



**CAMPS WITH
MEANING**



2026 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 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? June 5-9, 2026

When are the Day Camp Weeks? July 19-24 and July 26-31

While the day camp weeks begin on Monday morning, Teen Volunteers are required to arrive at camp the Sunday evening before the week begins to prepare with their time.

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 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 Waiver
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. It is the staff's responsibility to fundraise some of their wages. Forms will be sent to help with this fundraising!
Rates for TVs for 2026: \$140/week, these wages may be raised and will be updated when/if they are.

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

Summer Schedule 2026

| Week | Assiniboia | Koinonia |
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| June 5-9 (mandatory) | Staff Training Week | |
| July 19-24 | Day Camp 1 | |
| July 26-31 | Day Camp 2 | |
| August 3-7 (support staff roles – if space) | ADV 4 | Junior-Intermediate |
| August 9-14 (support staff roles – if space) | Intermediate, Farm, Pre-Junior | ADV 2 |

Teen Volunteers MUST be available for ONE of the two day camp weeks.