

Camp Caravan 2026

Position: Camp Caravan YouthCrew

Reports to: Camp Caravan Coordinator & Lead Counsellor

ABOUT CAMP CARAVAN

Rooted in Care, Community, and Inclusion – A Summer of Fun, Friendship & Faith!

Camp Caravan, a ministry program of Fish Creek Shared Ministries in partnership with Chinook Winds Regional Council, brings faith-based, inclusive, and engaging summer day camp experiences to children and families across Calgary and surrounding areas. Through interactive programming, compassionate leadership, and community partnerships, Camp Caravan fosters a sense of belonging, wonder, and care for others and the world.

PURPOSE & SCOPE

YouthCrew is an exciting and valuable role designed for young leaders looking to grow in leadership, teamwork, and faith-based programming. More than just a Counsellors in Training (CIT) program, YouthCrew members actively contribute to the camp experience by supporting Counsellors, engaging with campers, and assisting in program delivery.

As part of the Camp Caravan team, YouthCrew members will develop essential leadership skills, gain hands-on experience working with children, and be mentored by experienced staff. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people interested in working with children, exploring faith-based leadership, and making a meaningful impact in their community.

This position offers a transformative experience for young leaders to grow in confidence, faith, and leadership while having an unforgettable summer at Camp Caravan! YouthCrew members work closely with Camp Caravan Counsellors, the Lead Counsellor, and Site Hosts to bring the magic of Camp Caravan to life!

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Camper Engagement & Program Support

- Actively participate in daily camp activities, supporting Counsellors in games, crafts, storytelling, and team-building exercises.
- Assist in creating a fun, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all campers.
- Engage campers in faith-based activities and interactive learning experiences.

- Help younger campers feel comfortable and included by modeling kindness, enthusiasm, and encouragement.

2. Leadership & Skill Development

- Work alongside experienced Counsellors to develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.
- Receive mentorship in child development, faith-based leadership, and camp facilitation.
- Participate in leadership training sessions and daily team debriefs.
- Gain confidence in leading small group activities under supervision.

3. Music (if applicable)

- Assist in leading songs, movement activities, and reflective moments.
- Support creative arts, drama, and storytelling elements of the camp program.

4. Safety & Teamwork

- Follow all safety guidelines and child protection policies.
- Assist in maintaining a safe and organized camp environment.
- Work collaboratively with Counsellors and Site Hosts to ensure smooth transitions between activities.
- Report any concerns regarding camper well-being to the Lead Counsellor or Coordinator.

5. Camp Setup & Logistics

- Help set up and clean up materials for daily activities.
- Assist in organizing and transporting supplies as needed.
- Support end-of-day wrap-ups and ensure camp spaces are left tidy and welcoming.

QUALIFICATIONS

Skills & Abilities

- Enthusiastic, positive, and eager to contribute to a team environment.
- Enjoys working with children and being part of an inclusive, faith-based camp setting.
- Willing to learn, take initiative, and embrace new challenges.
- Strong teamwork and communication skills.
- Interest in music, storytelling, creative arts, or outdoor activities is an asset.

Education, Training & Experience

- Previous experience in leadership roles (e.g., volunteering, school clubs, faith-based groups) is an asset but not required.

- Prior experience working with children is helpful but not necessary—this role is designed for young leaders developing these skills!

Certifications (Recommended or Willing to Obtain)

- Standard First Aid & CPR Level C (asset)
 - Commit to Kids training (provided)
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EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Term: _____

Camp Dates: _____

Training: Mandatory (dates TBD) _____

Compensation: Volunteer or honorarium-based position (TBD)

Work Location: Various church and community locations across Chinook Winds Region

Other Requirements: Must have reliable transportation to and from camp locations (personal vehicle, transit, carpool, etc.).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates are invited to apply by submitting a short application, including a brief statement on why they want to join YouthCrew.

 [Insert Chinook Winds Camping Minister's Contact Email]

 Chinook Winds Region

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.
