

# naramata centre

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



“This experience has been everything if not more than I thought it was going to be. Working here is more than work for me – it is a learning experience. I learned about myself, my strengths and weaknesses and how to live in a community.”

**JOIN US THIS  
SUMMER!**

## SUMMER STAFF



Do you want to develop your skills, learn about yourself, leadership and community?

Join us for a unique opportunity designed especially for young adults interested in working with others to lead programs for children, youth and intergenerational groups!

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Choose the Summer Staff position that best corresponds to your interests and skills.
2. Read the job description for the position you are interested in—available on the web.
3. Download the appropriate [Application Form](#) from our website.
4. Read through this information brochure so you are able to
5. reflect on the Naramata Centre Mission, Values and Summer Staff Expectations in your application.
6. Share the “Summer Staff Reference Letter Form” with your 3 References. They will need to complete this and send it to us.
6. Send your completed Application Form to Naramata Centre by email, fax or mail by the deadline.

**Naramata Centre  
Website**



[www.naramatacentre.net](http://www.naramatacentre.net)

## SUMMER STAFF POSITIONS

### Children & Youth Leaders:

Several staff are hired to work with age groups from 3-17 years old throughout the summer. C&Y leaders work cooperatively with a new team each week to develop theme-related programs that promote community building, faith exploration, creativity, cooperation and a strong sense of belonging for the children and youth participants.

### Children & Youth Practicum Volunteers:

Attend the Staff training week at the beginning of the summer and then come back for one or two weeks of the summer program. Practicum Volunteers participate fully in the program development and leadership with an age group during the week along with the staff.

### Children & Youth Coordinators:

Coordinators come with background experience in working with children & youth or have previously worked at Naramata Centre on Summer Staff. Coordinators are responsible for coordinating one specific group throughout the summer (Pre-school/ Kindergarten, Gr.1-2, Gr. 3-4, Gr. 5-6, Jr. High & Sr. High). They facilitate the weekly team building and planning process with staff.

### Community Program/ Lifeguard Leaders:

Work to ensure the safety of Naramata Centre participants at the beach and dock. These staff must have their Lifeguard qualifications and work cooperatively with their team. They also have responsibility for all ages programs.

### Community Programs/ Lifeguard Coordinator:

Coordinator comes with background experience as a lifeguard and has previously worked at Naramata Centre. They are responsible for coordinating waterfront and all ages activities. They facilitate the weekly planning with staff.

### Children & Youth and Community Programs Director

These 3 positions are for qualified individuals with previous Naramata Centre or equivalent work experience. These Directors offer leadership and expertise in the areas of children and youth ministry, all ages programming, staff supervision and community coordination.

### Summer Music Team:

These 3 positions are for emerging artists who will offer music leadership during community gatherings and worship all summer. This team of Resident Musicians will be mentored by an experienced musician during the training week and prepared for their role. Musicians who have offered leadership at the Centre in previous years will be leading adult morning programs throughout the summer. Applicants who have interest and skills in both Children & Youth work and music leadership are encouraged to apply for both positions. We welcome applicants to apply individually, as a duo or trio.

Check the website for start dates and detailed job descriptions for each position.



## SUMMER PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for people of all ages  
and beliefs  
to practice living in a Christian community  
of acceptance, learning and worship  
in order to make a spirit-filled difference in the world.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR SUMMER STAFF

- Respect for all people regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical and mental ability, geographical origin, etc.
- Maintain appropriate physical and emotional boundaries with the children and youth, other participants and staff.
- Commit to honour children and youth in language and action.
- Ready to create a healthy community with co-workers on the job as well as in the residence.
- Open and able to work and live cooperatively with others.
- Willing to hear and learn from feedback.
- Demonstrate behaviour that appropriately represents Naramata Centre at all times, when on duty and off.

“I really enjoyed the work because I find it fun and rewarding to give back to the coming generations of children and youth.”



## ABOUT NARAMATA CENTRE

**Mission** *To be a place of learning, spiritual nurture and renewal.*

**Vision** *People are inspired to make a difference in the world.*

### Values

**Respect:** *We honour the dignity in all people and creation.*

**Integrity:** *We are honest, fair and just; what we say and how we act are congruent.*

**Compassion:** *We act with kindness and openness, treating others as we want to be treated.*

**Hospitality:** *We welcome all who come here with warmth, service and generosity.*

**Learning:** *We encourage and support ongoing learning and growth for ourselves and others.*

### Theological Identity

*We believe in God, who has created and is creating, Who calls us into respectful relationship with all of Creation.*

*God's love has been shown to us in Jesus, through his life and teaching, and through his prophetic practice of healing, hospitality and radical inclusion.*

*We believe this way of unconditional love is open to all people, those who are trusting, doubting, seeking and knowing. God is never separate from us.*

*Our Christian story gives us language and metaphor to share our stories, and is one path to deeper relationship with ourselves, one another and with God.*

*The Spirit is active in the world, embodied in us, moving us into a life of bold love, seeking justice and acting with compassion.*

*Rooted in gratitude and wonder, experiencing God's unending grace and Holy mystery, we listen for and live out God's call for the world.*

[FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NARAMATA CENTRE CLICK HERE](#)



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