



CAMPS WITH  
MEANING



# 2026 SERVANT LEADER IN TRAINING 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 of 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?** July 5-9, 2026 at Camp Assiniboia

**When is Out Trip?** The SLT out trip will be July 12-16, leaving from Camp Koinonia. Bus options from Winnipeg to Koinonia will be available for this as well.

**When can I complete my 2 required Supervised Experienced Weeks?** You must complete two weeks of supervised experience during summer 2026 to fulfil the SLT Program requirements. There are four options for supervised experience weeks: July 19-24, July 26-31, August 3-7 and August 9-14. Please note that there are limited spaces for each supervised experience week and that SLTs will be placed accordingly.

**Can I work as anything other than a counsellor?** Yes! If you have special training (ex: Lifeguard), please indicate this on the application. While we will make sure you counsel, you will also be placed as a kitchen helper, an activity leader, childcare provider, farm crew, or maintenance helper for some weeks.

**What is the Creation Adventure like?** In a word: AWESOME! It's also challenging and unifying and fun. You will hike the trails and canoe/portage the lakes of Turtle Mountain Provincial Park for 5 days in a cohort with other SLTs and 2 leaders. You will carry all of your food with you and purify water along the way. You will need a hiking backpack, good hiking shoes, and a positive attitude. Please communicate any health concerns with your SLT Director prior to the trip.

**How should I get to the weeks that I am working at camp?** All camp staff are required to find their own rides to camp. We highly encourage carpooling with other staff! One great option is to take the bus that goes to Koinonia. More info about carpools and bus sign up will be available during Staff Training Week.

## Application Checklist

- Application Form – now online!
- 2 Reference Forms – will be attached to your confirmation email
- Criminal Record Waiver  
Please sign and return the Criminal Record Waiver that will be attached to your confirmation email.

### PLEASE NOTE!

**Your CAR and CR checks are good for 3 years if you work consecutive summers.  
Please check with the office (204-895-2267) if you are unsure when your last checks were submitted.**

- Tuition Fee - \$425  
Payment can be made online at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/giving](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/giving), by e-transfer to [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca), or by check or cash to the office at 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Wpg, R3P 0M4.

Please include "SLT Tuition" in the memo line.

Note: You may ask your church to reimburse you the tuition cost as well.

- 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. It is the staff's responsibility to fundraise some of their wages. Forms will be sent to help with this fundraising!

Servant Leader-in- Training (SLT)	finished grade 10 or 11	\$240
Junior Counsellor (JC)	finished SLT Program and/or finished grade 10 or 11	\$385

Job Descriptions for Counsellors, Activity Leaders and Support Staff can be found on the staff page of our website.

# Summer Schedule 2026

Week	Assiniboia	Koinonia
July 5-9 (mandatory)	Staff Training Week	
July 12-17	Junior High 1 Junior High Day Camp	ADV 1 (SLT out trip July 12-16)
July 19-24	Jr-Int 1 & Day Camp 1	Junior High 1
July 26-31	Jr-Int 2 & Day Camp 2	Junior High 2 & Out-trip
August 3-7	ADV 3 (M-F)	Junior-Intermediate (M-F)
August 9-15	Intermediate, Farm and Pre-Junior	ADV 2 (and EoS clean on the 15 <sup>th</sup> )
August 16-22	JH 2 & (EOS clean on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	

## Observation Week options (must choose 2 of the following 4):

July 19-24

July 26—31

August 3-7

August 9-14

\*EOS = end of summer