

# **CAMP FRIEDENSWALD - SUMMER RESOURCE PERSONS**

## **CAMP PASTOR – FAMILY CAMPS**

### **Responsibilities**

#### **Friedenswald Background:**

Camp Friedenswald is owned and operated by the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. Our mission statement reads; “Camp Friedenswald seeks to provide people of all ages the opportunity to gain a better understanding and love for God and Christ, self, others and nature”.

#### **The Invitation:**

You and your family are invited to spend a week in the Peaceful Woods. In exchange for sharing your gifts and talents with us, we offer you and your family the opportunity to enjoy our lodging, delicious food, and the many activities available throughout the week (boating, swimming, hiking, crafts, to name a few).

#### **Responsibilities & Duties:**

##### **A. Be a pastoral presence**

Your primary responsibility is to be a pastoral presence for the campers and staff. Be sensitive to their needs and respond as necessary in partnership with the Program Director.

##### **B. Assist and resource the worship team as they present the Quests and Campfires**

Quest (Morning Worship) is the heart of the Bible study time at camp. It is a time of learning, growth and challenge of a particular Bible story. Quest is aimed at bringing the Bible story alive for campers through singing, stories, skits, dramas, small group sharing and other creative ideas (1 hour total: 10-15 minutes singing, 10-15 message/stories/skits, 5-10 minutes children’s story, 10-15 small family sharing or creative activity, 5-10 minutes closing music). Quest times should be inclusive of families, but kid focused. (4 total, meeting space varies throughout week.)

The focus of campfire is intended to personalize the Quest Bible story and apply it to participants’ personal lives. Campfires typically start with active songs, and move toward more quiet songs, which lead to the campfire message (10-15 minutes). Each night, campers are invited to stay after to talk, pray, and ask questions. The camp pastor is a great resource at this time. Again the worship should be inclusive of families, but kid focused. (4 total, meets at Mosquito Hollow).

The camp pastor is responsible for the daily message segment of both of these events, following the chosen theme of the summer. Our worship leader/team will be available to work with you and help plan worship, help with skits, lead prayer, and lead all music/singing. You are encouraged to participate in the daily worship team meeting, giving suggestions and encouragement to the team and working out details for upcoming worship sessions.

During the final worship session at the end of the week, the Camp Pastor is asked to offer a blessing for the campers. This can be spoken, read, and/or include an object for each camper to keep.

##### **C. Attend all staff meetings & lead two staff devotions during the week**

Staff meetings are an important opportunity for the group to share with each other, take a break, and to grow spiritually. As a new summer staff person for the week, your energy, enthusiasm, and encouragement is an important contribution. Staff meetings are typically after breakfast and supper. (lead devotions 2 times, 5-10 min. in length)

##### **D. Optional Leadership for one or more Activity Group or Project Group during the week**

Campers sign up for Activity groups and Project groups at the start of each week. Activity groups meet only one time per week and Project groups meet everyday and work toward the completion of a project. These activities generally relate to one of the five following categories: nature, cooking, arts and crafts, recreation, waterfront, or any skill or interest you might teach. Our hope is that this can be a good opportunity for you to connect with the campers who are here. Please let us know if you have specific activities you want to lead. (Activity groups meet one hour once per week. Project groups meet one hour per day for three days.)

##### **E. Be a Friedenswald goodwill messenger**

You are encouraged to return to your church and community and share about the Kingdom work being done here seeking guidance and prayer for the campers, staff, and mission of Friedenswald.

#### **Other Information:**

The Program Director is your contact person; they are available before and during the week to answer any questions you have and guide you through the week.