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Church of the Brethren

“Connecting, Enlivening, and Supporting the Dynamic Ministry of the CoB camps.”

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Dear Colleagues in Outdoor Ministry,

The spring season is now upon us, and our Church of the Brethren camps continue to be places where all can feel safe, have fun, and grow. Camp changes lives, and it is important for us to share those stories.

One story is about Wyatt. Wyatt grew up in the rural part of Central California. His summers were spent on the farm with opportunities to go camping, and he is now a young adult and has a passion for leadership at camp! He and the other young adult team are actively developing a weekend retreat for young adults. Leadership is a journey, and God empowers all of us to minister and reach out to people of all ages just like Wyatt.

The Church of the Brethren Outdoor Ministry Association (OMA) has long connected our camps across the country. The OMA network carries out the important work of enlivening and supporting the ministry of our camps. This includes mentorship opportunities, our annual retreat, professional relationships, communication with the greater denomination and more. The support and connection to the association provides is truly an example of the ‘ties that bind’.

To continue our work, and to continue binding our camp ministry – even as our denomination evolves in unexpected ways, we need every person moved by camp ministry to join us in membership. Please renew or start your 2025 OMA membership for 2025. OMA membership means you’re willing to provide financial, professional and personal support among members of the association.

Our financial giving allows OMA to provide Environmental Grants up to \$1,000 to camps each year, offer scholarships for professional development and support the minimal administrative feeds to pay for OMA communications, including our website.

Outdoor Ministry Association – 2025 Membership Levels and Benefits					
	Camp (\$100-\$700)	Congregation (\$150)	Individual/Family (\$50)	Professional/Staff (\$100)	Lifetime (\$750)
Professional member(s) and benefits*	X				
\$25 Annual Retreat Discount (1 person)		X	X	X	1 st Year
Retreat Scholarships Available	X	X	X	X	
Staff and Volunteer Award Nominations	X				
Environmental Grants (up to \$1000; only \$500 w/o membership)	X	X			
Eligible for Four Horseman Fund Support	X	X		X	
Membership Certificate	X	X		X	X
OMA Decal	X	X	X	X	X

****Professional Memberships Included in Camp Memberships:***

Based on Camp Fee Level: \$100 - \$399 = 1 member; \$400 - \$699 = 2 members; \$700+ = 3 members

Please contact Garry Pearson, 2025 Membership Coordinator, with questions: garrypemail-ucd@yahoo.com.

Visit the OMA website at www.omacob.org for more information about Environmental Grants and our Annual Retreat, which will be held at Inspiration Hills this year: www.inspirationhillscamp.org. The Annual Retreat will be November 16-20.

Let us all continue to provide the safety, fun, and community our Christ-centered camps have long offered. Let us invite more staff, volunteers and camp supporters to support OMA. Let us continue to tell the stories of life-changing experiences. Let us give thanks as God allows us to minister at camp.

Blessings as you plan for the life God brings to your ministry this year.

Garry Pearson 2025 OMA Membership Coordinator