course of the week, including late night dining. In addition to the unlimited usage in the student restaurants, the plan includes $50 flex per semester, which can be used for student catering, guest meals in the student restaurants or in any of the retail outlets. Ultimate meal plan options do not include a take out option.
THE SUPER 14 –
For the student who may not make it to breakfast every morning or has a less predictable schedule, the Super 14 offers a little less structure. The student on this plan has a total of any 14 meals a week in the Birch Tree Inn or the Pavilion. This plan includes $100 flex per semester, which can be used for additional meals in the student restaurants, late night dining, student catering, guest meals in the student restaurants or in any of the retail outlets.

THE TASTY 10 –
The Tasty 10 is for the student on the go. It offers any 10 meals per week at the Birch Tree Inn or the Pavilion, including late night dining. This plan includes $100 flex per semester, which can be used for additional meals in the student restaurants, student catering, guest meals in the student restaurants or in any of the retail outlets.

THE SENSIBLE 6 –
The student who desires the most in flexibility, who may not take the time to sit down for many leisurely meals during the course of the week, may find the Sensible 6 to be the plan of choice. This plan offers any 6 meals per week at the Birch Tree Inn or the Pavilion, including late night dining. It includes $450 flex per semester which can be used for additional meals in the student restaurants, student catering, guest meals in the student restaurants or in any of the retail outlets.

THE LAUREL PLAN –
This plan offers $400 flex per semester which can be used for meals in the student restaurants, late night dining, student catering, guest meals in the student restaurants or in any of the retail outlets. This meal plan is only available to those residents who reside in Laurel Hall.
Dining Facilities

Following is a list of the dining facilities on campus. Hours vary by location and time of year. Customers can call Dining Services at extension 7773, log on to the Ramapo College website or see signage at each location for specific hours of operation.

The Birch Tree Inn

The Birch Tree Inn is an all you care to eat Student Restaurant located in the Scott Student Center. This operation caters primarily to the resident student with a Dining Plan, although cash and Ramapo Dollars are also accepted as methods of payment. The menu includes a variety of daily choices designed to suit the needs and tastes of students.

Convenience Store

The Convenience Store is located in the Trustees Pavilion. The regular inventory includes snacks, beverages, frozen foods, canned food, basic toiletries, laundry supplies and limited household items. This operation accepts cash, Flex and Ramapo Dollars as methods of payment.

Curtain Call Café

The Curtain Call Café is a “We Proudly Brew” Starbucks located in the Berrie Center, serving a limited menu of bakery items, snacks, “Simply to Go” pre-made sandwiches and salads and a selection of specialty coffee and beverages not found elsewhere on campus. This operation accepts cash, Flex and Ramapo Dollars as methods of payment.

Pavilion

The Pavilion is an all you care to eat Student Restaurant located near Mackin and Bischoff Halls. This operation also caters primarily to the resident student with a Dining Plan, although cash and Ramapo Dollars are also accepted as methods of payment. The menu includes a variety of daily choices designed to suit the needs and tastes of students.
The Atrium

The Atrium is a retail operation located in the Scott Student Center, featuring grilled items, pizza, hot and cold subs, soup and salad and a wide variety of “Simply to Go” premade sandwiches and salads. This operation accepts cash, Flex and Ramapo Dollars as methods of payment. This location is primarily a quick service and convenience item venue.

General Information

Changing Dining Plans

Students may change their Dining Plan up until the 100% refund date, as published in the academic calendar in the Schedule of Classes. To Change a plan, students should send an email request from their Ramapo email account to mealplan@ramapo.edu prior to the start of the semester. Changes requested after the beginning of the semester must be done at posted “in person” meal plan change dates.

Dining Rules and Regulations

Students must present a valid college I.D. card in order to use their Dining Plan or Ramapo Dollars. Dining Plans are non-transferable and may not be used by anyone other than the owner of the I.D. Students are entitled to unlimited service while in the Student Restaurants, however, food, trays or service ware may not be removed from the dining area.

As a common courtesy to other users, students are asked to place their food, dishes, trays, utensils, etc., in the provided receptacles when leaving the dining facility. These rules apply to all outside seating areas as well.

Meals/College Park Apartments and The Village

Students in the apartments may shop at the local grocery stores and cook their own meals in the kitchen facilities provided in their apartment. Although it is not mandatory for apartment residents to purchase a Dining Plan, it is encouraged. Apartment residents may sign up for a Dining Plan in the Office of Residence Life in C-213 or purchase Ramapo Dollars directly from Dining Services.
Late Night Dining

Late Night Dining allows students to enjoy snacks such as pizza, grill items, lighter fare, ice cream, sandwiches, fruit and assorted beverages at the Birch Tree Inn from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week. Students may access “late night” as part of their Dining Plan or with Flex, Ramapo Dollars or cash.

Boxed Meals

Students who are ill or disabled and cannot get to one of the dining facilities can also make arrangements for a boxed meal by calling Dining Services at the number listed above. In such cases, a friend or roommate can pick up the meal for them, using the student’s I.D. along with a note of explanation. Advance notice of such a need is appreciated and will better ensure prompt service.

Special Diets

Dining Services can accommodate most special diets. Vegetarian and Vegan interests are kept in mind as menus are developed. There is a specific process for making special requests for medical, religious, cultural or other reasons. Students with such requests should inquire at the Dining Services Office, located across from the Atrium dining room.