



2026 Summer Staff Application

Today's Date: _____

Application deadline: January 31, 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?*