

THE MOUNT LUTHER CAMPERSON PROGRAM

A camperson is an active member of his or her congregation who serves as a liaison between Mount Luther and the congregation. A camperson:

- Promotes our programs and facilities to his or her congregation
- Informs members of our goals, objectives, programs and needs
- Recruits persons to serve on the summer staff
- Reports any problems, suggestions or information to the camp to help improve our ministry

Anyone interested in Mount Luther who wants to share our news with others should be a camperson including parents of campers, past campers or staff, or someone with a genuine interest in outdoor ministry. The camperson should also be able to communicate enthusiastically with persons of all ages and be willing to learn about us!

Camp Mount Luther is an extension of your ministry in the local congregation. It is the camp of the Upper Susquehanna Synod and we want every member of our synod to know what is happening with this important ministry. We can't do it alone, and we know our pastors are very busy. With a camperson, your congregation will be informed and Mount Luther will be reaching the people.

Campersons also receive the satisfaction of knowing that they are advancing God's kingdom through outdoor ministries! Campersons must attend a Summer Camp Preview Party. There, they will receive discount coupons for campers who attend our summer program from their congregation.

A camperson should do the following:

- Share camp information in church bulletins, newsletters, and bulletin boards from our "Camel Tracks" newsletter, our website (www.campmountluther.org) and mailings.
- Observe Mount Luther Sunday
- Schedule a presentation and/or Temple Talk at your congregation (you can do this or we can help!)
- Have a camp bulletin board in a prominent place.
- Make personal visits with potential campers and parents; talk to Sunday School classes or youth groups.
- Seek funds for camperships for those children whose families will find it difficult to send their children to camp. Most congregations include an amount for camperships in their budget. Some congregations pay the deposit, others pay half of the camper fee and some pay the total fee. Also, the WELCA, men's groups or Sunday Church schools promote camperships in some congregations and provide funding. There are a limited number of camperships available through the camp, too.
- Have a brief dedication service at the beginning of the summer for all those children and families who will be attending camp.
- Interview returning campers. Inform the Directors of any problems or concerns.
- Promote summer camping employment opportunities
- Make the Directors aware of persons with special talents and skills which could be useful in a camping program, (ex. recreation, ecology, nature studies, music, and nursing.)
- Promote Retreats at Mount Luther, either ones we program or ones your congregation hosts.
- Encourage individuals and your congregation to make special gifts designated to the camping ministry. This can be through a donation made payable directly to Camp Mount Luther and sent to the camp, or it can be part of your church's benevolence giving to the Upper Susquehanna Synod. If you send donations through the synod, please make sure they are clearly marked, designated for Camp Mount Luther. Gifts may be designated either way for one of several funds including our Youse Campership Fund, Annual Fund for general operating expenses, 40 By Faith Capital Campaign or to a specific area of your choice.