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JOB OPENINGS

CAMP UPDATES

Cove Valley Christian Youth Camp, Mercersburg, PA. The Food Service Assistant will work with and support the Food Service Director. This is a year round position: part-time in the offseason, full-time in the summer. If you are interested, please contact Allen for more details: execdirector@covevalleycamp.com.

Cove Valley Christian Youth Camp, Mercersburg, PA. The Program Assistant is to work with and support the Program Director in the planning of future programs of the camp including Summer Camps, Youth and Adult Retreats, and all items associated with Cove Valley's programs. This is a year round position: full-time 4 months out of the year and 3 days a week during the other 8 months. If you are interested, please contact Eric for more details: program@covevalleycamp.com.

Willowgrove, Stouffville, Ontario, is inviting Executive Director applications for a full time permanent position. Willowgrove has several program streams: outdoor education, day camp, facility rentals, Fraser Lake overnight camp, and is a KAIROS Blanket Exercise partner organization. The position begins January/February 2020. Affordable rental accommodation is available. The ideal candidate will have strong relational and organizational skills, with financial management and leadership experience. For more information and a job description visit www.willowgrove.ca. For questions, or to send an application, contact Board Chair, Freda Burkholder, Freda@willowgrove.ca.

Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis, MI, www.friedenswald.org

This past month, we tried out a new program as a partnership between Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network, and Camp Friedenswald. It was our first annual Mentorship Peace Camp. Mentor pairs from various local churches came to camp for active training in peacebuilding skills and spiritual practices.

The programming itself was split into four sessions throughout the weekend. Our first session was a team-building time for the whole group. Participants learned how to confront challenges cooperatively and creatively. The second session was centered on communication, and the third was on conflict. Finally, the last session focused on spiritual practices, and their application in peacemaking.

Overall, the weekend was very well-received. Participants enjoyed having something structured to do with their mentor/mentee, and the feedback was encouraging to the point where we would like to continue the program next year. Mennonite Central Committee and the Peace and Justice Support Network are always looking for more ways to promote active peacemaking, and several camps have already partnered with them. Amigo Centre, for instance held a retreat for young adults centered on peace. If you would like to explore options for your camp, you can contact Jes Buller from MCC (jessicabuller@mcc.org) or Jason Boone from Mennonite Mission Network (jasonb@mennoniteusa.org).

-Kevin Leary, Program Coordinator

Camp Deerpark, Westbrookeville, NY, www.campdeerpark.org

Sometimes as camp staff we need to be reminded of how blessed we are to live at camp. This is taken at the summit or what we call the "Back 40" at Camp Deerpark. About 10 years ago a young woman from the Markham, Ontario youth group climbed the large pine tree with a bow saw and removed the lower branches so our campers and guests could have a view of the Shawungunk mountain ridge and the Basha Kill in between.

-Ken Bontrager, executive director



RECRUITING: 2019 CAMP DAYS: LAST CALL

Recruiting (or Camp) days are coming up quickly! Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for further information or to join Camp Days.

EMU - November 6, Wednesday
Bluffton - November 7, Thursday
Goshen - November 8, Friday
Hesston - November 11, Monday
Tabor - November 12, Tuesday
Bethel - November 13, Wednesday
McPherson - November 14, Thursday

2020 BI-NATIONAL: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join the Mennonite Camping Association **March 23-26, 2020** at Spruce Lake, Canadensis, Pennsylvania and celebrate 100 years of Mennonite camping!