



NATURAL LINKS

MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION

JOB OPENINGS

Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center, Tiskilwa, IL, is seeking a Food Service Manager. This year-round, full-time position oversees the operation of a full service kitchen including menu creation, ordering, preparing meals, dietary need accommodations, and the hiring and supervision of cook's assistants, kitchen assistants and volunteers. Salary, housing, and benefits are provided with this position. For more details go to mennohaven.com/employmentopenings. Submit letter of interest and resume to Doc Johnson at execdir@mennohaven.com.

Camp Mennoscah, Murdock, KS, is seeking a full-time Director of Development, Marketing & Communications to lead ongoing operational and advancement needs. This professional must embrace the mission of Camp Mennoscah, have an established background in coordinating nonprofit donation strategies, possess strong written, interpersonal, leadership and relationship building skills, and work as an independent contributor with good organization and follow-through. Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements) to campmennojobs@att.net.

Camp Luz, Orrville, OH, is taking applications for the position of Program Director. This full-time position is a key member of the year-round team and carries primary responsibility for planning and carrying out all retreat and summer camp programs at Camp Luz. The full job description is available at www.campluz.com. Resumes should be sent to Andrew Michaels, Camp Director, at andrew@campluz.com or mailed to the camp office.

CAMP UPDATES

Camp Deerpark, Westbrookville, NY, www.campdeerpark.org

On September 11, 2021 approximately 300 people gathered at Camp Deerpark to dedicate the Promise Center building. This building will be a multi-use building and the center of programming for eight Promise Woods children's camp cabins. Philip Mendez, with the help of his counselor Jeremy Sisnero cut the ribbon as the congregation outside sang *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*.



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

Pine Lake Fellowship Camp recently hosted evacuees over a three week period following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ida on August 29. After Ida hit, it was obvious that the storm damage was far greater than anticipated. Most evacuees had only packed for two nights expecting to go home immediately after Ida passed! All evacuee homes were without power, some roofs were severely damaged and caused internal damage, but there were many feelings of helplessness and anxiety. So, any previous lodging fee was waived, and we moved around existing reservations so that they could stay for as long as needed. Over the course of three weeks, 35 people stayed at Pine Lake. Some stays lasted only 4 nights, most 10, and others 21. A few evacuees had been to camp many times and several were new to camp within the last year as part of a guest group. Others were neighbors, friends, or in-laws who networked or tagged along to get out of Ida's destructiveness. The group was made up of several segments/families from different parts of New Orleans and St. Charles Parish. There was a community that formed who supported one another through grief of damaged homes and the unknown.

It was a tremendous blessing to be able to use our facilities to serve others. While overlooking the lake from the Lodge porch, one first time guest said he was so eager to get home while being displaced and caring for his elderly parents & mother in law over the last 6 days. "But now that I'm here, I don't really want to leave! That's the peace and renewal that the Holy Spirit can bring to even the most chaotic of situations. Pine Lake is thankful for many contributors who gave gift cards, provided meals, & donated to utility expenses. There were even talks of an "Ida reunion" as people departed Pine Lake for home (one with a scheduled start & end date). ~ Matt Graybill, Executive Director

