



Retreat Center & Summer Camp

***Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp*** is seeking mature, energetic, and faith-filled Summer Camp Counselors interested in outdoor ministry for its 2018 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 10<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. A week of Staff Training and Team-building immediately precedes camp.

Dogwood Acres is a 453-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](http://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/](http://www.dogwoodacres.org/summer-camp/), to Director Ben Powell at [ben@dogwoodacres.org](mailto: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,

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## About Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp

The ministry of Jesus Christ we call *Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp* is a 453-acre facility owned by the Presbytery of Florida and administered by the Dogwood Acres Ministry Team. The property is located about 30 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 and *en suite* bathrooms, 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, and basketball court
  - 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](http://www.dogwoodacres.org).

### For Summer 2018

Each summer, we host around 250 campers who range in age from rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-graders to high school seniors. One or two weeks, called "Einstein Camp," are dedicated solely to kids who are on the autism spectrum. These always prove to be a very rewarding experience for campers and staff alike.

Our Director, Ben Powell and two Assistant Summer Camp Directors are in place. We're now seeking to hire 10 counselors for the 2018 camp season. A week of staff training will begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by six (6) weeks of exciting summer camp programs from June 10<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. There are no camping programs during the week surrounding the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, though we may add an overnight "You and Me" intergenerational camp on Friday and Saturday of that week.

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 lead on in ministry!!