

Hemlock Wilderness Brigade Camp

2017 Staff



“The Chief ” (Mark Curran) - Camp Director Greenridge Baptist

“Allowing young men to grow in their faith is what my God has placed on my heart. The summer camping ministry at HWBC is where young men mature in Christ, develop their faith and learn to become Christian Leaders for tomorrow. This ministry has allowed Joanne and me a wonderful opportunity to minister to young men and young women, as they grow through their teenage years. “God does things!” I have the privilege of planting Biblical seeds and watching as the Holy Spirit grows in the hearts of all of our staff and campers!”



Ralph Erickson – Program Director

Columbia Presbyterian, Battalion 6831, Age 21, 7th year on staff.

“Camp Hemlock is my home away from home with the Staff as my brothers and God as our father. It is my honor this year to challenge and grow the Junior Staff in their relationship with the Lord and to foster an environment where they can be comfortable in feeling uncomfortable. Through my time on staff, I have developed relationships with spiritual champions that will forever define who I am. I pray that God will use me likewise to reflect his grace and love. It is humbling and encouraging that God can use a broken sinner like myself to strengthen his ministry. “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” 2nd Corinthians 4:7”



Andrew White - Assistant Program Director

Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 20, 3rd year of staff.

I am thrilled to be returning for a full summer as an Assistant Program Director. During my time at camp last year, my focus was on ministering to the guys who were in the SALT program I was leading. This summer, I hope to gain familiarity with the larger scope of camp while focusing on serving a ministering to Junior Staff and campers. Through this service to Junior Staff, I hope they, in turn, will be well equipped to better serve and minister to all the campers who stay with us for any of our programs.



Matthew Byrd - Assistant Program Director

Severna Park EP, Battalion 7117, Age 19, 4th year on staff.

Camp Hemlock has always played a big part in my life. From my younger years at father son camp all the way up to now as a member of Senior Staff the Lord has used this time at camp to bless me. I did not imagine myself helping as an Assistant Program Director this summer but as Jeremiah 29:11 says “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” and his plan was to have me back at camp helping in this role! I am so excited to focus my efforts this summer at serving both the campers and the staff in an attempt to make the

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**Jacob Brunk - S.A.L.T. 'A' Leader & Assistant Program Director
Severna Park EP, Battalion 7117, Age 20, 4th year on staff**

The Lord is majestic and incomprehensible, yet he is a God who reaches out to us in love, seeking to show us the all-surpassing and abundant life of being in relationship with him. It is my constant prayer that the Lord will use me in making him known that I might also partake in his joy of inviting others deeper into the peace and joy of friendship with Jesus. As the summer goes forth, let us praise the Lord! Praise him in his mighty heavens, praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him for his salvation; praise him with jubilant song! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!



**Nathaniel Espey - S.A.L.T. 'A' Leader & Assistant Program Director
Columbia Presbyterian, Battalion 6831, Age 18, 4th year on staff**

Mathew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,... and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Here at Camp Hemlock, we bridge the gap between outdoor adventures and coming to know Jesus Christ as your personal savior. This summer I am on Senior Staff leading SALT A with Jacob Brunk; encouraging young men to come forward with their faith and potentially serve next summer as Junior staff. In my life, Christ has shown me how to serve humbly, lead courageously, and proclaim my faith without fear. I am optimistic that this summer will be one of the best yet!



**Houston Hoover - S.A.L.T. 'B' Leader & Assistant Program Director
Severna Park EP, Battalion 7117, Age 19, 4th year on staff**

This summer I am super excited to get to serve at camp as an Assistant Program Director and then as a S.A.L.T. leader. I have been looking forward to this opportunity to minister to the current and future Junior Staff and am expectant of the great things that God will do with this awesome group of guys. I hope that during my time with the Junior Staff and with S.A.L.T I can demonstrate the love of Christ and help to mentor young men into mature Christians. 2 Timothy 2:1-2 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.



**Aaron White – S.A.L.T. 'B' Leader
Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 18, 5th year of staff.**

"1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain." This verse speaks very personally to me. I am by no means perfect and I am a sinner, but God works his grace in and through me. I am who I am today because of this camp and the grace God has shown me. I strive to ensure that the grace shown to me was not in vain. I desire to lead and serve as a SALT leader to bring up the next generation of leaders both for camp and the church as a whole, and to show the same grace and love I was shown by my SALT leaders to those in my SALT."

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Luke Both

New Life in Christ, Battalion 6905, Age 15, 1st year on staff.

Hey guys, I'm Luke Both and I'm super excited to serve at camp this year. I've been going to camp for eight years and always looked forward to being able to be on staff. I'm excited to grow in my faith and help the campers grow in theirs. One of my favorite verses is 2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."



Eric Bradley

Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 17, 3rd year on staff

Hi! My name is Eric. I am back again to serve at Camp Hemlock. Camp has given a lot to me in the past and I look forward to giving the same experience I was given to the next generation of campers!



Sean Cate - Corporal

Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 17, 3rd year on staff

Feels like just yesterday I was packing up for last summer's camp season. I am unbelievably excited about the possibilities camp provides for both campers and staffers to grow in their relationships with each other and with their Creator! It is my hope that every young man who comes into camp this summer has the opportunity to hear about the love of God and what it can mean.



Tom Coxe

Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 17, 2nd year on staff

Hi my name is Tome. This is my 2nd year on staff. I decided to come back to: see everyone, meet new friends, grow closer to God, and help in any way I am needed. One of my favorite verses is John 14:9 "as the father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

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Elliot Crane

Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 17, 1st year on staff

Last year during SALT, my spirituality grew immensely. Since then I have been longing for the fellowships I experienced and hope to find it this year on staff. I look forward to serving camp this summer in whatever way God has in store for me.



Jake Davidson

Severna Park EP, Battalion 7117, Age 18, 2nd year on staff

"I came back Hemlock as staff again this year because I enjoyed building relationships with the campers and fellow staff members. This summer I hope to continue to build on these relationships as we grow closer to Christ. I pray that my time at Hemlock will help to prepare me for this fall when I will be attending Liberty University in Lynchburg Virginia."



Jonathan Fontz

Severn Run EP, Battalion 4743, Age 14, 1st year on staff

This is my fourth year at camp Hemlock. As a camper, I had always looked up to the staff. I have the chance of being on staff this year and plan to grow relationships with the campers. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Micah Fontz

Severn Run EP, Battalion 4743, Age 17, 2nd year on staff

I am blessed to be here for my second year on staff. My first year was a growing experience and I look forward to growing closer to God this year. 2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

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Nathanael Freeman

Severna Park EP, Battalion 7117, Age 15, 1st year on staff

Hello! I have been excited to work on staff ever since I first went to camp. I hope that I can be a big help around camp and that I can be an example towards the campers this year. As it says in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."



Keith Hammaker

Columbia Presbyterian, Battalion 6831, Age 16, 1st year on staff.

My name is Keith Hammaker and I am 16 years old. I enjoy fishing, biking, and playing board games. This is my fifth year at HWBC and I look forward to being able to give back to the camp. I am a first year staff member and am super excited to serve the camp.



Ryan Hockstra - Corporal

Grace Community, Age 17, 2nd year on staff

Back for my second year on staff, Camp Hemlock has been a constant part of my life for over a decade. It has truly changed my life in unimaginable ways. I pray that God will work through me to make a similarly impactful difference in the lives of those who come to camp this summer. "I appeal to you therefore brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." - Romans 12:1



Carson Hoover

Severna Park EP, Battalion 7117, Age 17, 2nd year on staff

I grew up in a Christian home. The CSB programs and Camp Hemlock have both been greatly influential in my personal spiritual growth. I hope to help others grow in the same way. In my second year of staff, I look forward to seeing familiar faces as well as welcoming new ones and growing with others in Christ.

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Cole Iannarino

St. Michaels Catholic Church, Age 16, 2nd year on staff

Camp has been a great experience for me over the past three years. Every year I came back as a camper I was excited to take part in the activities and make new relationships with people on staff. I always enjoyed how kind the staff members were to me, I realized that God was calling me to follow their example, he was calling me to share his good news with staffers and other children that came to camp. "I thank God for whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with dear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day."- 2 Timothy 1:3



Josiah Kawecki - Corporal

Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 18, 3rd year on staff

This will be my third year on staff at Camp Hemlock and I am really looking forward to it. Every time I come out to Camp I am richly blessed, so I love that I have the opportunity to serve all those who pass through camp this summer. I am looking forward to seeing both old faces and new ones, and I hope that every camper and staff member grows greatly in both spirit and in fellowship.



Alex Lawing

Annapolis EP, Battalion 4743, Age 15, 1st year on staff

Ever since I came to camp for the first time during SALT, I saw the great community and love at Camp Hemlock, and I can't wait to enjoy that fellowship in my first year. I hope to show the same love to the campers. I love working with kids and I can't wait to show them the love of Christ that I already know and love. I can't wait to hang out with campers, and help them have a fun and enjoyable camp experience. I hope to be a light to the campers, just how I has older guys I looked up to. I hope to be a mentor to the campers.



Josiah Rakestraw

New Life in Christ, Battalion 6905, Age 17, 2nd year on staff

"Growing up Camp has played a huge role in my life and still does today. I can't imagine where I would be without Camp. There is no place I would rather be for five and a half weeks, than serving alongside my brother's in Christ, at my "home away from home." Last summer was an absolute BLAST and I am extremely excited to see what God has in store for us as we enter the season. Let's make Hemlock 2k17 one for the books!!"

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Samuel Roettger - Sergeant

Life Point Church, Battalion 7655, Age 17, 3rd year on staff

“Camp Hemlock is the kind of environment and experience that makes you keep coming back for more. This year will be my third year on Junior Staff and I am as excited as I was my first year. I pray that God would bless my time serving here and use it to touch others and further his kingdom.”



Nathaniel Scheerer

Columbia Presbyterian, Battalion 6831, Age 15, 1st year on staff.

This is my first year on staff but going to camp has always been a part of my summer. This year I hope to give the campers the same experiences and enjoyment I had as a camper. I am excited to see God work through me and teach the campers more about having a personal relationship with Jesus.



Liam Whitnack

New Life in Christ Church, Battalion 6905, Age 15, 1st year on staff.

This is my sixth year at Camp Hemlock and after doing SALT last year, I want to be a servant leaders. I hope that I can show God's love to the campers in the same way that the staff have shown God's love to me since I was ten years old. 2 Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”