



NATURAL LINKS

MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION

JOB OPENINGS

Operations Manager at Pinebrook, East Stroudsburg, PA, (Spruce Lake Ministries) – In this full-time role, you'll collaborate with the Pinebrook director to hire, train, and lead the environmental services team, and supervise the operations technicians, housekeepers, laundry staff and volunteers. See that high quality standards are maintained. Salary \$35-40k. For details and to apply, go to <https://pinebrook.org/about/employment/>.

RECRUITING

2023 FALL RECRUITING

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

Mon. November 6--Hesston
 Tue., November 7--Tabor
 Wed., November 8--Bethel

Mark your calendars! Contact Sean at mennonitecamping.org for more information or to attend.

CAMP UPDATES

Pine Lake Fellowship Camp, Meridian, MS, www.pinelakecamp.com

Pine Lake's 42nd annual benefit sale & auction was held at Pine Lake Fellowship Camp (Meridian, MS) on October 7. Paired with perfect fall weather, fresh donuts, baked goods, seafood gumbo, and jambalaya it attracted camp supporters from five states to buy handcrafted items like woodworking, art, and quilts. The day culminated with a live auction of dozens of items and the "camp quilt" selling for \$2,000! 2023 was the third year in a row this event was held at Pine Lake after being hosted at 3 other locations across Mississippi or Louisiana in its first 39 years! It's good to be home!

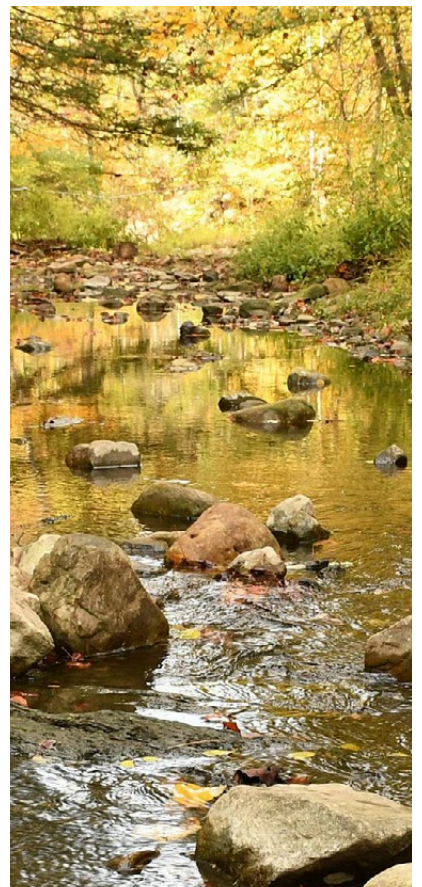


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Established in 1960, the Mennonite Camping Association is *committed to being a* **CONNECTING PLACE** *for camping ministries* from across the Mennonite/Anabaptist faith tradition. We recognize the diversity in our membership and denominational affiliations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



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Highland Retreat





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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.



Travel subsidy registration is open!

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.

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.