



MEMBERSHIP AT CAMP EVERGREEN

WHO IS CAMP EVERGREEN?

Camp Evergreen is a Bible camp for kids, youth and families: we exist to see lives transformed through the power of Jesus Christ. We're open year-round and offer a well-balanced program of individual and group activities, skill instruction and Bible teaching, carried out by committed and growing Christian staff. Camp Evergreen is located on 480 acres of forest and field in the Alberta foothills, 14 kilometres southeast of Sundre.

OUR MISSION:

Camp Evergreen is a place to connect, explore, and grow. We exist to see lives transformed by the power of Jesus.

ABOUT CAMP EVERGREEN:

Camp Evergreen uses the beauty of the outdoors to encourage our guests, campers and staff to know Christ, or to know Him better. We offer space for kids and youth to be challenged in a safe environment. Our programs include horsemanship, a challenge course and zipline, climbing, mountain biking, canoeing, and winter activities.

We run seven weeks of summer camp in July and August each year, with camps for kids entering grades 1-12. Over summer, we welcome more than 650 campers and about 50 staff and volunteers. During summer camp, kids have the chance to play, to develop new friendships and to learn about Jesus.

From September to June, we welcome guest groups for retreats, team building events, family reunions, youth retreats, band camps, outdoor education events and more. Whether our guest groups are faith-based or not, we strive to be Christ's vessels, demonstrating His role in our lives through our behaviour and attitudes.

Camp Evergreen was established in 1963 by the Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (ABMB); we became an independent, not-for-profit Society in 2011 (our official name is Camp Evergreen Mennonite Brethren Ministries, Sundre). We continue to be affiliated with the ABMB Conference today and adhere to their Confession of Faith. We are also a member of Christian Camping International / Canada and the Alberta Camping Association.

We are continually amazed and blessed to see how God has used and is using so many people from so many different backgrounds to accomplish His purposes at Camp Evergreen. We praise Him for what He has done to change lives for eternity through this ministry.

WHY MEMBERSHIP?

Camp Evergreen is passionate about the unique opportunities presented by camping ministry and are looking for individuals and churches who want to join us in fulfilling our mission. The membership commitment may be financial, prayer support, time as a volunteer, expertise or other gifts. Membership enables you to be part of our mission and to show your commitment to Camp Evergreen and the difference it is making.

MEMBERS WILL:

1. have an active role in the difference Camp Evergreen is making in people's lives every day.
2. be entitled to full participation at the annual general meeting, including voting privileges.
3. be eligible to participate as a Board Member.
4. receive regular updates and prayer requests, along with our newsletter.
5. attend the annual members day at no cost.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER, AND WHAT WILL YOU EXPECT OF ME?

Any person, 18 years of age or older, who will generally agree with the Confession of Faith and objectives and contribute an annual twenty dollar (\$20.00) membership fee shall be considered a member in good standing and be entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Any church who will generally agree with the Confession of Faith and objectives, appoint a Camp Representative, and contribute an annual two hundred dollar (\$200.00) membership fee shall be considered a member in good standing and be entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

MEMBERS WILL:

Sincerely pray that the Lord will be exalted, and lives will be changed, through this ministry.

- Strive to participate in some sort of service for the camp (financially or otherwise, knowing that without this commitment, the camp ministry cannot function.
- Make every reasonable effort to be present at each of Camp Evergreen's business meetings, and the Annual General Meeting each spring

WHAT ARE CAMP EVERGREEN'S OBJECTIVES AND CONFESSION OF FAITH?

Our objectives, as laid out in our Constitution & Bylaws, are:

- To share, preach and teach the doctrines, tenets and observances associated with the Mennonite Brethren faith with those attending the Camp; and
- To maintain and support a chapel for those attending the Camp with services conducted in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of the Mennonite Brethren faith.

Our Confession of Faith is on the following page and we invite you to read it.



STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God as eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God created and sustains the universe. The eternal purpose of God the Father is to create a people who will bring glory to God forever. God alone is worthy of worship.

We believe that God became human in Jesus Christ. Jesus came to restore the world because humans have rejected God in disobedience. Jesus taught and modelled the way of God's Kingdom. He died on the cross, making it possible for us to accept a renewed relationship with God. He rose from the dead, broke the power of sin and death, and frees us to live in obedience to God's will.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit invites all people to be reconciled with God and to join the global family of faith. Believers confess their faith, are baptized, and join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and guided by the Bible, members of the church seek to live as followers of Christ and invite others to experience this new life.

As Christians, we are called to turn:

- from ignorance of God to a personal relationship with God
- from bondage of sin and past mistakes to freedom, forgiveness, and healing
- from individualism to interdependence with others in the local church
- from lifestyle choices that harm us, others, and the earth to choices that nurture wholeness, healing, joy, and peace
- from hating enemies and ignoring neighbours to showing love and justice to all
- from loving possessions to sharing with all in need
- from aimless existence to a mission of representing and proclaiming God's kingdom on earth

As Christians, we look forward to the day when God will once again send Jesus to bring all things under God's eternal rule.