

MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION

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JOB OPENINGS

Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata, PA, has an opening for Facilities Manager. This person works under the Operations Director to make sure that all the buildings and grounds of the campus are functional and prepared for groups. Skills include general maintenance and repair, organization, and able to work with volunteers and summer staff. This is a full time, year-round position with benefits. A complete job description can be found at www.woodcrestretreat.org/jobs.

MENNOCON21

Convention planners are seeking proposals for equipping seminars at MennoCon21, the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) biennial convention slated to take place July 6-10 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The deadline for submissions is October 10.

Visit the convention website for a list of seminar criteria and to access the submission form: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/the-experience/worship-equipping-seminars/>



CAMP UPDATES

Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT, www.bethanybirches.org
by Anna Martin, Program Director

“As Long as I’m Alive I Will Glorify His Holy Name!”

Singing camp songs at Bethany Birches Camp has always been a huge way that we share God with our campers. This summer we struggled to know how to maintain this camp classic while keeping our campers safe. Even though we were spread out across a field, campers were excited to yell their favorite camp song suggestions up to the worship leaders. There is nothing like watching campers dance around and sing boisterously to songs about God’s strength, steadiness, and love. It is clear that despite all of the road blocks this year God is continuing to move. I feel blessed to have felt that this summer.



FALL “CAMP DAYS” UPDATE

Over the past weeks, there have been conversations regarding the annual recruiting Camp Days that happen at EMU, Bluffton, Goshen, Hesston, Bethel, Tabor and McPherson colleges in early November. The end decision from these discussions is Mennonite Camping Association will not coordinate recruiting on campuses this year. Rather, MCA will provide a yet-to-be-made video of MCA camps and summer staff opportunities to share with these colleges and universities. The hope is the video can be used on campus in video displays, sent to students, and distributed in whatever ways are available.

The MCA board is willing to help with the costs of producing a video and have offered some general thoughts about content (keep it short, general so all camps can use, the rewarding aspects of being a staff person, etc.), but your ideas are needed! **Please reply with ideas for the video by October 2.** Names of people who could create the video or lead the process are welcome, too. (This could be you!)

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