



Dear Prospective Summer Staff,

The Brethren Retreat is a great place to serve the Lord while being challenged to grow closer in your own relationship with God. I hope that you will prayerfully consider what your role might be on staff for Camp Shipshewana 2019. I am looking forward to seeing how God brings together a team of young men and women who love the Lord and desire to serve Him by sharing their lives with hundreds of children during our 99<sup>th</sup> summer of ministry. Our Camp Shipshewana 2019 theme is: **"Pure Heart, Clean Mind, Strong Faith"**. Our theme verse is: **"The Purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith." – 1 Timothy 1:5**

Please fill out and return the enclosed staff application ASAP to begin the process. In the past we have accepted applications up to the date of Staff Training, which is June 10-14, 2019 provided there still remains an open position. This has not been the case in recent years. So... get your application materials submitted promptly. We are expecting an abundance of excellent ministry applicants for Camp Shipshewana 2019!



We are searching for Activity Directors in Crafts, Media, Recreation, Waterfront, Worship, and CIT (Counselor In-Training) along with 5 female and 3 male Sr. Counselors. I encourage you to return your application by **January 31<sup>st</sup>** to allow time to complete the application process.

Also enclosed are three reference forms. Please give these reference forms, along with a stamped Brethren Retreat-addressed envelope, to adults who know you well, and with whom you have had regular contact in a character developing role (*i.e. a teacher/professor, coach/supervisor, youth/campus pastor, **non-relative** adult who has known you 3+ years, etc.*). **One reference form MUST be from your current Pastor/Youth Leader**. Please ask them to complete and return the reference forms to the Brethren Retreat within the week that you present the reference to them. I look forward to receiving your application.

I pray that you are able learn!

**Pure Heart, Clean Mind, Strong Faith**  
*1 Timothy 1:5*

Rick Miller  
*Executive Director*

Fall/Winter 20108 and Spring 2019

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Application for Ministry
THE BRETHREN RETREAT
at Shipshewana Lake

Veteran Summer Staff Application
2019 Camp Shipshewana Programs

9095 W CR 275 N / Shipshewana, IN 46565

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BIOGRAPHICAL / EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

Date: Position Desired: Name: Sex: M F Age: Birth Date: SS#: Education Level: Permanent Address: City/St/Zip: Phone: Good until: E-Mail: School/Current Address: City/St/Zip: Phone: Good until: T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL Social Network Site: Web Address: (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, etc.)

Driver's License#: Vehicle Year/Model/Color: The Brethren Retreat needs to have a record of vehicles being parked on the grounds by the staff.

Describe your family and the role that you play in your family.

Home Church: Pastor: Address: City/St/Zip: Phone: Fax: E-Mail:

Please list your most recent employer: Company: Phone: Supervisor: Dates of employment:

Describe your responsibilities:

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER** (hand written or typed):

- Why do you wish to serve for another summer at the Brethren Retreat?
- What single most skill(s) or experience did you gain as a Brethren Retreat staff member that has benefited you in the past year?
- As a returning staff member, how could you improve on your past service at the Brethren Retreat?
- Name an instance in which you were disappointed with your Camp Shishewana experience.
- Describe a time in which you were disappointed with your work as a Camp Shishewana counselor.
- Give specific examples of how your relationship with God has changed (i.e. strengthened, stagnated, or digressed) and how you have applied the Bible to obtain direction in your life in the last 12 months.
- In what capacity are you involved with a local church?
- Please describe your involvement as a leader or participant in Christian ministry since you last served at the Brethren Retreat.

**GENERAL INFORMATION / TRAINING**

Do you have any physical, medical, or mental health conditions or any special limitations (diet, exercise, stamina, addictions, and prescription medications) **YES** **NO**  
 (Circle one)

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you certified in any of the following areas?	(circle one)		Exp. Date
Lifeguard:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
Water Safety Instructor (WSI):	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
Lifeguard Instructor (LGI):	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
Archery:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
First Aid/CPR:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
AED Defib:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT):	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
Nursing (LPN or RN):	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
Chauffeur's License:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____
Challenge Course Training Certification (CCTC):	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	_____

Would you be willing or interested in being certified in any of the following areas?  
 (circle one)

Lifeguarding	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Lifeguard Instructor (LGI):	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Archery	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

Have you ever been arrested for any violation that resulted in a conviction, a plea of guilty or no contest, probation, community service, summary report, or some other form of adjudication (other than minor traffic violations)? Also, do you have any pending charges or are you under any type of investigation? If yes, explain fully on a separate piece of paper. (Circle) **YES NO**

Have you ever been accused of physical or sexual abusive behavior? If yes, explain fully on a separate piece of paper. (Circle) **YES NO**

Please indicate your favorite for each of the following items

Candy Bar: \_\_\_\_\_ Ice Cream Flavor/Item: \_\_\_\_\_  
Food/Meal: \_\_\_\_\_ Drink: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bible Story: \_\_\_\_\_ Hobby: \_\_\_\_\_  
Condiment: \_\_\_\_\_ Pie: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL REFERENCES**

Please list two adult references that have known you for 3+ years, excluding family.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you need time off at any point during the summer? If so, what are the dates?

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**APPLICANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

I understand that the existence of a record of criminal activity or child abuse may, depending on the circumstances, disqualify me from consideration as an applicant to the Brethren Retreat Staff Team. I further understand Criminal and Child Abuse background checks may be conducted if I am accepted as a member of the Brethren Retreat Staff Team. Failure to fully disclose one's record will typically result in immediate dismissal. To the extent of my knowledge, the information on this application is truthful and accurate. By means of this release, I authorize the Brethren Retreat to make inquires about me with the people listed in this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to seek out the potential for scholarship funds via your college?

**YES NO**

(Circle one)

Return completed application to:

**The Brethren Retreat** *at Shipshewana Lake*  
Rick Miller, Executive Director  
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