



Bear Creek Camp News

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What's going on at BCC?

Still dancing...

Written by Karen L. Gower, Environmental Programs Manager

It is with joy, excitement, and sadness that I publically announce my departure from Bear Creek Camp. I am blessed to be leaving on wonderful terms and for such a wonderful reason. On December 17th I will be wed to my best friend and soon after we will be moving to Texas for a brand new adventure.

*"Life's a dance, you learn as you go,
sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow..."*

In the fall of 2008, about a year after I began working at Bear Creek Camp, I wrote a brief newsletter article using the above lyrics. They mean even more to me now than they did back then. There have been ups and downs during the past four years. Things have not always gone my way. Sometimes I've lead and sometimes I've had to follow. I've made mistakes and learned from them. I've both met and missed goals. I have learned and grown through all of these experiences.

God blessed me with the opportunity to serve Him and others through this wonderful ministry that is Bear Creek Camp. He has blessed me through His awesome Creation, and has allowed me to teach others about it. He has blessed me through relationships I've made with staff, schools, parents, campers, organizations, churches, and especially Wild Women participants and members of the Bear Creek Wildlife Conservation Association. Thank you to everyone who has joined in this "dance" with me.

My last day of work will be December 10th, but I am excited to announce that Greg Kofsky, the new Environmental Programs Manager, has already been working with us for a few weeks. I hope that you will welcome Greg into the Bear Creek Camp community with greetings and open arms. Thanks for the dance!

Greg Kofsky: Mountain Man Extraordinaire!

Greetings! It is with great pleasure that I have taken up the post of Environmental Programs Manager here at Bear Creek Camp! I received my Bachelors in Environmental Studies from Pace University. Last year I completed a term of service for AmeriCorps as a New Jersey Watershed Ambassador, doing watershed education, data collection, and volunteer training for the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection. The two summers prior to that I was a counselor at one of the NY Dept of Environmental Conservation summer camps where I taught students about ecology and how important we are to taking care of our environment. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences with the Bear Creek Camp community, and to learning from the new experiences I will certainly have here.

Great Summer Staff Needed!

What are you doing next summer? Are you settling for just any job or are you looking for something more rewarding? At Bear Creek Camp not only will you make friends from all over the world and become a child's hero, but you can put your education to work and develop skills that enhance your job marketability.

We are looking for individuals with a strong Christian faith who are motivated to share the gifts that God has blessed them with. Support staff positions are available for anyone who has completed high school. Other staff positions are available once you have been out of high school for one year. Interested? For more information you can checkout our [Employment Guide](#) or e-mail Lauren Remillard at youth@bearcreekcamp.org. Summer is JUST around the corner! Get ready!!!

Summer Nurses Needed

Are you a nurse looking for some time away? Bear Creek Camp is in need of nurses for the 2012 summer season. Most nurses come for one week and are responsible for the care and treatment of campers and staff, using standard medical procedures. If you'd like to give back to Bear Creek Camp while enjoying a nice week away, contact Lauren Remillard at youth@bearcreekcamp.org for more information.

If you have volunteered in previous years and are interested in coming back, please e-mail Lauren so she can get you on the schedule as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

Winter Camp

Winter is JUST around the corner. Are you ready? Come join us from December 26-28 and enjoy a [hopefully] snow covered Bear Creek Camp! You'll get to do everything you love about summer camp like nature study, adventure activities, campfires and the dance, PLUS a Christmas-themed bible study. If we're lucky we'll have lots of fun in the snow and ON the [frozen] lake. Don't miss out! For more information, check out our [brochure](#) or [register today!](#)

Looking for a place to get away?

Would you like to spend some time on retreat with your congregational council? Is your youth group looking for a new field trip? Are you craving a quiet hike? Bear Creek Camp has room for more 2012 retreat bookings. Call the office at 570-472-3741 if you are interested in reserving some space or receiving more information.



Going Green

Let the shopping commence!

This is the time of year when we are all doing our shopping and deciding on presents among other things. With the rapidly growing popularity of smartphones, we are finding a huge variety of uses for them. [Here](#) is an article with suggestions on how to use your smartphone to shop smart and green!

Perhaps you are feeling the spirit of the season and would be interested in giving to people you will probably never meet? Here are a few suggestions for you. Give the gift of light with [LuminAID](#), a waterproof, durable, solar powered light source. Another option is to give, or contribute to giving livestock or other necessities through either the [ELCA](#) or [Heifer Project](#).

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