

***Christian Disciple Farm 2019***  
***A VBS/Day camp for children with special needs and their families***  
***August 5-9, 2019***  
***Wisconsin United Methodist Advance Special #7787***

Dear Missions Coordinator,

Here is a unique opportunity for adults in your church to help with a VBS for special needs children and their families. We will have about 150 volunteers from youth and young adult groups at the VBS/camp, and most of these volunteers participate in The Christian Disciple Festival after the VBS/camp. The festival is a time for the volunteers to experience Christian community through adventure activities, dinner together, worship, small group time, arts & crafts and games. These volunteers work hard all day until about 2:30 pm at the VBS/camp and then they head to the festival at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. They are usually very tired and we would like to have a separate group of volunteers to help with the festival. Perhaps you have a group of people, &/or individuals, at your church that would like to help us out. Below is a list of jobs where we could use adult help.

**Prior to week of VBS/camp**

**VBS/camp set up:** Lots of help is needed to get everything ready for a great week of camp. We will be setting up all day on Friday Aug. 4th, Saturday from 10-4 and Sunday from 1-5. There is a lot of set up work to be done such as assembling tents, sorting supplies, sprucing up the grounds, etc. Volunteers can come as individuals or groups. If any of those times don't work but you or your group would like to help, please call and we can make arrangements.

**Festival Registration:** We need help with registration from **3PM on Sunday till 6PM**, and Monday **3-6PM**.

**During Week of VBS/camp**

**VBS/camp shopper:** Need one or two volunteers to help pick up food, crafts and misc. items each day (this role can volunteer at anytime of the day)

**VBS/camp-Friday picnic helpers:** We end our VBS/camp with a picnic on Friday, Aug. 9th, from **12-2**.

Attendance at picnic is usually about 350 people. It would be best if you could come a little before or stay a little after. Work needing done includes; organizing food, serving food, setting up tables and serving area and clean up afterwards.

**Festival Talent Show Coordinator:** Talent Show is **Friday evening** at the festival grounds. You would need to be at the festival at least a few evenings during the week to get people to sign up, help them with figuring out an act, make sure the acts are appropriate and coordinate everything for the big event. This person would not emcee the show.

**Campfire & S'mores Coordinator:** Each night (Sunday-Friday) from **9-10:30** we would like to have a campfire available for those who wish to enjoy it. Coordinating s'mores or music to go with it would be great. You would probably need to be to the festival grounds by **8:30PM** to get things started.

**Late Night Games Coordinator:** Each night (Monday-Friday) from **9-10:30** we would like to offer late night games for those who are interested. We need someone with an outgoing personality and energy.

**Festival Security:** We need 2 people each night from **9-11:30 pm** to walk the grounds and keep an eye on everything and everyone. Any nights you could help would be greatly appreciated.

**Festival Dinner Crew:** All meals at the festival are catered and delivered, but we need a crew leader and 3-4 helpers to serve the dinner each night (Sunday–Friday) from **5-7PM**. You do not need to be able to help every night just let us know which ones you can help with.

**Festival Crafts Coordinator:** Each afternoon crafts are available to the volunteers. Crafts can include tie dying, friendship bracelets and whatever else you think would be good. Crafts will be from **3:30-5PM** on Monday through Friday. You will probably want to arrive around 3 to get things set up. We will need 2-3 people each afternoon. You can sign up for however many days you want. We will provide the supplies.

**Festival Creation Station Coordinator:** An area to do arts will be set up every day (Mon-Fri) and open from **3-6PM**. This should be someone artistic. It can be the same people that do the craft if that works for them. This area will be more about choices and freedom than just doing a set craft.

**Festival Volunteer Breakfast:** Every morning (Mon-Fri) at the VBS/camp location. We need 2 people to set up and oversee and then to clean up. Breakfast consists of all things they put together themselves (individual microwavable foods, muffins, fruit, cereal, granola bars, etc.). You need be at the farm from **6:30-9AM**. Any days you can work would be helpful.

**Festival Astronomy Leader:** The theme for camp is “To Mars and Beyond”, so we thought it would be fun to have someone come out to the festival at night with a telescope and show the volunteers some of God’s creative beauty and awe. Preferably you have a telescope and knowledge of things in the night sky. This would be from **9-10:30** any nights that work out for you. (We have a telescope as well.)

**Festival Adventure Activity Leaders:** Each day after the VBS/camp we will offer activities for whoever is interested. We would like leaders &/or coordinators for these activities.

**Canoeing:** Need someone to coordinate and shuttle. We have inflatable kayaks. **2-6PM**

**Hiking:** Need someone to coordinate and go with. Probably be in Kettle Moraine Park. **2:30-5:30PM**

**Yard Games:** These would be at the festival grounds. Someone to lead and probably set up games such as; frisbee golf, volleyball, croquet, etc. **2:30-5:30PM**

**Swimming:** Someone to coordinate and shuttle people to either a lake or a swimming pool. **2:30-5:30**

**To Be Determined:** Need one more activity. Lets us know if you have an idea you would like to coordinate.

**Festival Lounge area attendant:** We will have a relaxing area for games and socializing. This will have refreshments. Need someone to keep an eye on things. **3-10:30PM daily**

**Festival, “Just Dance” coordinator:** This should probably be a young adult. Just Dance is a video game of dancing. This would be from **9:15-10:30pm** Mon-Fri.

**Festival Extra Adult Chaperones:** We are always in need of some people who would be willing to help out a youth group by being a chaperone with their group. This preferably would include camping overnight one or more nights.

### After the VBS/camp is over

**Festival clean up:** Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, in the morning everything at the festival grounds needs to be taken down, packed up and brought back to the farm. We need help from **8AM-4PM**.

**VBS/camp clean up: Friday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4PM, Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 9-4, Sunday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1-5 and Monday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> 9AM-9PM.** Come whenever you can.

Please call or email Sue or Ken Rheingans at 262 593-5616 or [suerheingans@gmail.com](mailto:suerheingans@gmail.com) if you can help with any of this. Thanks for giving us your consideration. God be with you.