



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 which 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 1-403-879-1252**

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BIBLE

WILDERNESS

HORSES

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

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 year we will be offering a combo of our own programs in July and Family Camps in August. Our own programs offer camps for 8 –16 kids and youth and we have a *capacity at this site of 8 families at a time during Family Camps*.

We will also run programs for some outside groups which will include: church family campouts, youth groups and groups that work with the marginalized.

The site facilities at present include: five cabins, a fully functioning kitchen, an outside eating area, tents for campers and staff with wood stove heaters, a barn and covered riding area, archery, axe throwing, and a playing field. Some of our programming takes place off site as we go hiking in the hills, canoeing and kayaking at a local pond and riding in the local valleys and hills.

Coat Creek is our wilderness site located 30 minutes up the road in the Rockies. Facilities are rustic with large canvas tents, a tarped area for cooking and eating, an outhouse, a river close by and hundreds of miles of mountains and valleys to ride in and on.

Capacity for these camps is between 12 and 16. Camps that we will run include: Teen Horse Camp, a Father Son Adventure Camp, Fly Fishing Camp, Teen Survivor and Teen Pack trip, Men's Pack Trip, a camp for ages 10-12 yr olds , well as some church rental groups and groups that work with the marginalized.

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/Program Staff 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 make arrangements. Airport pick up is available and is free.

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 2026

WILLOW CREEK

Co-ed ages 8-12
Girls Teen Horse Camps ages 13-17
Work Weekends
Equine Clinic for Wranglers
Jr Staff Training Camp
Teen Photography Camp
Teen Art Camp
Mother Daughter Horse Camp—daughters ages 8-13
Mid-summer staff break
Church Rentals— churches who rent our site on weekends
Family Camps
The Narrow Road home for women in addictions
Women in Ministry Camp
Teen Mom's Camp with Youth For Christ
Spring School Outdoor Education Programs
Single Parent Family Camp
Teen Camp

COAT CREEK

Coat Creek Work Weekend
Men In Ministry—pastors, missionaries,
Teen Challenge— men in addictions
Ages 10-12 yr old camp
Father Son Adventure Camp
Outreach International (18-30 yr old missionary adults)
Fly Fishing
Quad Camp
Teen Survivor Camp
Teen Horse Camp
Teen Pack Trip
Men's Pack Trip

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 for camps fluctuate over the summer. Our programs typically go from Sunday to Friday with staff having off Fri after supper to Sunday at 2:30pm. When families are here, families come Sun to Thurs or Thurs to Sun. Staff have off from Sunday at 2:00pm until Tues morning at 7:00am. Most programs at our wilderness site run Thurs to Sunday or Tues to Thurs.

PROGRAM STYLE - Cookouts, family activities, meals, Chapels and devotions, and special activities all help to provide opportunities to have an impact on the families that God has given us responsibility for that week.

SIZE OF CABIN GROUPS - Our programs have 8 in a cabin. Each family has their own cabin or they can bring a trailer.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES - Assist at morning and evening chapels, assist in teaching camp skills, take families on a cookout, participate in and sometimes lead all camp games, have a great time, make lifelong friends, and grow in your faith. Staff also take turns on weekends where we have groups to serve as a Camp Host. This is a once or twice in the summer ministry need.

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, have a great time, make lifelong friends, and grow in your faith.

TIME-OFF - Our days go from 7:00am to 10:00pm each day in the summer and days on the Spring when we have groups at camp. Each staff member receives approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes off per day. Between camps, the breaks vary. Most of the time breaks between camps are Friday at 4:00pm to Sunday at 2:30pm in July and Sunday at 4:00pm to Tues at 7:00am in August. There is opportunity to go to a church on Sundays in July but we have services at camp in August. There are a few times where we work 6 days a week and have a day and a half off between camps.

STAFF ROTATION - An effort is made to rotate staff between leading activity areas and service assignments to increase learning and experience and to avoid fatigue (kitchen, maintenance and the office.)

REMUNERATION - All staff 18 and older receive \$1,250 month in a stipend form.

- Stipend 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. This is provided by the 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 activity staff are. Since we have a small number of people or families each week, we only have 12-15 people on staff. Therefore, all of us help wherever we can outside of our main responsibilities. Wranglers and Activity staff will also serve as cabin counselors for some weeks.

Church Ministry—we look to attend local churches as a whole camp staff every 2nd Sunday. This is to engage with local churches and to offer a worship team

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SUMMER MINISTRY NEEDS

4 MONTH PAID POSITIONS May to August

Dates of Service: May 1- August 23rd
Start Date Preferably May 1 but could be later

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (2)

To run Willow Creek and one to Run our Wilderness site—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.

JR STAFF TRAINING LEADER (1)

Ministry Description: To help develop a training program for 15-16 year olds.

- To lead group of up to 9 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.

HEAD 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.

HEAD 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

Ministry Description: answer phone calls, emails, finances (petty cash, Mastercard reconciliation, revenue (all real easy), photocopying, grocery runs, helps wherever needed. Must have a valid drivers licence. If possible, we would like this person to be in nursing training in order to serve as Camp Nurse.

1-3 MONTH PAID POSITIONS

Dates of Service: May 15h to August 23

COUNSELORS/PROGRAM STAFF (6)

Ministry Description: These staff have more than one area that they help out with. No one is just a wrangler, canoe instructor or counselor. You may counsel one week and just be at the barn or at another activity the next week. Sometimes you may counsel and help at an activity during the same week. You may also help in the kitchen at times.

- 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/program staff will fluctuate between Willow Creek and Coat Creek sites. These staff help at the barn, canoeing/ kayaking, archery, climbing, wilderness skills, and games. When you are at the barn you will help to 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 or Coat Creek as needed.

ASSISTANT COOK (1)

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.

NURSE/FIRST AID PERSON:

Ministry Description: to administer first aid and medications to campers and staff, to observe the overall health of staff and campers, to assist in other areas of camp as needed.

2 MONTH PAID POSITIONS

Dates of Service: May 1—June 22

These staff help us with School and rental groups in May and June
PROGRAM STAFF: Wranglers, activity and kitchen staff.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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 \$1,250 per month.
- 2) Staff have the opportunity to raise an additional \$1,600 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 \$1,600 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.

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 \$2,600 per month for 2 months. For all staff, we will give an honorarium for the other one or two months. The grant is not guaranteed every year. If pay is through the Canada Summer Jobs, taxes etc are taken off. If you do not receive a government grant, you will receive an Honorarium, so no taxes nor UIC or CPP is taken off.

Those who are returning staff will be higher on the list to receive the grants if we get some.

Foreign Applicants

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, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, 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 \$1,250 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 \$1,250 Canadian per month plus room and board. 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 \$1,600 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:
brent@bluebronna.org**

