

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Dictionary 2017

Acronyms

OCA: Ontario Camping Association

FOMO: Fear Of Missing Out

HC: Head Counsellors

KA: Kitchen Assistants

SLC: Spiritual Life Coordinator

AD: Assistant Director: Levi and Whitley

VBS: Vacation Bible School

NCA: Not Camp Appropriate

PTL: Praise the Lord

Slang

Slounge: staff lounge

Cracked: wild, messed up, bizarre

Birks: Birkenstock shoes

Sauble: Sauble Beach

The Strip: Sauble strip

Brunch: For staff on Sunday mornings

Shwanking: chillin' on the dock

Allergies: code for CILT mission

Scout: Check out an out-trip before the campers go on it

Staff Positions

Medic: takes care of camper/staff medical and health needs, helps give out medication around meals

Inclusion (Coordinator): works with inclusion campers (and their families), and staff to help plan and execute an inclusive environment where all campers can thrive and feel supported

Spiritual Life Coordinator (SLC): works in areas such as worship, quest, and can stand as a spiritual and faith-related support system

Program: 2 individuals per session that plan and carry out the camp program (e.g. make announcements, create trav camp, campfires, etc.)

Pond Guard: lifeguards at the pond when cabins sign up for a session, guards morning dip, all camp swims, and possible trips to the beach

Dock Guard: lifeguards at the dock (1 person guarding from land, 1 person guarding on the water in a boat), monitors sailing and kayak tests, serves as boating instructors, helps to carry boating equipment

Waterfront Director: oversees the aquatic area for a large portion (either half or all) of the summer, plans practice searches, conducts guard training during staff orientation, is in charge of ordering and keeping inventory for waterfront supplies, and is the go-to person for all waterfront-related concerns.

Hot Dog: someone who does odd jobs!

Crafts: staff member who leads the campers in arts/crafts, located in the Pines. They are in charge of planning the craft, letting the directing team what supplies are needed for their craft, teaching the craft to campers, and ensuring the Pines is clean and organized.

Nature: staff member who leads the campers in nature-related activities, which can be located all over property (within appropriate limits). The goal is to help campers see the value and excitement in our natural surroundings.

Quest: staff member who leads campers in faith-related activities, often at the location of their choosing. The planned session can connect directly to the summer theme, engage in discussion, games, and storytelling.

Initiatives: staff member who plans team-building and low-rope activities for cabins. It is located in the designated initiatives area which is at the very end of the path that leads to the Enchanted Forest. This staff member must be trained in low ropes. Since the location is somewhat far away from camps centre, and it takes a bit of time to explain rules and safety issues to campers, cabins typically attend initiatives for 2 back-to-back sessions.

Kitchen: 2-3 staff members per session that cook for the camp alongside the head cooks and volunteers. They help plan meals and take care of food orders. They do not do dishes. The kitchen assistants for the upcoming session will often do Brunch for the staff on the Sunday.

Head Outtripper: Keeps track of outtripping inventory, helps to plan and pack for trips, works with counsellors to prepare campers for their outtrip, clean and organized the outtripping shed

Locations

The Pines: for crafts; near the house

The Willow: Large tree on the outskirts of property; pathway is by the climbing wall

The Pond: for swimming sessions; right next to Silver Lake's dock

Enchanted Forest: Out towards CILTs; great location to build forts

Initiatives: where initiatives takes place, at the end of the path near one of the CILTs sites (and the climbing wall)

The Garden: located by maintenance, used to grow interesting plants...sometimes to eat! Can be used as a visual or educational tool.

Tranquility Meadows: On the way to the willow there is an open space just off the path

Dock: where 'dock' session takes place; located on Silver Lake

Worship Campfire: used for Worship on Friday evening after banquet (or Sunday morning during A&A camp); located right next to the dock by Silver Lake

Campfire Circle: where morning watches and evening campfires take place. It is also where campers go when they arrive with their families, and when they greet their families to leave at the end of the week. It is right next to the field

Maintenance: authorized staff only

Outtripping: near the Tamarack tents/cabins. It is where outtripping supplies are kept

Front Porch: the porch on the dining hall that faces the driveway; where the volunteers eat at meals, and can also be used for sessions

Back Porch: the porch at the back part of the dining hall that faces the forest; can be used for sessions or meetings

Prop Shed: located by the castles; contains costumes and objects used for skits, trav camps, or banquet wear. Campers must get permission or be accompanied by a staff member to enter.

Kitchen: in the dining hall; no campers allowed

Vestibule: the space between the kitchen and the dining hall

Dining Hall: the large building in the heart of camp, used for meals, coffee houses and sessions

Program Office: the office by the bathrooms in the addition of the dining hall; used for directing team as well as the SLC, and head counsellors.

Castle: used by program and other staff as a space to plan program. It is also a space for staff to keep their electronics (e.g. computers if necessary, or phones)

Sauna: located by the dock, can be used by campers if with staff

Canoe Hut: by the pond on the path towards the dock; contains life jackets and paddles; staff only

Guard Hut: located inside the boundaries of the pond; used for lifeguards to keep first aid kit, guard-wear, whistles, flutter boards, spinal board; guards only

Gaga Ball Court: towards the twin cabins (Balsam & Sumac) by the volleyball court

Volleyball Court: next to the field behind teatherball

Basketball Court: at the back of the field by the parking lot and The Pines

The House: Where the director resides; downstairs holds the office and can be used for program planning during pre-camp, upstairs is off limits to staff and campers

The Field: Where "Games" and other sessions take place; outside the dining hall

Volunteer Cabins: There are three of them, all located on the path around the parking lot towards maintenance; used for volunteers and off limits to anyone else

Staff Cabin 1: where resource sleeps

Staff Cabin 2: where resource sleeps

The Dunes: The small sandy/hilly area by the basketball court (...also a restaurant in Sauble)

The Labrynth: a spiral-designed pathway in the Enchanted Forest

The Fork: the split between the parking lot and path to washhouse

Washouse: Next to the parking lot but closer to maintenance, used by staff and volunteers only (except when campers get to shower on the last day)

Nature Hut: close to maintenance, used as a location for the nature leader

Hidden Trail: connects to the initiatives field, leads to Hidden Lake

Hidden Lake: Lake that we share with Carson's Camp (not for swimming or boating)

The Treehouse: Out by the Enchanted forest; path is off of the road that leads to Initiatives; can be used for sessions

Storage Room: In the addition in the dining hall, used for extra equipment e.g. ping pong table

Cabins

Juniper

Aspens

Dogwood

Silver Birch

Tamarack

Sumac

Balsam

Cedar

Hemlock

Program Related Areas

Initiatives

Quest

Crafts

Program (both a rotating daily responsibility of staff and an in-grid role)

Gaga ball

Games

Dock

Swimming

Nature

Basketball

Volleyball

Trav-Camp: the theatrical production put on by staff for campers; directed by Program; 1 per session

Pineside/coffee house: a talent show for staff and campers (without the judging!)

Opening Campfire: List off cabins, meet the campers/parents

Closing Campfire: Introduce staff, sing campfire songs, final farewells

Kitchen Related Slang

Mopping: Only after dinner, there is a schedule on the fridge - look for your name (if on resource)

Grilling: clean it if it's been used, check the schedule for when you're on

Brick: the black piece of coal used to get the gunk off of the grill (used w/ vinegar)

Light-side: dries and puts away the dishes

Dark-side: washes the dishes with the hose to make sure they are clean before they enter Hobart

Deep Dark: The first hose that also has a big sink

Bleaching: wipe first to get rid of any food, then use the spray bottles under the handwashing sink; spray all surfaces described on the map on the side of the fridge; check off as you go; typically done closer to the end of meal

Bertha/Agnus: the two black serving carts used to store food, and bring out food; stored by the microwave and freezer

Catch-all: drawer for everything (e.g. scissors, elastics, and the Canoe Hut key is in here!)

Sliding Fridge: used to keep leftovers (do NOT stack silver bowls), and staff's personal food on the bottom. The new sliding fridges name is Bruce.

Deep Freezer: by the back windows in the kitchen

Freezer: The stand up freezer against the pantry; often holds gluten free frozen items; juice jugs stored on top

Walk-in: The freezer that you literally walk in to; close to the door that leads to outside in the kitchen

Pantry: closet of food right next to the walk-in

Hobart: The machine that washes our dishes; ensure it is at the right temp (ask a staff member!); one rack at a time

Pre-dishes: when resource does dishes before the meal. Come in 15-20 minutes before the meal starts.

Hand wash: things we can't put in Hobart (check with staff if unsure what to handwash!)

Racking: the way a rack is organized before putting it in the hobart

Milk Rack: located on top of the sliding fridge, where we dry milk bags after they are handwashed

Other

CILTS: Campers in Leadership Training, in 2 locations (one by initiatives field, one by Juniper)

Kybo: (K)ee (Y)our (B)owels (O)pen - outhouses located all over property; use when counselling and set a good example

Wash stand: where we brush our teeth after breakfast and snack, one located by the dining hall (used for one side of camp) and one located by Aspens (used for the other side of camp)

Buddy Board: at the pond where the lifeguards buddy up campers to go swimming by placing chips on the board

Nalgene: 1L water bottles used for outtripping (or normal life)

Camp Van: Typically how outtrips get to their starting point; only driven by authorized staff/volunteers

Camp Truck: the pick-up truck used around property, typically for maintenance tasks, only driven by authorized staff

Yellow Rope: found around the pond and campers are not to cross it unless with counsellor/lifeguard

Canoe Key: opens the canoe hut, usually in the catch-all

Staff Board: holds pictures of this years' staff; in the parking lot

Buddies: used in a pond setting; in the middle and at the end of a session the lifeguards will call, "buddies", and each person has to find who they were buddied with. It is for safety and attendance purposes

Land Search: If a camper is missing, staff searches for the individual in a systematic and practiced manner on land.

Water Search: If a camper is missing, staff searches for the individual in a systematic and practiced manner in the pond.

Sirens: indicate a search or a weather warning, located in the dining hall by the session sign-up board

Nights In: when staff members are in-cabin with campers at night; there is a schedule in the Slouge

Nights Off: when staff members are not in-cabin with campers (if they are counselling, they must return to their cabin by curfew)

Sessions Off: Each Staff member is given one hour and a half session off per day, except for Mini Camp/Camp One where Staff gets two, 1 hour sessions off. During these sessions Staff members cannot leave staff property

Off-Site Board: when a staff member is going off site, they must put their chip up so that we can keep track of who is on or off site

Cabin Crew: during maintenance, the group that goes around to clean the cabins (sweep, mop, germmaster mattresses, clean garbage)

Lost and Found: on hooks in the vestibule; at the end of each week staff members take the clothing into the dining hall at breakfast and show it around to all the campers to see if they are missing anything

Hopper: brings the plates from the table to the serving rails; OR the cabin that sets up the dishes 15 minutes before every meal

Scraper: one person per table who uses a spatula to scrape all of the food from everyone's plates onto one plate, then put that extra food in the garbage

Announcements: after every meal, conducted by Program, let the campers know what's going on in the next portion of the day, announce winners of the Golden Throne

Resource Banquet: when resource has dinner together on banquet night (after serving)

Resource Lunch: when resource eats lunch together while everyone else is on out-lunch

Resource Skit: the campfire skit on the first night to introduce resource positions - talk to Program to hear the plan

CILT Invite: when the CILT 2s hang out with staff (usually a surprise)

Staff Event/Worship: A time for staff to either hang out or worship, organized by HCs/SLC

