



CAMP OCCOHANNOCK ON THE BAY

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Dear Prospective Summer Staff:

I am pleased you are considering Camp Occohannock on the Bay (OOTB) as a place for summer employment. Often, making decisions about how to spend your summer can be confusing and difficult. I would like to share with you some information about OOTB and encourage you to prayerfully consider if this maybe an opportunity for you to help others to grow spiritually as you grow in your faith as well.

Since 1958, OOTB has been owned and governed by the Eastern Shore District of the United Methodist Church and located on the Chesapeake Bay in the small town of Belle Haven, Virginia. The camp occupies 50 acres with one mile of waterfront. Our mission is to provide programs and facilities which make use of the natural settings of waterfront, woodlands and open spaces to help people of all ages grow in their knowledge of and love for God.

OOTB will offer 7 to 8 (including staff training) weeks of summer camp that includes traditional camps and specialty Adventure Camps like Paintball, Pocomoke River Adventure, Painting, Fairy Camp, Hiking Adventure Camp, and many more. The age group of the campers ranges from 4-16 and between 12-16 campers in each unit. Our curriculum this summer is entitled, "This Is Our Prayer". Each day will offer new discoveries through Biblical stories, activities, songs, crafts and more. To the right you will see the scriptures of the day that follows our curriculum. →

THIS IS OUR PRAYER:

Daily Scripture:

Day 1:

Longing to Be Invited
(Luke 6: 12-16)

Day 2:

Longing Together
(Esther 4)

Day 3:

Longing to be Heard
(Jonah 4)

Day 4:

Longing for Guidance
(1 Kings 3:7-15)

Day 5:

Longing for Renewal
(Luke 5:12-16,
& Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31)

Day 6:

Longing to Celebrate
(Philippians 1:3-11)

Summer Staff:

Summer camp staff training for all including CITs will start Friday, June 12th, 6:00 pm through Friday, June 19th, 4:00 pm. Everyone must attend summer camp staff training week, no matter if you are new or returning counselor. This week is packed with both physical and intellectual education and training as well as team building activities. Summer camps officially begins Sunday, June 21st, 3:00 pm and ends Saturday, August 8th, 3:00 pm or whenever everything is cleaned and packed away.

Counselors in Training (CIT):

With constant review of each of our programs and those we hire, we have changed the Counselor in Training Program for reasons that will benefit the CITs and camp as a whole. Those wishing to be a CIT will need to sign up as a CIT Camper and pay the camp fee of \$365. This is a one-time payment that will cover food and lodging cost for staff training, three weeks of being units, and any trip fees that CITs may go on. You will also need to be at least 15 years of age before the first day that week 1 starts (June 23rd). You may not receive any financial aid when applying for the CIT program.

CITs will join all other staff on a unique staff training that will embark them on a better understanding of their roles as a member of the summer staff. The CITs will be led by the Director and Program Staff through short lectures, hands-on training, and a lot of observing of other counselors leading their groups. After Staff Training the CITs for the next 3 weeks will be assigned to a unit and will be 100% involved with that unit's activities. The CIT will be evaluated not only by the Director, the Program Staff, but the Lead Counselors the CIT worked with for each week. Registration can be found online, printable or online submission.

Interviews:

Interviews will take place during either by Phone Call, Skype, FaceTime or Face-to-Face. Our hope is that each applicant will feel they can make a difference in the lives of the children and youth and become part of a great ministry. We are recruiting from a number of other schools so I encourage you to return application and all other documents as soon as possible to assure you are considered for a position this year.

I pray you will continue to consider this meaningful employment opportunity for your summer and if it is God's will, you will be a summer staff at OOTB. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Director, Michael Henry at 757-442-7836 or by email ootbay@verizon.net.

Your Friend in Christ,
Camp Director