

Camp Friedenswald

Camp Pastor

Friedenswald Background:

Camp Friedenswald is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. Our mission statement reads; "Camp Friedenswald provides people of all ages the opportunity to grow in relationship with God, 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 (guesthouse rooms sleep up to 5), delicious food, and the many activities available throughout the week (boating, swimming, hiking, crafts, to name a few).

Responsibilities & Duties:

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. Input during Morning Watch (speak for 5 minutes to focus the day), Morning Quest (speak for 10-15 minutes on Bible teaching and give focus questions for Cabin Quest), and Evening Campfires (share for 10-15 minutes about life application stories).

The Worship Team is responsible for the planning of both of these events. To supplement the theme during each of these worship times, the camp pastor adds:

- 1) Stories
- 2) Lessons
- 3) Prayer

You will be given a daily outline of the worship material that includes daily topics, scripture, and suggestions for stories. Our worship leader/team will be available to work with you and to share examples & experiences. They will also provide leadership of skits and 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

Staff meetings are an important opportunity for the counselors 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.

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 every day 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 and is available before and during the week to answer any questions you have and guide you through the week.