

Thank you for choosing to serve at Riverside Bible Camp this summer! By serving on summer staff, you'll be paid a base weekly rate of \$210. However, we ask that you raise support to cover that for 2 reasons:

1. To keep salary costs from increasing registration fees for campers.
2. To have a support base close to you and involved in your ministry this summer.

All support you raise will go directly toward paying you. Any amount you raise over the base rate will also go to you. There are two main ways for people to donate to you. One, by selecting your account on Riverside's donation portal at:

<https://www.riversidebiblecamp.org/donate>

Two, by making out a check to Riverside Bible Camp with your name in the memo. For reference, camp's address is:

Riverside Bible Camp

6355 County Road DD

Amherst, WI 54406

To start raising funds, begin by getting a list together of friends and family with their addresses. Whether or not you think they can support you financially is irrelevant. Not everybody will support you monetarily but they can still pray for you and encourage you.

The other part of raising funds is writing your support letter. Your letter should be personalized to you while also giving the reader info about your role and the support you're asking for. Please keep your letter to one page. Once your letter is written, send it to the program staff to review it before you send it out.

On the next page, you'll find an example support letter. Yours doesn't have to look like this. It should sound like it's coming from you.

Dear (Name),

I hope this message finds you well! I'm writing to share some exciting news with you. After much prayer and consideration, I have decided to join summer staff at Riverside Bible Camp!

Volunteering in ministry and camp settings has always been close to my heart. Riverside has had a profound impact on my faith and relationship with God, and I am thrilled to be joining the team that helps lead this incredible camp. It's such an honor to be in a position where I can help foster spiritual growth, build lasting friendships, and create life-changing experiences for campers.

However, as I embark on this new journey, I know that no one walks alone. God has put us into a body of believers to support one another as we serve and grow closer to Christ (Eph. 4:15-16). Paul reminds us that no one person does it all alone. Some work the soil, some plant, some water, some harvest. We are coworkers in God's service, but it is He who provides the growth (1 Cor. 3). Riverside has adopted these principles in its philosophy for its staff. We do not work for a salary; we work because God has called us to a ministry; we work for His glory and purposes. We invite other believers to join us in this calling. Each summer staff member is encouraged to have a support team of people who share the same vision and support the staffer's ministry. This is what I'd like to invite you to consider.

So what does that look like? Here a few specific ways you can join my work at Riverside:

1. Prayer: You can be in prayer for me as I prepare to join camp, for the campers to have hearts open to God's word, and for the rest of the staff as we work together to advance the gospel.
2. Financial Support: My position would normally cost the camp \$2100 for the whole summer. In order to keep registration fees low for campers, summer staff are asked to recruit financial partners who will contribute directly to their salaries. You can donate to my account through Riverside's website or by making a check out to Riverside Bible Camp with my name in the memo.
3. Encouragement: You can be a source of encouragement, a listening ear, an accountability partner. It will take time and effort to keep in touch and connect on a deeper level, but it is so important.

Through my hands, my feet, and my presence at Riverside, all of us will be ministering as one. If God is calling you to be a part of my support team, would you please let me know? I'd love to hear from you! I can be contacted by phone: (Phone) or email: (Email)

I feel incredibly blessed to be taking this next step. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for me as I begin this journey. I can't wait to see how God is going to provide for me, lead me, and build this support team. I'm truly looking forward to the ways we'll be partnering together to advance God's Kingdom through what He's doing at Riverside!

Sincerely

(Name)

P.S. If you choose to donate by check, please use the enclosed envelope and make out your check to Riverside Bible Camp with my name in the memo.