

## WHAT IS HIDDEN ACRES?

Hidden Acres Christian Center is a camp and conference center purchased in 1979 by the Central District Evangelical Free Churches. Our mission is to be "a place set apart to encounter Jesus."

We are located on 660 forested acres near Dayton, Iowa, in the beautiful Des Moines River Valley. Today we have more than 60 buildings, housing for over 800, and a dining hall that seats 1,000. Hidden Acres offers many enjoyable activities, including an indoor pool & hot tub, gym, game room, lake, pond, blob, sledding hill, climbing wall, zip line, giant swing, horse rides, and hiking paths. We typically host over 20,000 guests each year. Last summer, we had over 3,300 summer campers and 180 summer staff.

## WHO IS EMMAUS UNIVERSITY?



Emmaus University strives to "glorify God by educating and equipping leaders to impact the world for Christ through faithful and effective service in their ministries, professions, and communities." They thank the Lord for a rich heritage, a dedicated faculty and staff, and students who are eager to learn and grow in their faith.

## PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Matt Candlish currently serves as the Camp Chaplain and is also the Spiritual Formation Director at Hidden Acres. He is passionate about helping and encouraging others to grow their relationship with God. Matt's wife, Kristi, helps with administration and discipleship. They have two adult children and an awesome son in law.



## APPLICATION INFO



Students will need to complete an application, provide four references, and conduct an interview.

If you choose the Academic Path, consideration for the program is dependent upon admissions to Emmaus University. You do not apply to Emmaus separately; Hidden Acres will forward your application information.

**Questions?** Email Matt: [matt.candlish@hacamps.org](mailto:matt.candlish@hacamps.org)

# PROJECT PATH

A GAP YEAR PROGRAM AT HIDDEN ACRES



*"You make known to me  
the path of life..."*  
- Psalm 16:11



# OVERVIEW

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROJECT PATH is a gap year program for college-age students interested in living, learning, working, and growing at Hidden Acres. The student can choose between one of two paths to take in the program: a vocational path or an academic path. The vocational path is a work-focused path where students will primarily work at camp. The academic path gives students the opportunity to take college courses online from Emmaus University while also getting vocational experience working at camp. All students will participate in weekly Bible study and life skills classes and receive mentorship.

## VOCATIONAL PATH

### INCOME DETAILS

#### WORK STIPEND: \$1,200/MONTH

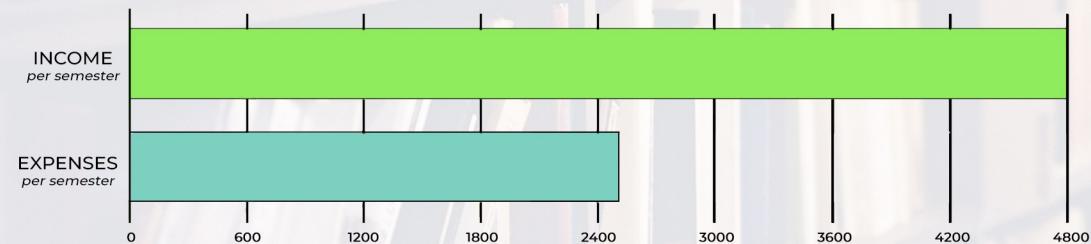
Students will receive a monthly stipend for their work at camp. Over a semester, their stipend will equal approximately \$4,800.

### EXPENSE DETAILS

#### PROGRAM COST: \$2,500/SEMESTER

Includes housing, food, trips, and camp clothing

## VOCATIONAL PATH OVERVIEW



# ACADEMIC PATH

FORMERLY "THE MINISTRY SCHOOL"

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## EXPENSE DETAILS

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#### EMMAUS TUITION: \$200/CREDIT

One 3-credit course required per semester, equaling a minimum of \$600 tuition per semester

#### MINIMUM SEMESTER EXPENSE: \$3,100

Total of program cost and tuition for one course

Due in full on October 1 and February 1

Students may take up to two additional courses, for a maximum semester cost of \$4,300 for nine credits.



## ACADEMIC PATH OVERVIEW

