



RETURNING SUMMER STAFF APPLICATION 2019

Name: _____ Age: _____ Summer # _____

A word to returning Summer Staff:

Thank you for your willingness to apply for another Summer with Bighorn! I urge you to reflect on the things God has been at work in you this last school year and pray through your application answers. This Summer might look different in a few ways, but at the core Bighorn still seeks to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, develop kingdom leaders, and steward environments that are conducive to the work of the Holy Spirit. I am excited to partake in another summer as the Summer Staff Coordinator and walk with you every step of the way! Please carefully fill out the following application and send in with things listed below.

Bethany Helvoigt

Summer Staff Coordinator, Facilitation Manager

Application Checklist:

Please read the application thoroughly and answer all the questions. If you have questions, please contact me at (406)826-3144, or by email at summerstaff@campbighorn.com. Completed applications can be mailed to the Bighorn office: Attn. Summer Staff Coordinator 1850 MT HWY #135, Plains MT 59859, or emailed to the email address above.

The **deadline for completed applications is May 1st**, and will be considered in the order that they are received.

Please be ready for a phone interview within a few weeks of your submitted application.

Please note that the following items are required for your application to be complete; please make sure each item is complete by checking them off before sending in your application:

- Completed Application
- Recent picture attached to application or sent in [digitally](#).
- Signature on Bighorn's Statement of faith, Staff Policies, Staff Commitment Pledge
- Medical and Liability Release Form (www.campbighorn.com/summer-staff)
- Commit to Raise \$500 for your Summer Staff ministry opportunity by May 15, 2019 (rational next pg)

A Letter from Bighorn's Executive Director

January 2, 2019

Dear Alumni Summer Staff,

I want to thank each of you for your service, love, care and intentionality of being present with the Lord through adventure! We long for the opportunity to come together in deep, connected community to walk alongside the Lord and share His love, life, and light. You have made a deep impact in training and discipling Kingdom leaders. Thank you!

This coming summer (2019), Camp Bighorn has made a change that will impact summer staff. We are requiring all summer staff to fundraise \$500 to join us summer to help offset the cost of food and lodging. I know, how could we do this to you?! If I were you, I would probably be having the same response that some of you currently have. So please allow me to explain!

There are several reasons for making this change. One big reason is that we highly value the opportunity to seek the Lord and invite others to be apart of your journey. All permanent staff at Camp Bighorn fundraise our entire salary. This requires each of us to rely on the Lord and ask others to be apart of our lives. While this process can be demanding at times, it has also taught us that God provides in miraculous ways! Some of our greatest understandings of faith have come from this. It is an adventure. One that you won't know the outcome of until you jump into it.

We are also asking you to raise support because we value having a community that wants to back you. We want you to not only raise money, but also a prayer team that is praying for you the whole way and is invested in what you are doing.

Lastly, we value discipleship. Fund development is a huge part of discipleship. It requires that we humble ourselves to ask for help. It gives us an understanding of what missionaries and other non-profit workers do on a daily basis. It provides a level of accountability. All of these help us grow.

If you have more questions (or your parents have questions) please feel free to contact me. I hope and pray that this won't scare you, but rather, challenge you to rely on the Lord.

Grace and peace,

Brian



Executive Director of Camp Bighorn

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Support Raising Rational:

As part of your Summer Staff role, Camp Bighorn requires you to build a team of people who will pray for your ministry and support you financially. The \$500 you raise covers your room and board for your summer of ministry. More than that, though, support raising surrounds you with people to encourage you and celebrate how God works in and through you. Support raising is an important part of your ministry, not just a means to an end. Just as God has invited you to partner with Him in ministry, you get to invite people to join you in your mission. Remember, God loves to give abundantly! After you are accepted we will send you more tools and details for this process!

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be **at least 14** years of age by Staff Training on June 7th.
- Have a personal relationship with God, a heart that is actively seeking to know God through His Son Jesus, and willingness to wrestle with your faith and live it out in transparency.
- Willingness to live and engage with a community.
- Strong desire to serve in variety of capacities at Bighorn with excellence in all that you do.
- Show respect for those put over you and grace and love towards those entrusted to them.

Desired Outcomes for Summer Staff:

We hope and pray that as a result of the experiences, relationships and transfer of responsibility to our staff at Bighorn you would be rooted and established in Truth and Love. Also, that you would be ready to lead, influence and serve in whatever context you may find yourself in, to the Glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Availability:

Staff training starts June 7, 2019 at 4pm. Your ability to be here for *all* of Staff Training is a key component as we consider who to accept on the first wave and who to waitlist initially.

Camp Bighorn hosts 8 weeks of camp. Camp 1 starts June 24th, and Camp 8 ends August 17th, followed by our Staff retreat Aug 18-20. Staff depart August 22.

Summer Staff travel days: Arrival: Fly into Spokane no later than 1pm, or Missoula no later than 2pm on June 7th. Departure: July 28, or August 21st. We will offer a free airport shuttle for these three dates. We would ask you to pay a shuttle fee if flying in on a different day, to help cover wear and tear on our camp vehicles.

If you are 14, we would ask you to plan to commit serving through July 28.

If you are 15 and older we would ask you plan to commit serving through August 21.

*If your availability does not work with the dates asked, do not let that deter you from applying.

3. How would you describe your walk with Jesus today? What are some challenges or questions that you are currently wrestling through in your faith?

4. You have had several months to rest and reflect on your camp experience. What has God been teaching you through your experience in summers past? Have those things changed the way you live your life? If so, how?

5. Why do you want to come back to Bighorn this Summer?

9. What unique passions or talents has God given you that you could bring to this summer at Bighorn?

10. Come up with 3 personal goals for the summer. How would you like to see yourself grow? Also write them on a separate paper and pray through them before you come this summer. Be ready to talk about them through the summer.

11. Describe one of your role models (i.e. someone you look up to and would like to model your life after). What qualities do you want to see in your life?

12. What would a “successful” summer look like to you?

13. What are 3 of your strengths that would contribute to your success this summer?

14. What are 2 weaknesses you see that God is using to teach you? How can God be using these this summer?

15. How do you handle conflict? Give one example of how you handled a personal conflict this year.

16. Having been on staff before, what did you like about it? What did you dislike? What are you seeking to do differently this year compared to years previous?

17. Does Bighorn serve to continue to cultivate the passions God has given you? Is Bighorn the best choice for you to serve God this summer – where you can be trained and equipped for future good works that God has planned for you beforehand? Why or why not?

18. Do you know anyone else coming to Bighorn this summer? Is that a positive or negative relationship?

19. Working at Bighorn is physically demanding, please indicate any physical limitations that you might have.

20. List any certifications you have and their expiration dates. (ex. CPR, First Aid, Lifeguard Certification, etc.)

21. Have you ever been convicted of, or have charges pending against you, pertaining to child abuse, sexual molestation, or any moral impropriety in any jurisdiction? No Yes If so, explain:

22. Do you have questions or comments you would like Bethany as Summer Staff Coordinator, other Permanent Staff or Interns to consider while planning and praying for this summer of ministry to our campers?

Thank you for answering the questions! Almost done! Please read and sign if in agreement the following pages:

- Camp’s Mission Statement
- Camp’s Doctoral Position (Camp’s Statement of Faith)
- Camp’s Summer Staff Policies/Commitment Pledge

Mission Statement

Camp Bighorn is a non-profit corporation affiliated with the Converge Northwest Conference. Bighorn is committed to creating environments in which the Word of God is experienced. Bighorn uses God's creation to assist in proclaiming His saving Word and emphasizing His discipleship principles. The program centers around:

Discipleship which promotes process and perspective,
 Small groups which invite identity and intimacy, and
 Changed environments which allow for acceptance and adventure.

Our vision is to aid in the development of godly character resulting in participants and staff who become leaders for serving churches and reaching communities.

Our mission is to steward environments that are conducive to the work of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and developing Kingdom leaders.

In accomplishing the purpose, mission and vision, it is the philosophy of Camp Bighorn to emphasize relationships. Knowing that the Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks to people and not to facilities or programs, three main strengths within the camping program will be used: Discipleship, Small Groups, and Changed Environments. The programs will be designed and staffed in such a way as to emphasize:

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| • Grace over Law | • Process over Product |
| • Discretion over Rules | • Hospitality over Efficiency |
| • Education over Entertainment | • Challenge over Complacency |
| • Involvement over Observation | • Excellence over Adequate |
| • Practical over Theoretical | • People over Performance |

The strategy is summed up in the Scripture verse of 1 Peter 3:15, "...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence..." It is our understanding that environments with unknown outcomes surface questions in which to share hope. Bighorn will steward environments where questions surface and hope is shared.

I, _____ (please print name), agree to support the ministry of Camp Bighorn to the best of my abilities, agree with these statements, and understand that if I am hired to a position of employment at Bighorn, I am being selected to assist us in accomplishing this mission.

Signature

Date

Doctrinal Position

Converge Worldwide, of which Bighorn is affiliated, is set within the framework of historical evangelical theology, such as the reliability of scriptures as the authority for Christian living and church order, and the depravity of humanity, necessitating the divine redemption through personal regeneration, the virgin-born Christ as the incarnate redeemer, the vicariously atoning death of Jesus Christ, the historicity of the resurrection, and the certainty of the return of Christ. While employed, we are encouraged to share our personal convictions when teaching essential doctrines of the Christian faith, and are expected to affirm and agree with our Affirmation of Faith as described below.

The Word of God. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

The Trinity. We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

God the Father. We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of all people, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

The Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

Regeneration. We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

The Church. We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

Christian Conduct. We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

The Ordinances. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Religious Liberty. We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

Church Cooperation. We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether it is the Conference or a district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary independent basis.

The Last Things. We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

I, _____ (please print name), agree to support the Converge Worldwide doctrinal statement to the best of my ability. *Please wait to sign this doctrinal statement if you have questions regarding its content or cannot agree with it. We would like to discuss your questions with you.*

Signature

Date

Camp Bighorn' Summer Staff Policies

Develop a Support Network: We expect that all summer staffers build a support network of prayer and financial partners. We are asking Summer Staff to raise \$500 for this Summer. We also ask you to send out two newsletters to your team - one prior to summer, explaining what you'll be doing and asking for prayer, and one at the end, sharing how God worked in your life at Bighorn. More information on the support raising process and rationale on last page.

Devotional Life: Because Bighorn seeks to steward environments that are conducive to the work of the Holy Spirit, we desire you as staff to be aware of what God is doing and be available for Him to use. We believe that the best way you can do this is to regularly get in the word of God. Therefore, we require that you attend all staff devotions and that you seek to spend time in personal study and prayer on a daily basis.

Health: Summers at Bighorn are exhaustive, therefore we expect everyone to eat regular meals, get adequate sleep, and in general keep yourself in good health. There will be an established curfew for all staff members.

Curfew: Staff members are expected to respect a nightly curfew. You are expected to be in your bed at the established curfew for that night. Additionally, we ask that you respect your roommates by turning lights out and maintaining a quiet hour prior to curfew. Staff that sneak out after curfew will be sent home immediately.

Dress: We seek to observe modesty at all times. Be aware that your responsibility will require physical activity, and that you are not a participant but a leader and a guide. Please bring appropriate clothing that is respectful to any modesty view.

Dating: Staff members are encouraged to develop healthy platonic friendships. They will not, however, be permitted to form dating relationships with other staff members or campers.

Dorms/Cabins: Each staff member will be responsible for keeping his or her part of the dorm neat and clean. The dorms may be inspected at any time. At no time are guys allowed in gal's dorms or gals allowed in guy's dorms, staff who break this will be sent home immediately.

Exclusivity: We believe summer is a wonderful opportunity to build community, not to exclude others by pairing up or engaging in inappropriate public displays of affection.

Leaving the Grounds: No staff member may leave the grounds without permission from their supervisor, Camp Director or other full time staff member. It is our expectation that you will be on site and ready to serve at all times unless you have first been excused from your responsibilities.

Leave at Home: Understanding that the purpose of Camp Bighorn is to provide a changed environment in which people are challenged to grow in the Lord, please leave anything at home that would negatively impact that changed environment. Staff are encouraged to leave: personal computers, cell phones, social media, pets, motorized recreational equipment, bad attitudes, etc.

Life at Camp: When you come to Bighorn, you will have the opportunity to help in many different areas of camp. Your role may change each week which may include: maintenance, facilitating campers, leading events, kitchen work, cleaning facilities, and helping wherever is needed. Each of these jobs is integral to what we do. It is our expectation that you come in with an attitude of willingness to perform the duties assigned to you, allowing God to teach you in whatever task you've been given. This willingness also means that you bring with you an attitude that is glorifying to God.

Team: At Bighorn we strive for excellence over adequacy and expect you as Bighorn staff to do the same. We recognize that we are a team striving together to do God's work and as such we rely on each individual to do their part.

Technology: While at Bighorn we seek to build relational community and not escape the world around us but to process through life together. Social media, phones, games, etc. can all be a distraction and a hindrance to this. There will be specific boundaries in regards to where technology should be used as well as general boundaries such as not using technology to withdraw from the Bighorn community.

Staff Commitment Pledge

Please read the following paragraphs and the summer staff policies carefully before signing:

In order to accomplish our objective of providing an experience that is conducive to the work of the Holy Spirit, it is necessary for all our staff to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. By signing you are recognizing that this Summer ministry opportunity requires you to be fully present the entire time of your commitment. If you need time away from camp, and you know ahead of time, please submit in writing, and/or fill in the space for time off on pg 2. You will be expected to report to your supervisor and the Summer Staff Coordinator when sick, needing time off for family, or other last minute absentee requests. If you cannot commit to being present the entire time, please communicate accordingly and have time off approved by your supervisor.

We will be doing background checks on all our staff over 18 years of age.

By signing this application, I

- Agree that the acceptance of my application is not a guarantee of acceptance or employment.
- Agree to and understand that it is the responsibility of Camp Bighorn to determine compatibility of my application and perceived performance with the needs of the Bighorn ministry. Am committed to serving the length of time indicated in the application.
- Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and am desiring to grow in and share my faith.
- Authorize Camp Bighorn to conduct a full background check (if over 18).
- Agree that the information in this application and all the information provided by me is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- Understand that any false or incorrect statement is cause for rejection of this application or termination with my involvement at Camp Bighorn's discretion.
- Have read all the above statements, asked all pertinent questions, understand and agree with the answers and the listed requirements.
- Have read, agreed to, and am asking for accountability on the Summer Staff Policies.
- Am willing to raise the required amount of support on time.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Authorization *(For Applicants under the age of 18)*

As a parent or legal guardian of _____ I acknowledge and endorse his/her interest in working at Camp Bighorn during the summer of 2019. By signing below, I am willing to have my child apply for a summer staff position, and if selected, work at Bighorn summer 2019.

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____