



Dear Fernwood Staff Member of 2012:

We are very happy that you will be with us at Fernwood this summer and look forward to an enjoyable, rewarding camp season together. Spring will soon arrive - melting the snow and bringing camp back to life for the coming summer. We are busy getting camp ready for your arrival, and the arrival of the campers.

Once again this year, the forms you will need to fill out are available online to make your preparations for camp easier. Instead of sending you many paper mailings, everything that you will need to read, fill out and complete will be online. We ask that you read the online information carefully and complete your forms by the specified due dates.

Online, we have outlined travel information, packing lists and more.

1. Simply go to our website at www.campfernwood.com
2. Choose "Staff" from the main menu
3. Then choose "Mailings & Forms"
4. On the top of the page you'll see how to login to fill out forms – ALL FORMS ARE REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT
5. On the bottom of the page, you can read and/or print many informational bulletins to help you prepare and get to camp. Especially if you are a new counselor, it is important that you read ALL of the information provided.

If you have questions or need help with our new online system, Christine & Fritz will be in the Philadelphia winter office at 610-356-7602 and you can find Ellyn at 203-745-3401. You can also reach us via email ellyn@campfernwood.com.

Our official pre-camp orientation for all staff begins at 6pm on Saturday, June 16th. The campers will arrive on Friday, June 22nd. These six days of pre-camp enable us to get to know each other, set up camp facilities, go over camp rules and policies, and discuss problems and techniques that will come up in living and working with children. We will also be planning events that will add to the fun of camp life, like evening programs and rainy day alternatives.

During pre-camp, most staff members live as a group in the cabins, to make it easier for the whole staff to get to know each other. Final choices for "bunks" and roommates will be made before the campers arrive, giving you time to settle into your summer home.

We look to you as experts in your given activity areas, and will work with you on effective teaching skills. You are important in developing our campers' skills and enhancing their self-esteem. We encourage you to bring any ideas and reference materials that contribute to the creativity and enjoyment of your activities. You will have time during pre-camp training to work in activity groups, to plan for teaching, and to check your supplies and get everything ready, so we can get off to a running start. It will also be a time of drawing together as a team so that we may open the summer's activities in the spirit of cooperation and caring that will lead to a happy and productive summer for all.

We look forward to greeting you at the Fernwood gate very soon!

Best regards,

Fritz & Christine Seving and Ellyn Weinstein Black