

Fall 2016

Dear Music Applicant:

Thank you for exploring the possibility of applying for a music staff position at CAMP-of-the-WOODS (COTW) for the summer **of 2017**.

Music has always been an integral part of COTW during its 100+ years of operation. Each Friday and Saturday evening, the music staff performs for guests staying on the grounds and for people from the surrounding area. These weekend concerts include a broad variety of music, including classical, chamber music, opera, Broadway, big band, vocal and instrumental solos, and the best of sacred music from the classical and contemporary Christian repertoires. The music staff leads in blended worship at daily chapel and Sunday morning services, as well as the Sunday evening Concert of Praise and Worship. There is also an opportunity for musicians to perform on the weekly Thursday Evening Classical Recital series.

I encourage you to view the COTW 2016 Music video excerpts at these links:

Orchestra: <https://youtu.be/FqI6dfJx-Ug>
Broadway: https://youtu.be/8wO_JcuW8JI
Sacred Tutti: https://youtu.be/_1zl68kf4jg
Big Band: <https://youtu.be/pM3YS38Wlco>
Recital: <https://youtu.be/C4UOqYqvbsY>
Small Jazz: <https://youtu.be/P8XVraChH4o>

More information about the ministry and events at COTW are available at the main website:

www.camp-of-the-woods.org

Music Staff receive a guaranteed weekly salary plus room and board. **Weekly salary for first year music staff is \$300 per week, and the first pay period begins the Thursday of Challenge Week (During the first part of Challenge/Orientation Week, June 17-21, ALL COTW summer employees receive a \$30 honorarium.)** Musicians earn their summer salaries by performing in concerts, chapels and other music events. In addition, music staff, along with staff from other divisions at COTW work several hours every other Saturday assisting with housekeeping as guests depart and arrive. Other music staff are assigned jobs such as stage managing, working in the music library, or coordinating special music events.

There are air-conditioned Wenger practice rooms and practice pianos, and temperature-controlled secure storage for instruments and valuables.

I look forward to my **16th season** as Music Director. Along with being Professor of Music (trumpet) at West Virginia University, I play principal trumpet in the Wheeling (WV) Symphony Orchestra and extra with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. My wife Kathy, our COTW Staff Pianist and Music Staff Recruiter, is a gifted accompanist who has worked in numerous national venues. Many COTW Music Staff alumni hold positions as performers in metropolitan orchestras and D.C. Military ensembles, as well as faculty positions in music schools across the country.

Fellowship with young Christian music professionals, numerous opportunities for performance, teaching by internationally known evangelical speakers, emphasis on musical excellence, challenge of personal musical and spiritual growth, and opportunities to lead in a blended worship ministry creates an unusual and completely unique opportunity for COTW musicians and may be a turning point in your career and life. It is my prayer that as you contemplate your options for **summer 2017**, you will consider auditioning for the COTW music staff.

2017 Summer Staff employment at CAMP-of-the-WOODS begins with Challenge Week, June 17-23. The first guests arrive on Saturday, June 24, and the first Music Staff concert will be that same evening. Guests are present from Saturday June 24 (Guest Week #1) through Labor Day Weekend (end of Guest Week #10).

The final full 2017 Music Staff concert will be performed at the end of Guest Week #8, Saturday evening, August 19.

Although Music Staff do not perform concerts August 25 and 26 (guest artists perform these concerts), Music Staff will continue to lead worship in chapels the week of August 20-25. Staff are expected to stay through Friday morning, August 25, unless their Fall university classes begin during the week of the August 21. There will also

be a Music Staff Recital Thursday night, August 24. Employment beyond Friday August 25 is available to those who are able. Work will include chapel music and assistance with other end-of-season music departmental needs.

Summary:

- The CAMP-of-the-WOODS Summer Music Program runs from Saturday, June 17, through Friday morning, August 25, 2017.
- Any deviation from this schedule must be approved by the Music Staff Recruiter, Mrs. Kathy Winkler.
- If the applicant has scheduled university classes the week of August 21, 2017, the final summer commitment will be the Saturday evening concert, August 19, 2017.

Application Deadline: There is no official application deadline, although decisions on new applicants for open positions begins January 2nd. ***Contracts are offered as soon as highly qualified applicants are identified.*** (It is recommended that new applicants inquire during November and December about known or potential staff openings.) I would encourage you to review the application and the music videos, and then contact Mrs. Winkler or me immediately for more information and to be certain that the position for which you are applying is still open.

In His service,

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