

# Natural Links

## JOB OPENINGS

## MCA NEWS

Goshen College, Goshen, IN, is seeking to fill the position of Executive Director for its **Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center**, located in Wolf Lake Indiana. Position available beginning July 1, 2019, and will remain open until filled. Visit [www.goshen.edu/employment/](http://www.goshen.edu/employment/) for more information and application procedures. For further information about Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center visit [www.goshen.edu/merrylea/](http://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/).

**Tel Hai Camp & Retreat, Honey Brook, PA**, is seeking to fill the position of Facilities Service Assistant. Tasks include but are not limited to assisting in all routine repairs and maintenance; construction projects; grounds work; setting up for guest groups; plan and coordinate volunteer maintenance groups. Skills in wifi networking, video and sounds systems a plus. Visit [www.telhaicamp.org](http://www.telhaicamp.org) for more information.

## TRANSITIONS

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mount Pleasant, PA, would like to welcome their new Program Director, Kimmie Stradling. Kimmie comes to Laurelville all the way from California with experience in youth ministry, camping, and hospitality. You think Cali is far away? Nah, her last job was in Australia! When you say hello, ask her how she likes being a twin. Welcome, Kimmie!



**FALL RECRUITING UPDATE** by Olivia Bartel, Camp Mennoscah  
On February 12, program and camp directors from MCA camps met online to see how everyone was doing. One topic discussed was whether moving recruiting to fall has helped. The general consensus was having Camp Days in November was an improvement over recruiting in February. Program directors reported being further along in the recruiting and hiring process than in previous years at this time, though many indicated that more staff was still needed. A few camps planned to recruit more at their local colleges and universities. It was also noted that the change in when recruiting happened significantly altered the intensity of the pre-camp schedule for some. A big thanks to Jenelle Roynon at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for organizing the video call!

### MENNONITE CHURCH USA: MENNOCON'19

Bring your tee shirts for the Mennonite Church USA 2019 (MennoCon) convention to your regional gathering! Every MCA member camp from all states and countries are heartily invited to bring 1-2 tee shirts to the regional gatherings. These tee shirts will be collected and sent to Olivia at Camp Mennoscah who will be representing MCA at the convention in Kansas City in July. The shirts will be displayed as part of the booth and given away at the end of convention. Think of all the exposure your camp will get! Attendees are loyal camp people and *will* look for their favorite camp's tee. If you are unable to attend a regional gathering, please send your tees to Olivia Bartel, Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS, 67111.

MCA will be written into the hearts and minds of youth! All youth attending the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City, July 2-6, 2019 will receive a MCA pen to go with their convention journal. There will be additional pens at the MCA booth for others.



### THE MCA NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

The Mennonite Camping Association's redesigned website is up and running! Each member camp has their own page, briefly highlighting what they have to offer. Check it out: [www.mennonitecamping.org](http://www.mennonitecamping.org)

If you are a member camp that has NOT completed their directory page submission, please do so right away. Or if you are a member camp that did not submit photos, ones from previous years were used. Please send updated images to [mennonitecamping@gmail.com](mailto:mennonitecamping@gmail.com), if you would like to update those. Thank you to everyone who submitted their listing information in a complete and timely fashion!

## MCA REGIONAL GATHERINGS

**Eastern Regional:**  
**MARCH 17-20, 2019**  
AT CAMP DEERPARK  
Westbrookville, New York  
[www.campdeerpark.org](http://www.campdeerpark.org)

**West/Midwest Regional:**  
**MARCH 19-21, 2019**  
AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
MENNONITE CAMP  
Divide, Colorado  
<https://rmmc.org>

Brochures for both gathering can be found at [www.mennonitecamping.org/mca-regional-gatherings.html](http://www.mennonitecamping.org/mca-regional-gatherings.html)