

Application for Ministry
Excitement Is In The Air!

Returning Staff Member

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 2024. 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 104th summer of ministry. Our Camp Shipshewana 2024 theme will be: **SEEK** Our theme verse is from Matthew 6:33

**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33**

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 8-14, 2024 (Saturday-Friday) provided there still remains an open position (**Please note the new date change as arrival is on Saturday afternoon instead of Sunday this year**).

Available summer staff positions after spring break have not been the case in some years. So... get your application materials submitted promptly. We are expecting an abundance of excellent ministry applicants for Camp Shipshewana 2024!

We are searching for Activity Directors to lead; Crafts, Media, Recreation, Waterfront, Worship, and CIT (Counselor In-Training) along with 6 female and 4 male Sr. Counselors. New this year is the possibility of a Services Activity Director (*similar to CIT*) that would include; groundskeeping, housekeeping and routine maintenance. I encourage you to return your application & references by **ASAP** 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 thankful for a kingdom that is unshaken and seek to worship God with reverence and awe this summer at Camp Shipshewana. It's our 104th year of ministry!

SEEK Him 1st,

Matthew 6:33

Rick Miller
Executive Director





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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Position Desired: _____ Date: ___/___/___
Birthday: ___/___/___ Sex: M F Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____
Social Security #: _____ Drivers License #: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
School: _____ GPA: _____
School Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____
How did you hear about the Brethren Retreat? _____

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND:

Home Church: _____ Pastor: _____
Are you involved with a youth group? _____ Youth Pastor/leader: _____
I attend church (please circle one)... every week almost every week once a month
occasionally on special occasions
I attend church with my family: YES NO
I attend another church while at school: YES NO
Church: _____ Pastor: _____

List three strengths and weaknesses in your walk with God...

Strengths	Weaknesses
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What is your involvement within local ministries (especially leadership roles)?

On a separate paper please tell us a little about...

1. How your relationship with God changed since you last served on staff (grow, stagnated, struggled)?
2. What it looks like for you to live your life as a Christian (involvement in ministry, devotional time, etc).
3. Why do you wish to serve for another summer at the Brethren Retreat?
4. What do you want to see different this summer from the last time you served on staff? What are you going to do to help this change happen?

EXPERIENCE

Employment Background: Please list your most recent employer.

Employer #1	Dates employed	Position	Reason for leaving
Responsibilities	Supervisor	Phone/Email	

Are you certified in any of these following areas?

- Lifeguard: YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- Water Safety Instructor (WSI): YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- Lifeguard Instructor: YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- Archery: YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- First Aid/AED/CPR: YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- Emergency Medical Technician: YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- Nursing (LPN or RN) YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- Chauffeur's License: YES NO Expiration Date: _____
- Challenge Course Training Certification (CCTC): YES NO Expiration Date: _____

Would you be interested in getting certified in any of the above? _____

OTHER INFORMATION

Prioritize your reasons (1-10) for seeking a staff position at the Brethren Retreat.

- _____ Camp is fun
- _____ An opportunity lead a child to Jesus Christ
- _____ An opportunity for a church matching grant to pay for college expenses
- _____ I am seeking God's call to full time ministry
- _____ The Brethren Retreat pays better than other summer jobs
- _____ To grow in my personal relationship with Christ
- _____ I have friends serving on staff
- _____ A desire to be a positive role model for youth
- _____ I was recruited by a former staff or camper
- _____ I am not sure—just checking my options
- _____ I need something to help build my resume

Do you have any physical, medical, or mental health conditions or any special limitations YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

Physician: _____ Phone: _____



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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. **YES NO**

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

REFERENCES

You will need to have 3 people complete and fill out a reference form for you and mail it back to the Brethren Retreat.

Reference #1 (must be a pastor/youth leader)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reference #3

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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 inquiries about me with the people listed in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If applicant is under age 18, parent's signature is required before Brethren Retreat can process application and complete a background check.)

Return completed application to:

The Brethren Retreat at Shipshewana Lake

Rick Miller, Executive Director

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