



Masters in Outdoor and Adventure Leadership

CCCA Cohort

An exclusive offer for established and emerging employees of CCCA camps.

Course List and Progression

The course list was created with a busy camp professional in mind: a part-time course load, no required summer classes, and a purposeful content progression. Throughout the program you'll be equipped to press classroom theory into practice.

Fall 1

- OAL 521 Personal Spiritual Formation (2)
- OAL 662 Theology and Practice of Outdoor Ministry (4)
- OAL 547 Philosophy of Ministry (2)

Spring 1

- OAL 661 Foundations of Experiential Education (4)
- OAL 548 Program Planning and Leadership (2)
- OAL 518 Research Methods for Ministry (2)



Summer 1, 2

Optional: 0-4 Credit Electives from the School of Mission, Ministry, and Leadership.



Fall 2

- OAL 663 Organizational Leadership and Staff Development in Outdoor Ministry (4)
- OAL 534 Care and Counsel in Ministry (2)

Spring 2

- BITH 565 Christian Theology (4)
- Electives (0-4)



Fall 3

- OAL 692/8 Creative Project or Thesis/Applied Thesis (2)
- OAL 525 Camp Ministry in Global Contexts (4)
- Electives (0-4)



Spring 3

- OAL 683 Integrative Seminar (0)
- Electives (4-8)

 **Graduate!**

cost of program

Start: Fall 2019

25% cohort discount; \$21,000 over three years of study*

Start: Spring 2020 or Later

15% remote student discount; 40 credits at \$595

**if 15 or more join the CCCA cohort, students receive a 25% discount*

Learn more:

[Tuition and Fees](#)
[Financial Aid](#)

example theses

Students will have the option of completing a Creative Project or a Thesis. Below, you'll find the titles of recent theses:

1. A Study of the Integration of the Theology of the Outdoors and Justice
2. A Theological Study of Native American Spirituality and Christian Camping
3. Impact of Adolescent Summer Camp Experience on College Students' Attitudes Towards Body Image
4. The Effects of Digital Technology Fasting at Camp and the Formation of Individual and Community Embodied Habits
5. Does Setting Matter? Exploring College Student Engagement during Daily Devotion within a Wilderness and Camp Context
6. Impact of Summer Staff Training Experience on Counseling Staff Perceptions of Preparedness



“Why complete a thesis?”

- Dig into a question or subject you're passionate about
- Work closely with a professor who can guide and mentor you through the process

how to apply

Step 1

Check the Deadlines

We review applications on a rolling basis until mid-July.

Step 2

Review the Requirements

Visit our [Admissions Requirements](#) page for a full list of requirements. NEW this year – no entrance exam required!

Step 3

[Start Your Application!](#)

helpful quick links

- M.A. in Outdoor & Adventure Leadership [program information](#)
- Review the [FAQs](#) to answer any outstanding questions

- Contribute not only to your own program or area of interest but that of Christian camping worldwide
- Build the skills to research, evaluate, and assess concepts and programs



Dr. Rob Ribbe

Executive Director of HoneyRock

Assistant Professor of Christian

Formation and Ministry

On faculty since 1990

Areas of Research:

- Role of outdoor orientation programs in the college transition
- Impact of working at camp on summer staff
- Impact of Christian summer camp experiences for campers
- Impact of technology and outdoor experiences on youth and young adult development
- Experiential education in higher education
- Theological and philosophical foundations of camp ministry

Areas of Interest: spiritual formation, leadership development for church and society, Christian camping movement worldwide, young adult identity formation and emerging adulthood, gap year programming, college outdoor orientation programs and the transition to college, and experiential education



Dr. Muhia Karianjahi

Graduate Program and Global

Initiatives Manager

On faculty since 2013

Professional Affiliations:

- Christian Camping International – Worldwide, Board Member
- African Christian Camping/CCI Eastern Africa, Founding Chair
- Christian Camp and Conference Association
- Association of Youth Ministry Educators

Areas of Interest: experiential and outdoor education, spiritual formation through rites of passage and temporary communities, global and cross-cultural camp ministry, positive youth development, and youth ministry



Rachel Botting, M.A.

Passage and Research

Program Manager

On staff since 2015

Recent Presentations:

- Christian Camping as a Training Ground for Discerning Vocation
- Identifying Ministry Effectiveness – Program Assessment and Evaluation
- Women in Camp Ministry
- Twenty Somethings and Christian Camping
- Maximize Simple Evaluation and Assessment Tools to Recruit Campers and Build your Brand
- Exploring the Impact of Employment on Summer Camp Staff

Areas of Interest: women in ministry, outdoor orientation programs, vocation and work, stewardship and sustainability, research and evaluation, young adult ministry, staff training, leadership development, and philosophy and theology of ministry