



# 2024 TEEN VOLUNTEER Information Form

## Who are Camps with Meaning?

**CAMPS WITH MEANING** (CwM) is the Camping Ministry of Mennonite Church Manitoba (MCM). Camps with Meaning serves the MCM congregations and the larger community through facilities and programming (Camp Assiniboia and Camp Koinonia).

In our summer programming we reach out to kids and youth, as well as adults with mental and physical disabilities, from across Manitoba: inner-city to rural. We invite campers to a fun-filled week new experiences, relationship-building and chances to both learn about Jesus' life and experience it. At Camps with Meaning, **we are connecting campers to the Creator, to community, and to creation.**

### Summer Program Goals

We ask all our summer staff to help create an atmosphere conducive to:

...discovering and nurturing of a meaningful relationship with Jesus and the Spirit of God,

...affirming the worth of self and others, as well as developing skills in community living.

...developing an appreciation for the Creation, learning responsible stewardship of it and responding in worship to the God who created it.

## Important Program Info & FAQs

**When is Staff Training Week?** June 30 – July 4, 2023

**When are the Day Camp Weeks?** July 14-19 and July 21-26 at Camp Assiniboia

**What is Day Camp?** It is for campers who have completed Grade 1-6. Campers arrive by bus or are dropped off directly at camp in the morning and leave in the afternoon. During their time at camp they go to activities and Bible alongside the overnight campers.

**Can I stay over at camp?** Teen Volunteers absolutely have the option of staying overnight at camp. You will be asked to assist with cleaning duties in the evenings. If you would prefer to stay at home during the week, you may catch a ride to camp on the bus that leaves from the CMU campus each morning.

**Can I work more than 1 Day Camp Week?** Probably! The number of weeks available for individual teen volunteers to work will depend on the number of people in the program. Please indicate on your application form which weeks you would like to work. Staff will be placed with the big picture of the camping mission in mind.

**What will the interview be like?** The interview is an opportunity for your leader to get to know you and for you to get more comfortable with them! It's an opportunity to learn about what has motivated you to apply for the Teen Volunteer program. Depending on where you are from, this can be an in-person interview or over the phone.

**I've never gone to camp. Can I still work at camp?**

Absolutely! We love to welcome new people at camp. Please join us.

**Can I work more than just Day Camp weeks?**

We would love to have you work as a support staff – on the farm crew, in the kitchen, or providing childcare for our adult volunteers. This will depend on your availability and interest as well as our staffing needs. Please indicate your interest for more weeks on the application and in your interview!

## Application Checklist

- Application Form – now online!

- 2 Reference Forms – will be attached to your confirmation email.

- Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check OR Criminal Record Waiver

Complete a criminal record check (with vulnerable sector screening) at your local police or RCMP station. You will need two pieces of ID and a means of payment (the 245 Smith Street, Winnipeg Location is open 8:30-3:30 Monday to Friday). Or you can send in a copy of a recent Criminal Record check if you have had one done for another job (within the last year).

If you do not yet have ID or are otherwise unable to get a Criminal Record Check, please sign and return the Criminal Record Waiver that will be attached to your confirmation email.

- Financial Support

Home Church Sponsorship: Have a conversation with your church asking if they are willing to support you financially in your camp ministry.

Other Sponsorship: Staff who cannot be paid by their home congregation will be paid, as possible, through CwM Staffership Fund with donations from MCM churches. A connection with a church will be made and some communication on your part will be encouraged.

Rates for TVs for 2024: \$125/week

Job Descriptions for Teen Volunteers and Support Staff can be found on the staff page of our website.

## Summer Schedule 2024

Week	Assiniboia	Koinonia
June 30 – July 4 (mandatory)	Staff Training Week	
July 14-19	Day Camp 1	
July 21-26	Day Camp 2	
July 28 – August 2 (support staff roles)	Int 1, Farm & Pre-Junior 1 & 2	
August 5-10 (support staff roles)		Jr-Int 1 (M-F) & EOS clean