

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 3,800 summer campers and 180 summer staff.

WHO IS EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE?

Since it began offering classes in 1941, Emmaus Bible College has been striving 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.” We thank the Lord for a rich heritage, a dedicated faculty and staff, and students who are eager to learn and grow in their faith.

CAMP & COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

Hidden Acres and Emmaus are excited to partner together! Upon successful completion of online classes by Ministry School students, Emmaus will apply credits toward its core curriculum and elective requirements. Emmaus can also forward transcripts to other institutions upon request.

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Jesse Evans currently serves as Camp Chaplain and is also the Education Director at Hidden Acres. He is passionate about spiritual growth and about putting theology into practical application. Jesse has an undergraduate degree in Pastoral Leadership, an MA in Theology, and an MDiv in Evangelism and Church Planting. Jesse's wife, Nichole, helps with administration and discipleship. They have six children and four grandchildren.



THE MINISTRY SCHOOL AT HIDDEN ACRES



A gap year program in partnership with Emmaus Bible College for college-age students interested in living, learning, working, and growing at Hidden Acres.



INFO & APPLICATION

PILLARS OF GROWTH

ACADEMIC

Earn up to 18 college credits

Online courses provided through Emmaus Bible College

PERSONAL

Attend life skills classes on:

Communication
Personal Finance
Resume Writing
General Maintenance

SPIRITUAL

Participate in weekly Bible studies

Individual discipleship
Get involved in a local church

VOCATIONAL

Receive on-the-job ministry training

Serve in up to seven departments at Hidden Acres

APPLICATION INFORMATION



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

Admissions to Emmaus Bible College is required for a student to be considered for The Ministry School.

Students do not apply to Emmaus separately; Hidden Acres will forward application information to Emmaus.

Early admissions deadline is December 1st.

Scan the QR code to request more information or visit hacamps.org/ministry-school

QUESTIONS? Contact Jesse Evans at jesse.evans@hacamps.org

STUDENT FINANCES

INCOME DETAILS

WORK STIPEND: \$1,000/MONTH

Students will receive a monthly stipend for their work at camp. Over a semester, that will equal approximately \$4,000.



EXPENSE DETAILS

PROGRAM COST: \$2,500/SEMESTER

Includes housing, food, trips, and camp clothing

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.



SEMESTER FINANCES AT A GLANCE

