



2026 Summer Staff Application

Today's Date: _____

Application deadline: January 1, 2026

I am applying for: ☐ Counseling Staff
☐ Teen Volunteer
☐ Other role: _____

Name _____ Gender _____ Date of birth _____

Personal Email Address _____

Personal Phone Number _____

School Name/Address (if different) _____

Current Class or Year _____ Major _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Home Address _____

Parents' Contact [in case of an emergency] P: _____ E: _____

Church Name & Phone# _____

Pastor & Contact Information _____

Dates Available: *For teen volunteering, please mark your 1st & 2nd choices:*

☐ Staff Orientation: June 7-12, 2026 (*No Teen Volunteers*)

☐ Buddy Camp (Grades K-2): June 12-14, 2026

☐ Grades 3-4: June 14-19, 2026

☐ High School: June 21-26, 2026

☐ Grades 7-8: June 28- July 3, 2026

☐ Grades 5-6: July 5-10, 2026

☐ I am able to serve during DCC's summer programs (June 7 - July 10, 2026)

☐ I am able to serve wherever I am most needed

☐ I am interested in helping at DCC BEFORE summer programs. Availability: _____

☐ I am interested in helping at DCC AFTER summer programs. Availability: _____

Please note: Staff positions are filled according to estimated numbers of campers. If fewer campers register, positions may not be guaranteed for every week and we ask staff to be flexible and willing to work in areas where they are most needed.

If interested in working at Camp Camrec in Leavenworth, WA, the weeks following DCC, contact Camrec Program Director, Brisa Peacock: (509) 548-7245 or info@camrec.org

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Describe your faith journey including significant life experiences, decisions, events or challenges that have impacted your spiritual growth and life direction.
2. Why do you want to serve at DCC?
3. How do you practice self-care? How do you handle conflict?
4. Describe how you react when a situation does not go as planned?
5. What gifts or skills would you bring to summer camp?
6. How would you describe someone with servant leadership qualities?
7. Describe what it means to say "Camp is for the campers"?

8. For returning staff:

What changes could DCC make to improve summer camp?

What could you do differently to make summer camp better?

Please list three references: Examples include professor, employer and pastor or church elder.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone Number(s) _____ Email _____

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MEDICAL INFO If parent/guardian cannot be reached regarding an emergency please contact:

Name _____

Phone Number(s) Day _____ Evening _____

Physician _____ Phone Number _____

Medical Insurance Name _____ Policy # _____

Allergies or Reactions _____

Last Tetanus Shot _____

List any special diet requirements, disabilities, prescriptions, or problems requiring special attention:

Are you a vegetarian? Are you willing to be flexible in regard to dietary preferences? The camp menu cannot always accommodate personal choices? Are you willing to provide your own substitutions? Y or N?

List any circumstances that would restrict participation in hiking, swimming, competitive, or strenuous activities:

AFFIRMATION

Drift Creek Camp is rooted in the Anabaptist tradition and is committed to upholding the [Mennonite Confession of faith](#).

I have read and can commit to [DCC's Philosophy of Ministry](#).

* DCC acknowledges that staff members come from many different backgrounds and traditions. We value how these perspectives can challenge us to grow. Including the Mennonite Confession of Faith is an effort to have a basic understanding of the core beliefs that will be expressed and expected while on staff at DCC. If there are portions of the Confession of Faith that give you pause, let's talk about it!

As a staff member at Drift Creek Camp you are entrusted with the care of many children. This is a trust we do not take lightly. Staff members are expected to adhere to high moral and spiritual standards. Please affirm the following statements by checking the box next to the statement.

Check all that apply to you:

- ☐ I have never been convicted of a crime
- ☐ I do not abuse drugs or alcohol
- ☐ I agree to abstain from alcohol and/or drug-use while representing Drift Creek Camp
- ☐ I understand that camp rules are in place for a reason and will abide by them
- ☐ I consent to Drift Creek Camp's policy to undergo a formal criminal background check

The information on this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be relieved of my responsibilities if statements or information are incorrect, incomplete, or false. In the case of illness or accident, I give permission that medical procedures be instituted without delay as the judgment of the camp medical personnel dictates. Approval is given for the staff member to be given, by the camp medical personnel, over-the-counter non-prescription medications according to the camp doctor's standing orders.

I hereby authorize all references listed to give any information regarding employment or personal information. I understand the job responsibilities and remuneration package. If I am selected, I am willing to work under terms stated.

Signature

Date

Parent or Witness signature (if applicant is under 18)

Date

Please mail application prior to January 10, 2026:

Drift Creek Camp
22455 Finn Road
Sheridan, OR 97378

Or scan and email to: info@driftcreek.org *(Please do NOT send a photo of your application.)*

For those applying to be counselors, you will need photos of yourself to be used for staff bios, no need to mail them in advance.

Questions? Contact Tony or Brenda Kauffman at (971) 600-1244 or info@driftcreek.org

Program Skills – In order to better prepare for program activities put a “T” before those activities you can teach or lead, and an “A” before those activities in which you can assist.

What is your area of study? _____

How could enrich summer camp activities with your personal interests, experiences or area of study?

Arts & Crafts

- ___ Painting/Drawing
- ___ Photography
- ___ Nature crafts
- ___ Tie-dying
- ___ Other

New program ideas? _____

Drama

- ___ Skits
- ___ Campfire programs
- ___ Scenery and props
- ___ Story telling

New program ideas? _____

Outdoor Living Skills

- ___ Hiking/Backpacking
- ___ Survival skills/hacks
- ___ Orienteering
- ___ Outdoor cooking
- ___ Overnights

New program ideas? _____

Nature

- ___ Astronomy
- ___ Ornithology
- ___ Environmental studies
- ___ Botany
- ___ Forestry & tree identification
- ___ Entomology
- ___ Geology
- ___ Meteorology
- ___ Stream Ecology

New program ideas? _____

Sports

- ___ Volleyball
- ___ Basketball
- ___ Softball
- ___ Soccer
- ___ Corn hole
- ___ Slacklining
- ___ Non-competitive games (puzzles, other ideas?)
- ___ Ultimate Frisbee
- ___ Disc Golf

New program ideas? _____

Music

- ___ Singing
- ___ Guitar
- ___ Drums
- ___ Other: _____

Program

- ___ Graphic design
- ___ Worship leading
- ___ Photography
- ___ Other: _____

Adventure/Challenge

- ___ Group initiatives
- ___ Challenge/ropes course
- ___ Climbing wall

New program ideas? _____

Current Certifications

Attach copies of certifications, licenses, or other documentation.

- ___ First Aid
- ___ CPR
- ___ Lifeguard
- ___ Ropes Course
- ___ Archery

Please list areas in which you would like to teach: _____

New program ideas: _____

**We are always looking for new ideas to add to summer programs! Are there activities that you have enjoyed at other camps, colleges or in your travels that you'd be willing to share? Do you have ideas for new songs? There are campers who prefer less active options – what are your quiet activity ideas?*