

Natural Links

JOB OPENINGS

Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT, seeks a Program/Camp Director. Salary, health care, housing, ongoing training, and a fun (and challenging) job all included. The Camp Director is head of operations and program. If interested, you can begin the application process here: <https://www.bethanybirches.org/pd/>

SCHEDULE

Bi-National Conference

Monday, March 23

- 3-5:00 Registration
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Welcome/Worship
- 7:45 Icebreakers & Activities
- 9:00 Fellowship, Open Gym

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:15 Worship/Keynote I
- 11:00 Peer Groups
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Camp Tour
- 2:00 Workshops
- 3:30 Free Time Options
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Worship/Keynote II
- 9:00 Campfire, Open Gym

Wednesday, March 25

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 MCA Business Meeting
- 10:30 Worship/Keynote III
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Workshops
- 2:30 Dove's Nest
- 3:30 Free Time
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Worship/Keynote IV
- 9:00 Fellowship, Open Gym

Thursday, March 26

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Farewell

**Additional conference information will be available very soon!

2020 MCA BI-NATIONAL at SPRUCE LAKE

Celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Camping

The conference will include opportunities for professional and personal growth, as well as time to nurture relationships among your team members while relaxing in the Pocono Mountains. Come and learn, play and fellowship together as we celebrate sharing the good news of Jesus for 100 years.

March 23-26, 2020

at Spruce Lake in Canadensis, Pennsylvania

Travel Subsidy & Info

We want as many member individuals and camps as possible to have the opportunity to participate in MCA events. We believe this experience is a valuable time of building relationships within the Mennonite camping community and have designated a travel subsidy for those who must travel a greater distance to attend MCA gatherings. Camps are encouraged to apply for the MCA travel subsidy if they need help to attend.

Details about the subsidy can be found on the MCA website www.mennonitecamping.org on the Member Benefits page. Camps can apply for a subsidy by contacting Olivia Bartel, olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Nearby airports: Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), 1 hour away; Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport (AVP), 1 hour away; Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), 2 hours away. All times approximate.

Special Presentation

Wednesday, March 25 at 2:30pm

Healthy boundaries and prevention steps at camp

by Anna Groff, Executive Director, Dove's Nest

Dove's Nest began as a grassroots movement among concerned Mennonites at the 2009 Mennonite Church USA Convention. This group consisted of volunteers that included pastors, social workers, therapists, and other professionals concerned about the issue of child and youth protection in Mennonite churches.

Dove's Nest's mission is to empower and equip faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities. Goals include educating faith communities about child abuse and neglect; providing faith communities with worship, education, and outreach resources on how to keep children safe; empowering and equipping faith communities to protect children and youth within their own congregations; and empowering and equipping faith communities to protect children and youth within the wider community.

With a generous grant from the Schowalter Foundation, Dove's Nest has been able to further their work, which includes a joint project with Mennonite Camping Association to bring camp-minded child-safety resources to MCA member camps.



SAVE THE DATE

MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION BI-NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 23-26, 2020

Spruce Lake Canadensis, Pennsylvania



Celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Camping

Every MCA camp has its own beginning story, its own founders, its own special location, however one thing remains the same for everyone: each camp was created as a safe place for guests, especially children, to learn about the good news of Jesus.

Come to the MCA 2020 Bi-National Conference as we celebrate our common vision of the last 100 years.

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Information on workshops and speakers will be available shortly.
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