

Carmel United Methodist Church

JOB TITLE	Children and Youth Summer Ministries Summer Intern
Hours/Week	Full Time, Summer Internship(dates flexible based upon school schedule)
Full Time	\$5,000 Stipend
Supervisor	Directors of Youth & Children Ministries, Pastor Staff

POSITION SUMMARY

The Children & Youth Ministries Summer Intern will support and participate in the discipleship, care, and spiritual formation of children, youth, and families throughout the summer months. This intern will gain hands-on ministry experience through camps, weekly programming, and relational ministry, while also receiving mentorship and spiritual direction.

This position is ideal for a college-aged student discerning a call to ministry, education, or service within the church.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Youth Ministries

Attend, assist with, and prepare for **Middle School Camp at Epworth Forest**

- Help plan and lead **Summer Youth Programming**, including:
- Weekly lesson preparation
- Running games and activities
- Sharing short messages or reflections during youth group
- Build relationships with middle and high school students through presence, encouragement, and mentorship

Children's Ministries

- Assist with, and prepare for **Elementary School Camp at Camp Lakewood**
- Assist with **Adventure Camp**, a missions based camp for 5th & 6th graders, including:
- Leading and supporting camp activities
- Helping with lessons and mission projects
- Support **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** and **Preschool Camps**:
- Preparation, teaching assistance, substitution as needed, and clean-up
- Help lead **Summer Sunday School**, including:
- Weekly lesson preparation
- Teaching Sunday School classes or offering the Children's Message during worship

Family & Community Engagement

- Participate in **Open Playground** times by engaging children and families in meaningful, welcoming ways

- Plan and lead a few special activity days (e.g., *Bubbles on the Blacktop*) during open play times

Formation & Mentorship

- Participate in **weekly meals and mentorship meetings** designed to support:
- Spiritual direction
- Vocational discernment
- Personal and leadership development

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the internship, the intern will:

- Gain practical experience in children’s and youth ministry
- Develop skills in lesson planning, group leadership, and faith formation
- Grow in confidence speaking in front of groups
- Receive intentional mentoring and spiritual support
- Better discern future vocational or ministry callings

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Specific Technical Knowledge	Email, Word/Excel, Google Docs, Basic computer skills and knowledge
B. Self-Management	Dependable, flexible, and able to work collaboratively with staff and volunteers, detailed oriented and organized
C. Leadership	Experience working with children or youth (formal or informal) Strong communication skills and willingness to lead when invited
D. Educational Requirements/Experience	College-aged student (completed at least one year of college preferred)
E. Faith	Interest in ministry, education, child/youth development, or nonprofit leadership Alignment with the church’s mission and values (United Methodist background helpful but not required)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Full-time summer position, including Sundays and occasional evenings
- Demonstrate a Christ-like attitude through all interactions with the congregation, staff, and volunteers.

