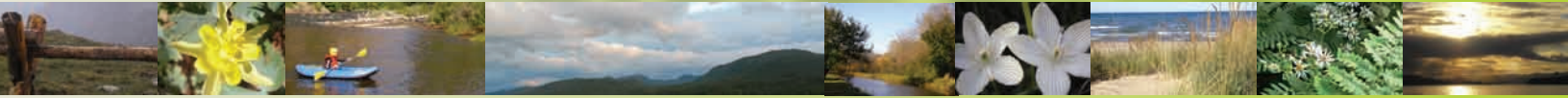




Mennonite Camping Association *Natural Links*



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www.mennonitecamping.org

Job Openings

Food Service Assistant volunteer required at Camp Assiniboia, Headingley, MB for one year term, beginning in September. Must be eligible to work in Canada. Stipend, lodging, partial food provided.

Camp Assiniboia, Headingley, MB, has 1-4 month openings for persons with skills in food service, maintenance, custodial or hosting. Must be eligible to work in Canada. Partial food and lodging or RV pad provided. To inquire contact Manager at 204-864-2159 or campa@prairie-sky.com

Manager (1.0) and Food Services Coordinator (.5) required for Camp Moose Lake, Sprague, MB. Position available fall 08. Contact Director of Camping Ministries at (204)-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca

Camp Squeah, Hope, BC, is looking to hire a full-time Head Cook. Strong communication skills as well as a broad working knowledge and ability in the food service field including food preparation skills, quantity cooking, and staff supervisory skills, are necessary. A solid working knowledge of, and certification in, FOODSAFE 1 is required. Interested candidates are asked to contact Rob Tiessen at 1-604-869-5353 (ext 102) or e-mail rob@squeah.com

Transitions

Kenton Glick has accepted our newly created part-time Development Director Position at Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata, PA.

Spruce Lake, Canadensis, PA would like to welcome Cathy Romaniello as their new Executive Assistant!

Summer Camp Themes

Woodcrest Retreat, Ephrata, PA, www.woodcrestretreat.org

Our summer camp theme was the Olympics with "Run to Jesus" as the slogan. Based on portions of the verses from Hebrews 12:1-2. "... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus..."

Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA, www.camphebron.org

Camp Hebron's summer theme was that God is the central character in history and that He has a plan for each of us in that story. I believe that if I asked each of my staff for a highlight they would be hard pressed to narrow it down to one thing. Most would have trouble even picking one week! As Program Director most of my interactions are with staff and it was amazing for me to watch how God worked through them and matured them each in different ways. In addition, I was very blessed to see how God orchestrated a "meeting of the missionary minded" during one of our Family Camps. A missionary with YWAM came to our Camp because other plans fell through. He ended up connecting with others who want to do missions work and together they developed the seed of a plan that could potentially use Camp Hebron as a training center in the off season. What a Mighty and Creative God we serve indeed!

Cove Valley, Mercersburg, PA, www.covevalleycamp.com

Cove Valley Christian Youth Camp's theme this year was G.L.O.W. - Go Light Our World. We had a great summer! Our new program director, David Young, got his first taste of how our summer camps run. We were down ever so slightly, but the smooth transition between program directors allowed many to have "the best summer (they) ever had". There were 23 recorded decisions for Christ with three camps that we do not have reports from. Praise the Lord!

Adventures in Nature

Nissi Gershom, Drift Creek, Lincoln City, OR www.driftcreek.org

Over the past four weeks I've had the opportunity to observe and enjoy the natural wonders at Drift Creek Camp in a new and exciting way. From measuring the incredible nurse logs to collecting mud and bugs, this has truly been an adventure of discovery.

Working alongside Kenton Brubaker, a retired biology professor from Eastern Mennonite University, as the Summer Camp naturalist my appreciation for all things green has grown. As he helped me to look closer at my surroundings, the forest seemed to come alive with plants I had never paid any attention to before. Kenton's enthusiasm was contagious when sharing his knowledge with me and campers.

Our camp theme this year is appropriately titled "Discovering God's Goodness". Exploring nature we have indeed seen many aspects of that goodness. From the time the wake-up bell rings to when the generator is turned off, we are surrounded by the awesome majesty of God's works.

While here I've experienced the excitement of learning and of teaching first hand. How rewarding it is to see a look of awe or joy on a camper's face when they encounter something for the first time! The beauty of this place will always inspire me and I hope the nature adventures we've shared together will continue to nurture an interest and respect for God's creation that will last a lifetime.



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