



# Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a Wilderness In Setting



# Blue Bronna Wilderness Camp

Summer Camps

# Staff Information





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Dear Prospective Staff Person,

Thank you for considering Blue Bronna Wilderness Camp as a possible ministry option this summer. We hope that you will prayerfully consider what God will have you do this summer. Life at summer camp is not a picnic though. It demands that you be willing to sacrifice personal interests for the betterment of the campers and other staff. It demands that you be committed to what God will call you to this summer and to what He wants to accomplish in your life and in the lives of others through you. I would like to invite you to be part of one of the hardest summers of your life but definitely one of the most rewarding.

Here is what some former staff have to say about highlights of their time as a summer staff member.

“Standing on the top of a mountain in the back country on a horse and looking out in all directions over a vast landscape of mountains, sky, and seeing to the prairies!”

“The wilderness offers adventure nowhere else can, which I think makes BBWC so different and special from other ‘outdoor’ camps. We tend to go beyond what people expect when they think about trail rides, canoeing, and rock climbing.”

“Getting you out of your comfort zone, forming deep spiritual friendships, cooking over a fire, sleeping under the stars, morning devotions and prayer as a staff team.”

“For me, God used BBWC to take a shy/scared/timid staffer and pull me out of my shell. The family feel to the staff made me feel safe, and the prayer time, hearing other staff pray for me, broke down walls and helped me grow.”

**For your summer experience, choose not that which will bring you the most money. Choose that will bring you the most fulfillment and provide you with an experience that you will never forget. You can always work but you cannot always be involved in a summer of ministry that could change your life forever.**

God Bless you as you consider what He would have you do this summer.  
Ps. If you have any questions, call us 1-403-601-9350

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*Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, both now and forever. Psalm 125:2*

**bible wilderness horses**

# Summer Staff Information

**Blue Bronna Wilderness Camp** is an interdenominational Christian camp nestled in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta. The camps exist to evangelize and disciple all people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a wilderness setting. The camp operates out of two properties.

**Willow Creek** is located on 20 acres of rolling hills 90 minutes southwest of Calgary. This site offers programs for youth ages 6-17 through a 4-6 day resident program.

## **Our camps include:**

**A camp for ages 8-10 year olds, a teen horse camp, Ladies Horse Camp, Special Needs Family Camp and another Family Camp. Pack trips are run out of this facility.**

**A number of rental groups also use our site where we provide the activities, food and accommodations.**

*We have a capacity at this site of 24 campers.*

The site facilities at present include: five cabins, a dining hall which seats 25 people, an outside eating area, tents for campers and staff with wood stove heaters, a barn and covered riding area, and a playing field. Some of our programming takes place off site as we go hiking in the hills, canoeing at a local pond and riding in the local valleys and hills.

**Coat Creek** is our wilderness site located 45 minutes up the road in the Rockies. Facilities are rustic with large canvas tents, a tarped area for cooking and eating, a river close by and hundreds of miles of mountains and valleys to ride in and on. Capacity for these camps is 25.

## **Camps Include:**

**A week for 10-12 year olds, Teen Base Camp, Fly Fishing and Quad camps as well as some rental groups. (Mustard Seed, Men In Ministry)**

## ***Experience Needed***

We welcome applications from people with no previous camping or horse experience as well as from seasoned staff. It is your commitment to Christ, your desire to share His love and your ability (with our training) to teach various activities that are most important.

We do need people not afraid of the dark, the cold, long days, hard work, pitching in wherever you are needed, and willingness to grow and learn.

## ***Who May Apply?***

Applications are accepted from those 16 (jr staff) and older who know and love Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, relate well to youth, and have a desire to be involved in a ministry to underprivileged youth. Senior Counselors must be 18 years old come camp time.

## ***Travel to the Ranch***

Staff are required to pay the cost to travel to the ranch and back home. If you are not able to pay your airfare up front, the camp is willing to pay your airfare and then deduct the cost off your paycheques. Please ensure that this is communicated to the Director at some point so we can

## *Length Of Commitment*

We look for a core staff to stay the whole summer, but also welcome those who can only stay for a portion of that time.

### *SUMMER LINE UP FOR 2020*

#### WILLOW CREEK

Prairie Christian Academy – grades 8-9  
Willow Creek Work Weekend  
Prairie Christian Academy (Grades 7)  
Staff Training  
International Student Ministry from U of Calgary  
Co-ed ages 8-10  
Teen Horse Camp  
Shiloh Youth Ranch—foster home kids  
Solid Rock Refuge—troubled boys residential program (Sask)  
Family Camp  
Special Needs Family Camp  
Youth For Christ—youth living on the street (Calgary)

#### COAT CREEK

Coat Creek Work Weekend  
The 4th Musketeer Program (150 men- hiking)  
Mustard Seed, Calgary—people living at their shelter (Calgary)  
Men In Ministry—pastors, missionaries,  
Outreach Canada—ministry to Missionary kids  
Co-Ed ages 10-12  
Father/Daughter Horse Camp  
Fly Fishing Camp  
Teen Base Camp  
Quad Camp  
Ladies Horse Camp

#### PACK TRIPS

Teen Pack Trip  
Men's Pack Trip

There will be other week long groups that we will be booking throughout the summer. These could include church kids camps, and a camp for kids in foster care. We will also have day groups with women with addictions, mental health issues or coming out of abusive situations.

## *Staff Training Camp*

We are very serious about this summer ministry. Being on camp staff is not a holiday, it is very demanding and we want you to be prepared. We expect a high level of commitment and service from our staff and **you** will be **required** to attend the Staff Training Camp prior to the summer camps starting. You will be taught the skills you need to know to carry out your ministry, such as; archery, horseback riding, rock climbing and rappelling, how to teach a Bible study, discipline, Bible study preparation & leading a camper through a decision for Christ.

# Summer Camp Information

## **Things to be aware of when applying for a summer staff position:**

**PURPOSE** - Our purpose is “evangelize and disciple all people through the gospel of Jesus Christ in a wilderness setting.”

**LENGTH OF CAMP SESSIONS FOR CAMPERS** - Starting and end dates fluctuate over the summer. A camp might start on a Monday one week and then another on Saturday. We are not a Sunday/Monday to Friday camp.

**PROGRAM STYLE** - Cookouts, cabin group activities, meals, Bible Studies and devotions, and special activities all help to provide opportunities to have an impact on the campers that God has given you responsibility for that week.

**SIZE OF CABIN GROUPS** - anywhere from 7-9 campers per cabin. We strive to have one senior counsellor and one junior counselor in each cabin.

**COUNSELLOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES** - lead a cabin group of 7-9 young people, lead a daily cabin group Bible study (material provided), evening devotions, assist in teaching camp skills, take campers on a cookout, participate in chapels, participate in and sometimes lead all camp games, have a great time, make lifelong friends, and grow in your faith.

**SUPPORT STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES** - to be responsible for your area of service, participate in chapels (dramas, song-leading, testimony, etc.), participate in and sometimes lead all camp games, assist in other areas of camp when needed, serve in a cabin as a cabin buddy for one week, have a great time, make lifelong friends, and grow in your faith.

**TIME-OFF** - Each staff member receives approx. 1 hour off per day. Between camps, the breaks vary.

**STAFF ROTATION** - An effort is made to rotate staff between counselling, leading activity areas and service assignments to increase learning and experience and to avoid fatigue.

**REMUNERATION** - All staff receive \$800 month in a stipend or salary form.

- Salary plus room and board is supplied for all staff for the duration of the time of ministry.

**STAFF SHIRT** - Staff T-shirt to be worn on opening and closing days of camp.

For more specific information re: specific job description and arrangements, please contact us at the camp office.

We have an all– staff are ministers and all staff help out wherever needed philosophy. Cooks and wranglers are just as much a part of what happens as the counselors are. Since we have a small number of campers each week, we only have 12 people on staff. Therefore, all of us help wherever we can outside of our main responsibilities.

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# SUMMER MINISTRY NEEDS

## 4 MONTH PAID POSITIONS May to August

Dates of Service: May 1- August 24th  
Start Date Preferably May 1 but could be later

### **PROGRAM DIRECTOR (2)**

One to run Willow Creek and one to run Coat Creek.

Ministry Description: To co-ordinate and supervise all areas of the camp program (daily schedule, games, skills, chapels, etc.), to mentor counsellors, help with camper and staff behavior, may lead a cabin as a counselor of needed and to assist wherever needed.

### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DIRECTOR (1)**

Ministry Description: To help develop a training program for 15-17 year olds.

- To lead group of up to 10 youth in each session. Sessions will include: bible studies, mentorship, activity development (archery, horsemanship, climbing, canoeing—we will also train you), group project, cleaning duties, junior counselor development and more.

### **COOK (2)**

Ministry Description: menu planning, food ordering, overseeing the cooking of meals, overseeing volunteers and youth program participants, keep kitchen clean, cook at Willow Creek as well as at Coat Creek, assist wherever needed.

### **HEAD WRANGLER (2)**

Ministry Description: to plan and implement horse programs, care and feed horses, organize tack, work horses, keep barn and tac area clean, lead trail rides, manage other wranglers, engage campers about their faith journey, assist where needed in other areas of the camp and possibly lead pack trips. One to run our resident site and one to run the wilderness site.

### **MAINTENANCE PERSON (1)**

Ministry Description: - responsible for all areas of maintenance - fixing, painting, removing, mowing, weed whacking, chainsaw work - cutting trees for firewood, taking recyclables and cardboard to town, small building projects, participating in chapels and other camp activities. Must have a valid driver's licence.

### **SUMMER SECRETARY (1)**

Ministry Description: phone calls, emails, finances (petty cash, Mastercard reconciliation, revenue (all real easy), photocopying, grocery runs, helps wherever needed. Must have a valid drivers licence.

## 3 MONTH PAID POSITIONS

Dates of Service: May 15 to August 22

### **SENIOR COUNSELLORS/PROGRAM STAFF (4)**

Ministry Description: To lead and guide a camper in such a way that they will have an opportunity to receive Christ and/or grow in their Christian life, to be responsible for the campers' safety and hygiene, to teach or help teach assigned activities, to lead cabin Bible studies and devotions each day and participate in chapel services. Counselors and program staff will fluctuate between Willow Creek and Coat Creek and maybe Pack Trips.

### **ASSISTANT WRANGLER (2)**

Ministry Description: To help care for the horses, to assist in the program for the summer camps, to help maintain the horsemanship area, to participate in camp chapels and other camp activities, to work at Willow Creek, Coat Creek or on a Pack Trip as needed.

### **ASSISTANT COOK (2)**

Ministry Description: to assist the head cook in the kitchen—prep when groups are here, organizing and getting the kitchen ready for the summer, cooking for spring staff, possibly cooking at Coat Creek and helping wherever needed at the ranch.

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Dates of Service: June 1 to August 25 or parts thereof

**ACTIVITY INSTRUCTORS**  
**MAINTENANCE**

**WRANGLERS**  
**CAMP GRAND-PARENTS**

**KITCHEN HELPERS**  
**COUNSELORS**

# Honorarium

**We are committed to helping you leave camp at the end of summer, with enough money to help you in a significant way with your schooling.**

- 1) All paid positions receive a guaranteed \$800 per month, room and board.
- 2) Staff have the opportunity to raise an additional \$1,800 per month through friends, family and church. We provide you with a letter that you hand out and they mail the funds to the ranch. You receive what comes in for you up to the \$1,800 per month .
- 3) We as a camp raise money to increase the funds paid to staff. How much we increase the staff pay is dependent on how much we can raise.

Two month and four month salary has the same pay rate and opportunities.  
You receive an Honorarium so no taxes nor UIC or CPP is taken off.

The last number of summers, **some Canadian staff who were between the ages of 18-30** regardless of whether they are going back to school or not received a government grant that paid \$1,800 per month. The grant is not guaranteed every year.  
Those who are returning staff will be higher on the list to receive the grant if we get it.

## Foreign Applicants

It is can be a very easy process depending on which country you are presently residing in. Citizens from the following countries will be allowed to apply. We have found that people from these countries do not need a visa and are able to get the paperwork real easy.

- US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Hungary and Switzerland.

Other non-Canadian citizens residing in their home country in or in a country presently that is not Canada, the process is too long and costly and after all is done, most of the time they will not let you leave the country.

Foreign students presently in Canada and who will be staying in Canada over the summer are welcome to apply to be volunteers and will receive the a monthly stipend of \$800 plus food and lodging.

Once accepted, Non- US citizens will need to apply online for an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). This can take only a few minutes or 3 days. It costs you \$7 (Can). US citizens do not need to apply for an ETA.

All foreign staff will serve as volunteers. You will receive room and board and a monthly stipend of \$800 Canadian per month. This will be given to you as a bank transfer or a cheque. You do not need a work permit or a social insurance number. We simply provide you with a letter stating that you will be volunteering at our ranch. You then present this to Border Services/Immigration when you arrive at the Calgary International Airport or drive to the Canada/US border.

All foreign volunteers flying into Canada **must fly into Calgary** as their port of entry and not another Canadian city and then Calgary. You may experience difficulty if you do so.

Foreign workers are not able to raise the additional \$1,200 per month.

Some foreign staff have applied in their country for a one-year worker/travel visa. If you choose to do this, you will need to apply for a SIN card and a work permit which will cost you \$150.

All foreign staff will need to supply us with a copy of their travel and life insurance.

To Apply:

Send resume and cover letter stating  
why you want to work at a Christian Camp to:  
Office@bluebronna.org

