



February 10, 2010

Dear Resource Staff,

We're looking forward to another fun and renewing summer at Ascension School. And we hope you will join us this summer. We can't have summer camp without our volunteers!!

The theme for our youth program this summer will be "To Love and To Serve". Campers and staff will explore what it means to love and to serve by participating in one short service project at each camp, whether helping to build new beds for the local community garden, prepare food boxes or hanging more bird boxes and bat houses around the community of Cove.

We will also build on last year's theme of sustainability, we'll also continue growing the camp garden, "upcycling" crafts, and exploring the beautiful Eagle Cap Wilderness just a few miles away from camp.

As a volunteer Resource Staff member, you will be asked to share your time and talents at camp in a number of different ways:

- Leading a "family" group of 6 to 10 campers with the help of another Resource or Resident Staff person (flexible curriculum provided)
- Offering interest blocks based on your own hobbies and skills (candle making, painting, baking, hiking, kickball, you name it...)
- Participating in and helping supervise large group activities, from campfire, to skit night, to worship services
- Providing another caring, responsible adult presence at camp

Skill areas we would especially love to tap into at camp this year:

- Experience teaching "green" arts and craft activities that use recycled or reclaimed materials
- Ability to lead simple sewing and woodworking projects (we'll have at least one sewing machine at camp, if not more)
- Experience in environmental education
- Interest in gardening (and teaching kids to garden)
- Musical abilities (singing, songwriting, guitar playing)

Resource Staff members typically volunteer for one full camp session (3 – 10 days, depending on the camp). You will stay in your own private room in Barton House or Kimsey Commons (no requirement to stay up late with the kids!), and have several hours each day to relax, visit with fellow staff members, and/or simply enjoy some time to yourself.

Dates for each camp session are listed on the enclosed camp brochure.

Please note that it is Ascension School policy to require that all volunteers pass a criminal background check and complete Safeguarding God's Children classes. If you have taken Safeguarding God's Children in the last three years you do not have to take the class again. If you need to complete the class please contact Patty at Ascension School and we will help you find out when and where the nearest class will be offered. Also, if you filled out a background check last year you do not have to complete a new form. Background check forms will be given to you after you turn in your volunteer application.

Please fill out the background check form and the **volunteer application**. The application will give us information about you so we can make sure we match your skills up with the different activities at camp. If you have any questions please call me at 541-568-4514 or email me at patty@coveascensionschool.com

Sincerely,

Patty Olson-Lindsey, Executive Director
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