



Wilderness Wind

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Job Description: **Base-camp staff**

*Wilderness Wind's mission
is to nurture relationships with God and creation through wilderness living which promotes
spirituality, cooperation and environmental sustainability*

Basic Qualifications

- A strong appreciation for the wilderness and the gifts it offers us in relationship to our Creator God, to ourselves and others as a part of God's creation.
- A strong faith in following the way of Jesus.
- An awareness of how our relationship to the earth affects the decisions we make.
- A basic comfort in the wilderness an openness to learning from it.
- An openness to doing a wide variety of tasks, flexible in their work hours, and interested in learning new tasks.
- Honest about their limitations and strengths
- Enjoy working with others and have good communication skills

Responsibilities

Training for many of the following responsibilities is provided during staff orientation or through working alongside an experienced staff person. We will not require anything of you that you, or the staff coordinator, do not feel you are qualified to carry out. Camp work can be sporadic, thus flexibility within work hours is important.

1. Weekend Responsibilities (Friday - Sunday)

Weekends are busy times at camp since some canoe groups are coming off the water to return home and others are arriving at camp. A variety of tasks may need to be done during this time.

- a) Orientation of groups
 - 1) assist with preparation of food bins and meals
 - 2) help with food packing
 - 3) assist trip leaders with orientation as needed
- b) Clean up
 - 1) assist with preparation of food bins
 - 2) help with the clean up process of two or more groups
 - 3) finish any clean up of gear or grounds that wasn't finished prior to the group leaving camp
- c) Assisting with worship (if interested)
- d) Transportation of canoe/hiking groups to and from wilderness entry point.
- e) Miscellaneous tasks as needed.

2. During the Week

There are various tasks that need to be done throughout the summer. Base-camp staff are encouraged to take ownership of one or more of the following areas of responsibility. Assignment of these tasks will be determined by balancing the interests and abilities of one or more base-camp staff and the availability of volunteers and trip leaders

- a) Be responsible for carrying out the Lynx responsibilities of caring for each work area.
- b) Assist with office related tasks – may include data entry work, setting up displays and bulletin boards, communicating with guests (written and verbal), organizing or mailings.
- c) Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds: Includes oversee of or mowing of lawn, trimming trails, felling trees, trash/recycling removal, campsite needs in regard to firewood and general maintenance of tents and grounds etc. (see part-time description)
- d) Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance: Service vans, trailers, mowers, and chainsaws as needed and making sure that all vehicles are ready for transportation of groups.
- e) Camping Equipment Repair and Replacement: Repairing gear whenever possible or taking it in for repair. Ordering new equipment to replace lost or non-repairable gear.
- f) Kitchen: Assist in the kitchen as needed, bring leadership to trip food packing or other specific meal preparation activities. (see part-time description)
- g) Work on program projects, take photos and organize photo albums as time allows.
- h) Care for the garden, chickens, worm compost bins and human manure systems. (see part-time description)
- i) Get Lakeside cabins ready for the next guest, which involves cleaning, baking bread, and welcoming the guests
- j) Work with volunteers on projects as needed.

3. Other

- a) Participate in staff orientation week in May/June (optional)
- b) Help with the Mennonite Disabilities Committee week (if applicable)
- c) If interested and the schedule allows, base-camp staff are welcome to join 1-2 trips in the course of the summer to assist trip leading staff.

Position starts in late May and goes until mid to late August (dates are flexible).

For additional information, please see *Staff Benefits and Understandings*

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