



## Volunteering at Camp Evergreen

Camp Evergreen relies on the support of wonderful volunteers ... people just like you ... to help us run our year round programs. We welcome guest groups (schools, churches, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, and others) on site from September to June each year, and we run seven busy weeks of summer camp in July and August. Camp Evergreen exists to see lives transformed through the power of Jesus Christ. In the summer and during retreats, our programming includes chapels, times of community prayer and more. As we welcome non-faith-based guest groups on site, as we often do, we strive to be vessels of Christ, demonstrating his role in our lives through our behaviour and attitudes.

### What will I do as a volunteer at Camp Evergreen?

- There are so many options! Most frequently we need volunteers willing and able to help in the kitchen or at the barn.
- We may have opportunities for you to serve teaching skills (canoeing, archery, climbing wall, etc.), however we'll need to train you before you can work in those areas.
- We'd love to talk with you about where you would fit best as a volunteer at Camp Evergreen.

### What do you need from me, so I can volunteer?

Providing our campers and guests with a safe and secure environment is one of Camp Evergreen's top priorities. As a result, there are several steps we need to take before we welcome you to our team as a volunteer. To start, we'll need from you:

- Volunteer application, including three references.
- A clean Criminal Record Check, including a Vulnerable Sector Check.
- If you are an Alberta resident, an Intervention Record Check, obtained through Alberta Children & Youth Services.

Once your application is complete, we'll send you a copy of our *Safe Place Policy & Procedures* and our Volunteer Code of Conduct. **We will need you to sign an agreement stating that you understand and will abide by both documents before you can volunteer with us.** Of course, we'll happily answer any questions you might have about either document, before asking you to sign the agreement.

Finally, if you are not familiar with the Mennonite Brethren Confession of Faith, we encourage you to give it a read. Camp Evergreen adheres to the MB Confession. If you're not familiar with the MB Confession, please visit:

[http://www.mbconf.ca/home/products\\_and\\_services/resources/theology/confession\\_of\\_faith](http://www.mbconf.ca/home/products_and_services/resources/theology/confession_of_faith). We recommend that you take a look at the Sidewalk Version, because it's a concise but informative description of what we believe.



questions? want more information?

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# Volunteering at Camp Evergreen // Frequently Asked Questions

## Who is Camp Evergreen?

Affiliated with the Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, Camp Evergreen is located on 480 acres of forest and field in the Alberta foothills. We're 14 kilometres southeast of Sundre, an hour northwest of Calgary, an hour southwest of Red Deer or just under three hours southwest of Edmonton.

*Our Mission* Camp Evergreen exists to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to grow kids and youth – spiritually, mentally, socially, physically, wholly – cultivating confidence, facilitating courage, and equipping leaders among our campers, guests and staff, all while having fun and using God's creation as a key tool!

“...we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,  
his power, and the wonders he has done.”  
Psalm 78:4

To achieve our mission, we offer a well-balanced program of individual and group activities, skill instruction and Bible teaching, carried out by committed and growing Christian staff. We design our programs with the unique needs of each camper in mind. Camp Evergreen embraces a philosophy of life patterned on Biblical values and teachings.

## What's the time commitment?

That's the beauty of volunteering: we can establish a time commitment that works for you, and your uniquely busy life.

## Where will I be staying?

Most likely, we'll house you in our Lodge. However, we'll assign housing based on the size of the groups on site, the number of volunteers coming in, etc. Lodge rooms have easy, indoor access to washroom and shower facilities, while cabins and the mini-lodge are just a short walk away from our outdoor washrooms and showers.

If you'd prefer to bring your RV along, let us know. We have sites available with electrical hookup (but no water).

## What should I pack?

- Personal toiletries.
- Bedding and towels.
- Weather appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Clothes that you don't mind getting a little mucky.
- From May – October, sunscreen and bug spray.
- If you're volunteering during a retreat or summer camp, you'll want to bring your Bible.
- Your inner child.
- Indoor shoes.

## Will I have internet access?

Sure, if you want it. Internet access is limited to the Board Room of the Welcome Centre and as a matter of policy, we'll need you to sign a release saying you won't use the connection illegally or immorally. We have two staff computers, but they tend to be in high demand. If you plan to use the internet, we'd recommend you bring your own laptop. Also, please note that we're on a satellite connection with limited bandwidth, so (a) things go a little slower out here; and (b) streaming video and downloading files is not permitted.

## Will my cell phone work at camp?

Maybe? Telus and Bell are all right, when you find the sweet spots (the parking lot is pretty good). Rogers customers get almost no service out here whatsoever. We do have telephones you'll be able to access, including a phone that's always available in the foyer of the Welcome Centre. You'll need a calling card for long-distance calls from that phone, though.