



Membership at Camp Evergreen

Who is Camp Evergreen?

Camp Evergreen is a Bible camp for kids, youth and families: we exist to see lives transformed through the power of Jesus Christ. We're open year-round and offer a well-balanced program of individual and group activities, skill instruction and Bible teaching, carried out by committed and growing Christian staff. Camp Evergreen is located on 480 acres of forest and field in the Alberta foothills, 14 kilometres southeast of Sundre.

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

Camp Evergreen uses the beauty of the outdoors to encourage our guests, campers and staff to know Christ, or to know Him better. We offer space for kids and youth to be challenged in a safe environment. Our programs include horsemanship, a challenge course and zipline, climbing, mountain biking, canoeing and showshoeing.

We run seven weeks of summer camp in July and August each year, with camps for kids entering grades 1-12. Over those seven weeks, we welcome more than 650 campers and about 50 staff and volunteers. During summer camp, kids have the chance to play, to develop new friendships and to learn about Jesus.

From September to June, we welcome guest groups for retreats, team building events, family reunions, youth retreats, band camps, outdoor education events and more. Whether our guest groups are faith-based or not, we strive to be Christ's vessels, demonstrating his role in our lives through our behaviour and attitudes. We also host several retreats during the school year: for junior and senior high students, for ladies, for father & sons and others.

Camp Evergreen was established in 1963 by the Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (ABMB); we became an independent, not-for-profit society in 2011 (our official name is Camp Evergreen Mennonite Brethren Ministries, Sundre). We continue to be affiliated with the ABMB Conference today and adhere to their Confession of Faith. We are also a member of Christian Camping International / Canada and the Alberta Camping Association.

We are continually amazed and blessed to see how God has used and is using so many people from so many different backgrounds to accomplish his purposes at Camp Evergreen. We praise Him for what He has done to change lives for eternity through this ministry.



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Why membership?

We at Camp Evergreen are passionate about the unique opportunities presented by camping ministry and are looking for individuals and churches who want to join us in fulfilling our mission. The membership commitment may be financial, prayer support, time as a volunteer, expertise or other gifts. Membership enables you to be part of our mission and to show your commitment to Camp Evergreen and the difference it is making.

Members will:

1. have an active role in the difference Camp Evergreen is making in people's lives every day.
2. be entitled to full participation at the annual general meeting, including voting privileges.
3. be eligible to participate as a Board Member.
4. receive regular updates and prayer requests, along with our newsletter.
5. attend the annual members day at no cost.
6. have the opportunity to serve on committees (prayer, site, personnel, finance, fundraising).

How do I become a member, and what will you expect of me?

Any person, 18 years of age or older, who will generally agree with the Confession of Faith and objectives, and contribute an annual twenty dollar (\$20.00) membership fee shall be considered a member in good standing and be entitled to one vote at the annual general meeting.

Any church who will generally agree with the Confession of Faith and objectives, appoint a Camp representative, and contribute an annual two hundred dollar (\$200.00) membership fee shall be considered a member in good standing and be entitled to one vote at the annual general meeting.

Members will:

- Sincerely pray that the Lord will be exalted, and lives will be changed, through this ministry.
- Strive to participate in some sort of service for the camp (financially or otherwise, knowing that without this commitment, the camp ministry would not function.
- Make every reasonable effort to be present at each of Camp Evergreen's business meetings, most importantly the Annual General Meeting each spring.

What are Camp Evergreen's objects and Confession of Faith?

Our objects, as laid out in our Constitution & Bylaws, are:

- To share, preach and teach the doctrines, tenets and observances associated with the Mennonite Brethren faith with those attending the Camp; and
- To maintain and support a chapel for those attending the Camp with services conducted in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Mennonite Brethren faith.

Wondering what "Mennonite Brethren faith" means, exactly? Our Confession of Faith is on the following two pages: give it a read!

What happens to my membership fee?

We will be placing all membership fees in a GIC, as a savings account. Interest garnered will be directed to the Camp's operating account on an annual basis, while the principal – your membership fees – will remain in the account. This way, your membership fees are clearly building for the camp's future vitality.



Confession of Faith

Camp Evergreen takes its Confession of Faith from the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Following is a “digest” version of the Confession; it can be found in full version on the Canadian Conference's website at http://www.mbconf.ca/home/products_and_services/resources/theology/confession_of_faith/.

God | We believe in the one true God, the source of all life, who reigns over all things as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and lovingly cares for all creation. God the Father planned the redemption of humanity and sent Jesus Christ the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, bringing good news to the poor and triumphing over sin through his obedient life, death, and resurrection. God the Holy Spirit empowers believers with new life, indwells them, and unites them in one body.

Revelation of God | We believe God has made himself known to all people. Beginning with creation and culminating in Jesus Christ, God has revealed himself in the Old and New Testaments. All Scripture is inspired by God and is the authoritative guide for faith and practice. We interpret Scripture in the church community as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Creation and Humanity | We believe God created the heavens and the earth, and they were good. Humans, God’s crowning act, were created in the image of God. Sin has alienated humanity from the Creator and creation, but God offers redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

Sin and Evil | We believe sin is individual and corporate opposition to God’s good purposes and leads to physical and spiritual death.

Salvation | We believe God saves all people who put their faith in Jesus Christ. Through his obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, Christ delivers people from the tyranny of sin and death and redeems them for eternal life in the age to come. All creation eagerly awaits its liberation from bondage into the freedom of the glory of God’s children.

Nature of the Church | We believe the church is the covenant community called by God through Jesus Christ to live a life of discipleship and witness as empowered by the Holy Spirit. The local church gathers regularly for worship, fellowship, and accountability and to discern, develop, and exercise gifts for ministry.

Mission of the Church | We believe the mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations by calling people to repent, be baptized, and love God and neighbour by sharing the good news and performing acts of love and compassion.

Christian Baptism | We believe baptism by water is a public sign that a person has repented of sin, received forgiveness, died with Christ, and been raised to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is also a public declaration of a believer’s incorporation into the body of Christ as expressed in the local church.

Lord’s Supper | We believe that in obedience to Christ, the church observes the Lord’s Supper as a remembrance of his atoning death and to celebrate forgiveness, new life, and the fellowship and unity of all believers.

Discipleship | We believe Jesus calls people who have experienced the new birth to follow him in a costly life of service to God. The power of the Holy Spirit transforms believers from the unrighteous pattern of the present age into a life of joyful obedience with God's people.

Marriage, Singleness, and Family | We believe that singleness and marriage are honoured by God and should be blessed by the church. God instituted marriage as a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman for the purpose of companionship, encouragement, sexual intimacy, and procreation. Children are gifts from God and should be nurtured by parents in the ways of God.

Society and State | We believe that God instituted the state to promote justice and to maintain law and order. Christians' primary allegiance is to Christ's kingdom. Believers are called to witness against injustice, exercise social responsibility, and obey all laws that do not conflict with the Word of God.

Love and Nonresistance | We believe that God in Christ reconciles people to himself and to one another, making peace through the cross. We seek to be agents of reconciliation, practice love of enemies, and express Christ's love by alleviating suffering, reducing strife, and promoting justice. Because violence and warfare are contrary to the gospel of Christ, we believe we are called to give alternative service in times of war.

The Sanctity of Human Life | We believe that God is Creator and giver of life and highly values each person. Procedures designed to take human life are wrong. We oppose all attitudes that devalue human life, especially the defenceless lives of the unborn, disabled, poor, aging, and dying.

Stewardship | We believe the universe and everything in it belong to God the Creator and that we have been entrusted by God to manage its resources. All God's gifts, including money, time, abilities, and influence, are to be received with thanksgiving, used responsibly, and shared generously.

The Lord's Day, Work, and Rest | We believe God's act of creation provides the model for work and rest. In work, we use our abilities to glorify God and serve others. In rest, we express thanks for God's provision and trust in God's sustaining grace. In worship, we gather to commemorate the resurrection through worship, instruction, fellowship, and service.

Christianity and Other Faiths | We believe God's atoning work in Jesus is the only means of reconciling people with God. God has not left any without a witness to the Creator's goodness and power. Christians treat people of other faiths with respect but urgently proclaim Christ as the only way of salvation.

Christ's Final Triumph | We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return triumphantly at the end of this age to destroy all evil powers, condemn all who have rejected Christ to eternal punishment, and unite believers with Christ to reign forever with God in glory.