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Dear Applicant,

Camping is one of life's greatest opportunities for service to God, offering youth the chance to make a commitment to Christ, learn new skills, and develop lasting friendships. I appreciate your willingness to share in the Free Methodist Church, New York Conference, Summer Camping Ministry at Camp Timberledge and know you will have a rewarding experience.

In the 1800s, the Barnes and Olver families came to the United States from England, purchasing the land where Camp Timberledge now lies. A descendant of the original settlers developed the camping ministry in the 1950's as a weeklong experience for young boys. Over the years, the scope of the camp programs and the number of camps has changed but the basic concept has remained intact. Camp Timberledge still enrolls campers for one week and devotes much of the program to spiritual development.

Christian camps depend on numerous volunteers who donate significant time and money. Camp Timberledge is no exception. Over the past fifty years, hundreds of people have contributed money or given a week of time as volunteer staff. The success of Camp Timberledge depends on God's use of volunteers who wish to lead nonbelievers to faith in Jesus Christ and mentor believers into a life of discipleship.

To ensure that we have the best possible camping season and adhere to national government regulations, we ask that you carefully **complete and sign the Staff Application Form and Guidelines**. Each volunteer who submits an application that meets the standards described will be welcomed to participate in our summer camping program. Camp leadership will do our best to match the skills and interests of each of volunteer with the needs of Camp Timberledge. A **Staff Health History Form** will need to be completed upon arrival at camp.

Should you have questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me at 570.937.3457 or email brushik@camptimberledge.org. (Subject: Camp Timberledge).

God Bless,

Pastor Bill Rushik, Camp Director

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