

Summer Staff Cover Letter



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. Camp is open to all God's children of all backgrounds, all denominations, and of all cultures. We teach God's love through our activities, programs, and through creation (nature).

OOTB will offer 7-8 (including staff training) weeks of summer camp that includes traditional camps and specialty Adventure Camps like Paintball, White Water Rafting, High Ropes Adventure, Spy Camp, Princess Camp, and many more. The age group of the campers ranges from 4-15 and between 12-16 campers in each unit. Our curriculum this summer is entitled, "Branching Out". 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.



BRANCHING OUT:

Daily Scripture:

Day 1: Connecting in this Place

(Joshua 4:1-9, John 15)

Day 2: Connecting Through Covenant

(1 Corinthians 11:23b-26)

Day 3: Connecting Through People

(John 8:2-11)

Day 4: Choosing Connections

(Luke 15:11-32)

Day 5: Connecting Through Prayer

(1Kings 19:11-13)

Day 6: Reconnecting and Sustaining

(Luke 24:13-35)

Day 7: It's All Connected

(Romans 8:35,37-39)

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Summer Staff:

Summer camp staff training will start Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6:00 pm through Friday, June 23, 2017, 4:00 pm. Everyone must attend summer camp staff training week, no matter if you are new or old counselor. This week is packed with both physical and intellectual education and training as well as team building activities. Summer camp officially begins Sunday, June 25, 2017, 2:00 pm and ends Saturday, August 12, 2017, 3:00 pm or whenever everything is cleaned and packed in.

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 for week 1 (June 25- June 30) and pay the camp fee of \$355. This is a one-time payment that will cover food and lodging cost for three weeks. You will also need to be 16 years of age before the first day that week 1 starts (June 25th).

CITs will be their own unit and will be lead through their own 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 lectures, hands-on training, and a lot of observing of other counselors leading their groups. The second and third weeks of their training, the CITs will be assigned to a unit and will be 100% involved with that units 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 either in person or by skpye. Once we receive your application the Camp Director or the Summer Program Coordinator will set up a time for the interview. The Camp Director would love to travel to where you are so please be willing to make time for an interview. Applications are open until all positions are filled and we will start confirming applicants have a job by mid to late April. 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 greater ministry. We are recruiting from a number of other schools so I encourage you to return applications 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