

2027 Summer Staff Application

Today's Date: _____

Application deadline: December 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 13-18, 2027 (*No Teen Volunteers*)

___Buddy Camp (Grades K-2): June 18-20, 2027

___Grades 3-4: June 20-25, 2027

___High School: June 27-July 2, 2027

___Grades 7-8: July 4 - 9, 2027

___Grades 5-6: July 11-16, 2027

___I am able to serve during DCC's summer programs (June 13 - July 16, 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? What brings you joy?

4. Describe how you react when a situation does not go as planned? How do you handle conflict? How do you cope when working with someone might prove to be challenging?

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*, *personally*, 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 circumstances that would restrict participation in hiking, swimming, competitive, or strenuous activities:

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Are you a vegetarian? Are you willing to bring along some of your own substitutions for times when a substitution might not be available, specifically on weekends? Do you have any other dietary restrictions:

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Do you need airport transport getting to or from DCC?_____
Can you provide transportation for others? _____Available seats:_____

AFFIRMATION

Drift Creek Camp is rooted in the Anabaptist tradition*.
_____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
- ☐ I understand that it is against camp policy to make direct contact with campers through social media, phone, texting, etc.

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.

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Signature Date

_____

Parent or Witness signature (if applicant is under 18) Date

Please mail application prior to January 1, 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, but no need to mail them in advance.

Questions? Contact Tony or Brenda Kauffman at (541) 921-5866 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
___ Block carving
___ Other
New program ideas? _____

Drama
___ Skits
___ Campfire programs
___ Story-telling
New program ideas? _____

Outdoor Living Skills
___ Hiking/Backpacking
___ Survival skills/hacks
___ Foraging
___ 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
___ Slack lining
___ 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?*