*A voluntary fellowship within the Anabaptist tradition of*

*camps, retreat centers, camp associations, and individuals.*

**PURPOSE**

 Since 1960, Mennonite Camping Association has been a clearinghouse for directing and promoting Christian camping among Mennonite conferences and congregations throughout Canada and the United States.

 MCA continues to strengthen an outdoor ministry whose beginnings among Anabaptists in North America date back

to the 1920s.

 Membership in MCA provides a united voice for addressing camping concerns to church agencies, and in turn, gives church agencies a channel for relating to the retreat and camping ministry.

 Supplementing local congregational nurture, Christian camps and retreat centers band together through MCA to promote quality spiritual experience in outdoor ministry.

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

 Listing on the MCA web site

 [**www.**](http://www/)**mennonitecamping.org** includes brief description of your camp/retreat ministry with a link to your web site.

 Shared promotion of member camps at church wide gatherings (booths at national youth and adult conventions, advertisements in Mennonite publications, etc.)

 Receive a registration discount for the MCA Bi-national Conventions & Regional gatherings.

 Receive a discount on meals and lodging for the Values-based Leadership program at Laurelville.

 Submit to and receive monthly issues of the MCA newsletter, *Natural Links,* the voice of the association. Articles include: features on sister camps, resources on various aspects of the camp/retreat ministry, calendar of events, job openings and more.

 Participate in an influential fellowship which works toward goals you share and feel deeply about.

**MCA CONTACT INFORMATION**

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by the Mennonite faith family including:

 Mennonite Church Canada

 Mennonite Church USA

**MCA WELCOMES YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

If MCA and Christian camping have touched your life in a special way and you want to see the ministry of camping remain strong and vibrant, we encourage you to consider giving to MCA. For individuals or camps who want a tax-deductible receipt for their donations:

**Canada** – We encourage Canadian donors to make donations directly to a specific Canadian Mennonite camp. Mennonite Camping Association can no longer accept donations through Mennonite Church Canada.

**United States** - Make check payable to **Mennonite Church USA**, designated for Mennonite Camping

Association.

Send to: Mennonite Church USA

 *Attn: Mennonite Camping Association*

 3145 Benham Ave., Suite 1

 Elkhart IN 46517

*Deadline: Please respond by* ***February 28, 2019***

*to continue to receive membership benefits.*

Check all that apply.

 **Camp/Retreat Membership** (complete individual information below)

Name of Member Organization: Mailing Address:

General Email: Executive Director:

Phone: Email:

**Check One Annual Fee Operating Budget Memberships Included**

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|  | United States and Canada |
|  | $100 US/Canadian | under $50,000 |
|  | $175 US/Canadian | $50,000-$100,000 |
|  | $225 US/Canadian | $100,000-$500,000 |
|  | $300 US/Canadian | $500,000-$750,000. |
|  | $350 US/Canadian | over $750,000 |

Membership is extended to all staff and board members.

 **Individual Membership(s)** additional organizational or interested individuals

(complete individual information below)

$15 US/Canadian Individual

$12 US/Canadian College and Seminary Students

 **Institutional Membership -** $100.00 US (colleges, seminaries, businesses, etc.)

Name of Institution/Individual: Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone:

***Please note:***Natural Links, the MCA e-newsletter, will be mailed to the executive director and general camp email at the email addresses given. The executive director is encouraged to disperse each issue to board and staff.

***Please note:***Membership checks should be payable to Mennonite Camping Association. Donations should be payable to Mennonite Church USA and designated for Mennonite Camping Association.

Organizational Fee $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

Individual Fees $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

Institutional Fees $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

Donation Enclosed $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

(USA donations to MCA should be payable to Mennonite Church USA; Canadian donations should be sent directly to camps.)

Total Enclosed $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

\*Fees accepted in either US or Canadian dollars.

1 Please make a copy for your records.

2 Mail with check to cover membership fees\*

 payable to:

Mennonite Camping Association

Olivia Bartel, Member Relations Coordinator

*c/o* Camp Mennoscah

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