



NATURAL LINKS

MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION

JOB OPENINGS

2024 MCA BI-NATIONAL GATHERING

Camp Deerpark, Westbrookville, NY, is seeking to hire an Executive Director to lead the talented team of folks who care for the place that New Yorkers call home. Camp Deerpark is a ministry of the New York City Mennonite Churches. It is a community of Christ where children, youth, and families from all cultures are welcomed to fellowship together in the serenity of God's creation. A full job description and benefit package is available at <https://campdeerpark.org/executive-director-opening/>

Thank you to those who responded to the recent questionnaire. The response was encouraging for a West coast gathering, therefore the ***Mennonite Camping Association is heading to Western Canada in 2024!***

Prepare now to join us **March 11-14, 2024** at **Camp Squeah in Hope, British Columbia**
"Come and experience camp in the beautiful British Columbia wilderness in the Fraser Canyon."

**** Increased travel subsidies will be offered. ****
Information on the subsidies will be made available as soon as possible.

RECRUITING

2023 FALL RECRUITING

Wed., November 1--EMU
Thurs., November 2--Bluffton
Fri., November 3--Goshen

Mon. November 6--Hesston
Tue., November 6--Tabor
Wed., November 8--Bethel

Mark your calendars!



CAMP UPDATES

Camp Mennoscah, Murdock, KS, www.campmennoscah.org
Camp Mennoscah burned a good portion of their tallgrass prairie early in March. A controlled burn is done for safety and to help rejuvenate the prairie grasses. Usually, at least one section of the tallgrass prairie is burned every year, but due to the mismatch of weather and availability of volunteers, the grass has not been burned since 2019. We were especially glad to be able to burn this year since the county is in severe drought and there have been two wildfires nearby in the past 6 months. Two volunteers flew in by plane - extra excitement for an already exciting day.



Camp Squeah



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CAMP UPDATES, CONT.

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Laurelville, Mount Pleasant, PA, www.laurelville.org

LAURELVILLE LEADERSHIP LAB (L³)



Lead so others will joyfully follow

Laurelville Leadership Lab or L3 facilitates leadership development through personal and group exercises. It is relevant to leaders and emerging leaders from a broad base of organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit and faith-based or secular.

Discount rates through Labor Day

Single Occupancy: \$600
Double Occupancy: \$500
Commuter: \$425



Register at:
laurelville.org/program_events/L3



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Established in 1960, the Mennonite Camping Association is *committed to being a CONNECTING PLACE for camping ministries* from across the Mennonite/Anabaptist faith tradition. We recognize the diversity in our membership and denominational affiliations and allow members to adopt their own statements of faith.

We seek to connect around our common interests in sharing Christ, faith formation, creation care, and leadership development

throughout Canada and the United States.



MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PEACE CAMPS 2023

MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries is excited to share about three upcoming Peace Camps for 2023!

Peace Camps are one-week, hands-on learning experiences for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults, root themselves in intentional, theological reflection and apply that to real-world work of peace and justice in their communities.

MCC will cover all costs of travel, lodging and meals with each participant paying only a \$200 registration fee.

Below is a summary of each camp. You can also find more information on each camp on the MCC Peace Camps webpage: <https://mcc.org/peace-camps>

Peacebuilders Training | July 24-29 | Divide, Colorado

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. – Micah 4:3

Descolonizando la construcción de paz | Decolonizing Peace | October 15-20 | Puerto Rico

Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz, porque serán llamados hijos de Dios. – Mateo 5:0

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. – Matthew 5:9

****This experience will be facilitated entirely in Spanish. All participants must have a minimum level of proficiency to understand and engage fully.**

Inscribirse para Descolonizando la construcción de paz | God of Justice | January 2-6 | Camp Deerpark, New York

Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. – Isaiah 1:17

If you are a young adult, please consider joining us on one of these experiences, or tap shoulders to get young adults you know involved! Feel free to contact us at npjm@mcc.org, if you have questions or concerns you'd like to talk through.

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