



News & Updates

This information went out to Little Eden members the week of March 20 as an email.

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Little Eden is seeking 4-5 individuals to complete our summer team.

Consider being a part of the Little Eden Camp's summer team! It is so much more than just a job. It is a rewarding, life-changing experience.

Besides living in an incredible setting (on the lake, with access to the waterfront at camp and at Lake Michigan, access to a camp speed boat, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, and all of the other fun that camp offers), here's what a few of our returning staff have said about their time at camp:

- *"Being on staff has changed me by helping me become a more confident person by giving me a community I did not know I even needed. It has also helped me grow in my faith throughout the summer."*
- *"Working at camp helped me understand the joy in serving people."*
- *"Being on staff has made me grow as a person and step outside of my comfort zone. I really enjoyed it which is why I'm looking forward to returning."*
- *"Being on staff at Little Eden has provided me with so many wonderful opportunities including improving my customer service skills, creating new memories, forging lasting friendships and strengthening my relationship with the Lord. I consider my three summers at Little Eden to be irreplaceable and have included some of the most rewarding experiences of my life thus far."*



Scholarship opportunity. Also unique to Little Eden is that in addition to the paycheck, meals and housing our onsite summer staff receive, they are also eligible for a scholarship for their schooling or school loans. Those staying through Farmer's Week receive a scholarship matching their gross pay at 100% and those staying through R & R 1 or later receive an extra 25% bonus scholarship above the 100% match. Matching 50% scholarships are available to those staying more than five weeks but less than the whole summer. This incredible program has been available to our summer team because of the generosity of campers.

For more information or to apply, visit the Work/Employment page at littleeden.org today. We'd love to complete our summer team in the next few weeks, if at all possible.

Please spread the word. If you aren't college-aged or have other plans for this summer, please spread the word and encourage others to consider working at camp. It's a great opportunity for fun, friendships, personal and professional growth, and making a difference in the lives of campers served.

Please pray. Please also be in prayer with us as we seek to find the four or five individuals still needed to complete our summer team.

Youth Camps: Consider giving a week or two of your time!

*Want to volunteer or work at camp
but don't have a whole summer to give?*

We are looking for individuals available some or all of **June 9 - 24** to help with our youth camp programs. Here are some **one- or two-week opportunities** to consider:

- **Cabin Leaders.** Come be a cabin leader for one or two weeks and experience the joy of being an instrumental part of positively and spiritually impacting the lives of youth!
- **Certified Lifeguard.** With one or two other individuals, watch over our campers on the waterfront, using boats, or swimming at Lake Michigan.
- **Maintenance/Landscape/Flowers.** Our maintenance and grounds team uses these two weeks to finish preparing for our family camps. Projects include landscape cleanup, wood chipping, mowing, weed whipping, nature trail maintenance, planting and weeding flower beds, small equipment repairs, work order repairs, waterfront and marina care, and more.
- **Kitchen & Dish Room.** Many of our summer staff are cabin leaders for these two weeks which leave openings in our kitchen and dish room. With kitchen volunteers/staff, experience cooking and baking is helpful. With dish volunteers/staff, no experience is necessary - you'll be an expert by the time you're done!



To apply for a cabin leader position, visit the Work/Employment page at littleeden.org. For all other positions, contact Wayne at admin@littleeden.org or 231-889-4294.

Webcam/Security Camera/Wifi Project



Little Eden Camp is excited to announce a new project happening at camp this spring which will include a webcam, security cameras, and the beginnings of expanded wifi.

Webcam. The webcam will be available on Little Eden's website, so when you're home, missing camp and wondering what it's like at Little Eden, you can just visit our website and enjoy the peaceful scenery from the back deck at camp overlooking the lake.

A view similar to what will be seen from the webcam.

Security Cameras. In addition to the webcam, Little Eden will be installing security cameras overlooking the parking areas at the Lodge and at Pine Creek, the marina and waterfront, and the play-

ground area. Over the past ten years, we've had some security issues in the parking lots and in the marina – vehicles and boats being disturbed as well as items borrowed, missing or taken out of them. We also have had waterfront items moved and/or taken. And although camp is still a very safe place, we want to help stave off any future incidences.

Wifi. With this project, we will also be expanding the current wifi to include the areas around Balmy Heights and the playground. This will be in addition to the current areas in and around the lodge, in and around the craft hall, and in and around Pine Creek Lodge. This project will also enfold the wifi surrounding Pine Creek Lodge into our main wifi, eliminating a secondary, separate service, saving the camp funds on a monthly basis. It will also enable us to continue to expand wifi in future years to additional cabins and areas of camp.

This project has been partially underwritten, thanks to the generosity of a camp family, but if you would like to contribute toward it also, please visit the Support page at littleeden.org or mail a check to Little Eden Camp, 3721 Portage Point Drive, Onekama, MI 49675 and designate **"Wifi/Camera Project"** in the memo line.



Balmy Heights Project Update

Progress continues on Balmy Heights. The front porch has been built, drywall and painting are complete, and cabinets are installed. Interior trim and woodwork are currently being installed. We look forward to the completion of the cabin and the wonderful asset it will be to current families and future generations!

Upgrade & Waiting List Progress

Heather DeRidder, our Office Manager, is working her way through the **Upgrade and Waiting Lists**. If you receive a call from her, please be ready to give an answer within 24 hours whether you would like to accept the cabin, lodge room or RV site offered.

A quick response ensures we can get through the lists efficiently helping families know what they can plan on for the summer.

