

# **SIMONHOUSE BIBLE CAMP**

## **2012 SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Location:** Simonhouse Bible Camp is situated in the scenic beauty of Manitoba's Northern wilderness in the Grass River Provincial Park, 18 km East of PTH #10 on PTH #39 about 100 km North of The Pas (750 km NW of Winnipeg).

**Mission:** Our mission is to run a high quality Christian camping program that attracts northern children, youth and families. **We seek to introduce them to Jesus Christ, help them grow in discipleship and develop their leadership abilities.**

### **Age Limits/Qualifications:**

**Counselors/Support Staff** – Must be at least four years older than the age of the campers they will be leading or 18. Should have experience as a Counselor-In-Training or have two of the following: graduated high school; have previous experience supervising groups of children; a Babysitting Certificate or similar course.

**Counselors-In-Training (CIT's)** - Must be at least 15, and childcare experience is preferred. The CIT should demonstrate a desire to grow in leadership skills and their personal faith.

**Other Qualifications:** An essential qualification for any staff member is a love for and commitment to Jesus Christ; a love for children and youth; a desire to learn, a willingness to serve and to surrender self-interests and a cooperative spirit. In other words, you gotta love God; you gotta love people; and you gotta be willing to clean up the worst messes you could imagine. ☺

### **Length of Camp Sessions for Campers:**

**Senior High, Junior High & Junior camps** begin Sundays at 4:00 pm and end Friday nights around 8:30 pm.

**Mini-Mee** begins Sunday at 4:00 pm and ends Tuesday around 8:30 pm.

**Sunday Service Involvement:** Staff are encouraged and expected to serve in some of the closer Northern MB churches on Sunday mornings as a group and should bring church appropriate clothing.

**Staff Needs:** Assistant Program Director; Secretary Counselor-In-Training Director; 10 Counselors (5 male & 5 female); 10 CIT's (5 male & 5 female); Secretary/Hostess; Lifeguard; Canoe Camp leaders; Head Cook; Assistant Cooks; Kitchen Help, Laundry; Nurse; Camp Manager; Maintenance Help.

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**Length/Dates of Service:** Most positions require a commitment of at least 6 weeks from the beginning of July sometime into August.

**Counseling staff** are expected to be at the **Staff Training Week (July 1-7)** and serve during the Senior High Camp session (July 8-13), 2 Junior High Camp session (July 15-27), 2 Junior Camp sessions (July 29-Aug 10), and 1 Mini-Mee camp (Aug 12-14).

**CIT's** are expected to be at the Staff Training Week and serve until the end of Mini-Mee Camp.

**Staff Training/Orientation:** This 6 day training session for counseling and program staff focuses on camp philosophy, policies, leadership techniques, camper characteristics and program content, as well as a time to get to know the other staff. Counseling staff, Program staff, and CIT's are expected to attend. Counselors and CIT's also teach or assist in camp activity/skill areas and assignments are made during this week. CIT's may be involved in kitchen or maintenance help for a week during the summer as part of their training.

**Financial Information:** Camp staff are paid and volunteer. Meals, accommodation and staff training are provided. Some funds are available for honorariums and travel. Senior Staff can receive up to **\$145/week** of service. Counselors and some support staff can receive up to **\$140/week** of service. Eligible CIT's may receive up to **\$85/week** of service. **Government Grants** are also potentially available for some positions offering minimum wage. Where possible, staff are encouraged to volunteer their time or have their church sponsor them.

**Extra Wages Program:** The Extra Wages Program is set up to help raise extra funds for those persons who qualify thereby giving staff of Simonhouse Bible Camp a more reasonable income from the summer. This program is separate from any honorarium given out by the camp. The Staff Bursary Fund is a pot and requires some work on your part prior to arriving at camp, therefore consider carefully if this program is for you. More information is available on our website under "Downloads"

**Application Procedure:** Visit our web site ([www.simonhouse.ca](http://www.simonhouse.ca)) to print off an application or contact us for more info at:

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