

Mennonite Camping Association

Natural Links



JOB OPENINGS

RECRUITING DAYS UPDATE

Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT, is seeking a year-round, full-time Program Director. A suitable candidate would have the ability to zoom out and match a vision for the program with the organization's history and overall direction, yet an hour later practice the finer points of supervision and maybe even help build a fire. One would need to be good at managing time and switching tasks day in and day out (perhaps in the winter organizing the office, interviewing a potential counselor and also helping with snow removal). One must identify deeply with the core values of Bethany Birches Camp and be excited about the mission. A love of being outside is a must. Applicants must be 25 years or older, have a bachelors degree or higher, have experience with supervision and have an Anabaptist perspective or at least a deep understanding of that theology. Housing included on site. Visit www.bethanybirches.org/pd/ for more information and to apply.

In regards to recruiting days, the responses from the camps are overwhelmingly that they would like to switch to fall. While it is not necessarily the first choice of all the colleges and universities, they were very gracious with their willingness to accommodate the switch. To maintain some consistency, it was suggested that the first Wednesday in November act as the start date for fall Camp Days. For 2018, this would mean the dates listed below:

Eastern Mennonite University: November 7, Wednesday

Bluffton University: November 8, Thursday

Goshen College: November 9, Friday

Hesston College: November 12, Monday

Tabor College: November 13, Tuesday

Bethel College: November 14, Wednesday

McPherson College: November 15, Thursday

The colleges/universities were reminded that having a camp chapel increases the enthusiasm for connecting with a camp. I may contact you should there be a request for a speaker or for students who have been camp staff.

Thank you!

Olivia Bartel, Camp Mennoscah and MCA Member Relations Coordinator

CAMP UPDATES

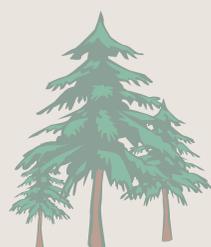
Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, New Hamburg, ON, www.hiddenacres.ca
by Emily Lantz, summer inclusion facilitator



This coming summer will be my seventh summer working at Hidden Acres. Some may call me a 'life-er', some may say it's time for me to get a 'real job' and some may say that I am very blessed to be able to come back year after year. To be honest, I wasn't planning on coming back this year. I've just graduated from my undergrad and had planned on finding work that paid a little better and needed a degree.

I didn't have anything lined up for when I finished school, and when I had a meeting with Chris Pot the morning after I moved home, we discussed the potential of me coming back to work at camp this summer. I had initially pushed back against the idea. I struggled with the idea of not being at camp, yet, I wanted to have the 'real job' life. I am very aware it was a pride and image thing. I wanted to be seen as successful.

Often the Lord calls us to things that may not be seen as successful by worldly standards, but He knows us and intends to use us powerfully when we follow His leading. Time and time again, God has used Hidden Acres powerfully in my life. I have been pushed out of my comfort zone, pretty much every year taking on a new role. They have each brought their unique lessons, skill development and opportunities. I have learned to work with people who are very different from me. I have learned to love people who I've found difficult to love and appreciate them for who they are. I have learned how to make a fire. I've learned how to manage large groups of people. I have learned to respond calmly, compassionately and confidently in emergencies. I have learned to be silly and goofy at times and serious at other times. I have learned to lead humbly. To build relationships, serve alongside and serve behind the scenes. To lead by doing dishes and by giving others the opportunity to lead. I've learned to take delegation to empowerment. To give opportunities for people to use their gifts and to have responsibility over areas where they are the right person for that job. I have grown so much here at camp and I know I'll never be done learning. This summer, I'll be the inclusion facilitator. Something else that's new and another thing to push out of my comfort zone. It's going to be a good one.



TRANSITIONS

The Board of Directors at **Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Washington, Iowa**, has accepted the resignation of Executive Director Tim Friesen, effective June 15th. Blessings to Tim and his family as they transition into new endeavors.

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