



# NATURAL LINKS

## MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION

### JOB OPENINGS

### SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Spruce Lake, Canadensis, PA, is seeking to hire a full-time Housekeeping Lead-Trainer-Inspector (LTI). The Housekeeping LTI ensures that buildings are tidy, clean and well-maintained through participation as a housekeeper and as a housekeeping trainer, inspector and supervisor. You'll collaborate with the Environmental Services Manager to implement strategies and action plans to improve effectiveness and performance outcomes for the housekeeping department. For position details and to apply, go to [sprucelake.org/about/employment](http://sprucelake.org/about/employment). Contact the HR Office at 800-822-7505 x 132.

Bethany Birches Camp, Plymouth, VT, is hiring! This core team member would be focused on facilities, maintenance, and guest group coordinating. This is a full-time, year-round position. Duties include leading the summer and winter facilities teams, running mowers, tractor, snow plow, snow mobile, etc. Competitive salary, as well as a great benefit package is included. To apply, send a resume or email stating your interest, to [brandon@bethanybirches.org](mailto:brandon@bethanybirches.org). Learn more about the role here: <https://bethanybirches.org/fm>



Camp Friedenswald, Michigan



Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Iowa



Laurelville Retreat Center, Pennsylvania

*Laurelville's Day and Overnight Camp Leadership started a new venture this summer. Each week, day camp was invited over to play for an afternoon at overnight camp. Their afternoons included: large group games, activities, and cabin tours. Exciting outcomes: day campers are excited to come to overnight camp, counselors who used to function as completely separate staffs became fast friends, and when one camp or the other was short-staffed, counselors were excited to swap over for a week to help the "other side".*

*This successful trial will be a new Laurelville tradition!*

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### 2024 MCA BI-NATIONAL GATHERING

Mark your calendars and prepare now to join us:

**March 11-14, 2024**

at [Camp Squeah](#) in Hope, British Columbia

#### Introducing keynote speaker, April Yamasaki

**April Yamasaki** is an ordained pastor, editor, and author of *Sacred Pauses*, *Four Gifts*, *On the Way With Jesus*, and other books on living life with faith and hope.

She currently serves as resident author with Valley CrossWay Church, which is a liturgical worship community; edits the quarterly devotional magazine *Rejoice!*; continues to write both online and in print publications; and often speaks in other churches and settings. She blogs on faith, life, and ministry at [AprilYamasaki.com](#) and [WhenYouWorkfortheChurch.com](#). Her next book is a collection of sermons to be released in 2023.



April holds a Master of Christian Studies from Regent College. She was happily married to her high school sweetheart until his death last year from cancer-related complications. Though grieving, she is grateful for a wonderfully supportive family and church community, good work, good friends, and God's mercies new every morning.

#### Increased Travel Subsidies available for the 2024 MCA Bi-National Gathering

##### Amount available:

**USA:** Twenty-eight \$250 individual travel subsidies, totaling \$7,000, are available for the Camp Squeah Bi-National.

**Canada:** Six \$250 individual travel subsidies, totaling \$1,500, are available for the Camp Squeah Bi-National.

##### Who is eligible:

Any staff or board member of a member MCA camp.

*Any non-member individual or family member is welcome (and encouraged!) to register and attend, but are not eligible for a travel subsidy.*

##### Details:

- Beginning October 1, through January 1st, **individuals** may apply for one \$250 travel subsidy.
- **Up to 3 staff or board members per camp** will be granted the subsidy.
- After January 1, any remaining subsidies will be available for any additional staff or board members to apply, from any member camp, including those who have already received 3 subsidies.
- Subsidy checks will be handed out at the Camp Squeah gathering, or email transferred (Canada) on March 11.

##### How to apply:

**Beginning October 1**, contact Sean McConaghay at [mennonitecamping@gmail.com](mailto:mennonitecamping@gmail.com).

##### Where is Camp Squeah?

Camp Squeah is located in Hope, British Columbia, Canada. Squeah is a scenic 2 hour drive from Vancouver directly off of the Trans Canada Highway.

##### Nearest Airports:

**Vancouver (YVR)** is a large international airport located 181 km/112 mi west of Camp Squeah (approximately 2 hr drive).

**Abbotsford (YXX)** is a smaller international airport located 105 km/65 mi west of Camp Squeah (approximately 1 hr 10 min drive).

*Shuttle information will be available later.*