



Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp is seeking mature, energetic, and faith-filled Summer Camp Counselors interested in outdoor ministry for its 2022 Summer Camp season. Our Presbytery offers a complete summer camp program annually for children and youth, grades 2-12. This summer, our programs run from June 26th through July 29. Two weeks of Staff Training and Team-building immediately precedes camp.

Dogwood Acres is a 450+ acre camp developed and supported by the Presbytery of Florida. The property includes pristine forests, freshwater streams, abundant wildlife, hiking trails, a small, managed lake, basketball and beach-style volleyball courts, and ten comfortable, climate-controlled cabins for up to eighty people. To learn more about Dogwood Acres, please see the description that accompanies this letter and visit www.DogwoodAcres.org.

Counselors work together to plan and lead daily, age-appropriate activities for small groups of campers. These activities may include, but are not limited to, Bible study, discussions, campfire activities, worship, outdoor meal preps, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, beach volleyball, hiking, low-ropes Challenge Course, and more.

The qualifications for this position include:

- Strong personal commitment to Christ
- Love for campers, and the desire and ability to work well with them
- Willingness to demonstrate Christian nurturing in an outdoor camp setting
- Ability to lead small groups and work well with others as a team member
- Recreation leadership skills
- Maturity in judgment and flexibility, and the ability to pace oneself
- Openness to direction, learning, and self-development
- Ability to teach and supervise campers, and maintain order appropriate to the setting

Compensation is competitive. Candidates must be 18 or older; preference will be given to those with experience and valid lifeguard certification. If you're interested in this exciting discipleship, please send your résumé and application, found under the Employment tab at www.dogwoodacres.org/summer-camp/, to Director Ben Powell at ben@dogwoodacres.org.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience to learn whether you are our next partner in this exciting ministry! Peace and grace to you ...

Continued blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Powell".

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About Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp

The ministry we call Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp is a 450+ acre facility owned by the Presbytery of Florida and administered by the Dogwood Acres Committee. The property is located about 35 miles north of Panama City, Florida, near the small town of Vernon. Dogwood Acres' amenities include:

- Cabins (10): Designed to sleep eight people in bunk beds, each cabin is air-conditioned and consists of two bedrooms and two bathrooms.
- Monroe Lodge: Newly-constructed with four private bedrooms each with a private bathroom, a common area, nurse's station, utility room, and two large porches.
- Dining Hall: Seats 90-100 people, supported by a complete commercial kitchen.
- Open-air Chapel: Equipped with a ceiling-mounted projection screen and theatre lights for worship and celebration in the round with a 360° panoramic view of the surrounding forest
- Wi-Fi: Available in Monroe Lodge, the Dining Hall, and most cabins
- Recreational Opportunities:
 - Swimming pool and bath house
 - Low-Ropes Challenge Course, featuring 12 elements designed to inspire cooperation and team-building
 - Archery range, with a full assortment of modern archery equipment
 - Gaga pit, beach volleyball court, basketball court, horseshow pit, Frisbee disc golf, campfire rings
 - 3 ponds, one of which is managed and used for swimming, fishing, and canoeing
 - 7 miles of hiking trails with many stream-crossing footbridges
 - Woodlands with rolling hills, beautiful trees, and wildlife

The mission of Dogwood Acres is to provide an environment in which individuals and groups can grow in faith, enjoying wholesome recreation and Christian fellowship in a natural and unspoiled part of Creation. We continually strive to elevate Dogwood Acres' ministry, increasing opportunities to experience our Lord in a wonderful outdoor setting and have a great time while doing it. Our unofficial motto is: "Forget the box, just think outside!"

For more information about Dogwood Acres and its ministry, please visit www.dogwoodacres.org.

For Summer 2022

Each summer, we host around 200 campers who range in age from rising 2nd-graders to high school seniors. One week, called "Einstein Camp," is dedicated solely to kids who are on the autism spectrum. This camp always proves to be a very rewarding experience for campers and staff alike.

We're now seeking to hire 10 counselors for the 2022 camp season. A week of staff training will be from June 13 - 24, followed by five (5) weeks of exciting summer camp programs from June 26th to July 29th. We will host a short 3-day camp the week of July 4th. Other weeks the camps last from Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon.

Pay for first time counselors is \$300 per week, and \$350 for returning staff. Of course, all room and board is included.

There's a summer full of fun, personal growth, Christian fellowship, inspiration, surprises, resume-building, discipleship, and blessings ahead for some exceptional young leaders! We hope you're ready for that kind of challenge and opportunity! Come join us at Dogwood Acres and for a summer of faith and fun!!