

THE OPPORTUNITY  
DAYSPRING- PARRISH, FLORIDA

# DIRECTOR OF CAMP AND OUTDOORS



DAYSPRING IS A PART OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA -  
A CHURCH CALLED TO AUTHENTICALLY HONOR & EMBRACE ALL DIFFERENCES.

## Location

Nestled in Parrish, Florida, just minutes from I-75 and centrally positioned between Sarasota, Tampa Bay, and St. Petersburg, DaySpring sits on 97 preserved acres. Despite being surrounded by the conveniences of a rapidly growing community such as restaurants, shopping, schools, and even an outlet mall, DaySpring maintains the peaceful atmosphere of a retreat that feels worlds away.

## The Opportunity

DaySpring seeks a passionate, creative, and talented camp leader to serve as **Director of Camp and Outdoors** beginning in late 2025. This search follows the unexpected passing of our beloved former director just after his first summer. Building on his spirit and the strong foundation in place, the new Director will step into an exciting season of growth, leading six weeks of summer camp, expanding and developing programs, and guiding a team of 20 seasonal staff. The rest of the year, the Director will oversee the center's adventure and waterfront programs and host groups in collaboration with other departments.

## About DaySpring

DaySpring is owned by the Episcopal Church in Southwest Florida. Annually serving thousands of guests and campers, DaySpring is a place of peace, joy, community, belonging, and hospitality. DaySpring is on the Northern banks of the beautiful Manatee River and is an idyllic oasis for wildlife, palm trees, spanish moss, and gigantic live oaks.

## Compensation

Annualized salary \$48k-\$50k  
Health & dental coverage (individual)  
Continuing education and training  
10% Retirement  
Excellent 2200 sq. ft. 3-bedroom home with pool and lanai



# SUMMER CAMP @ DAYSPRING

Six summer sessions serving  
rising 3rd graders to 12th graders.

[www.DaySpringFla.org/camp](http://www.DaySpringFla.org/camp)

## SESSION 1

### **Elementary Camp I** (Grades 3-5)

This shortened week is perfect for the first-time camper and exposes young campers to a variety of activities.

## SESSION 2

**High School Camp I** (Grades 9-12) Helps teens disconnect from their fast-paced lives and reconnect with their passions while surrounded in a community of faith and joy.

## SESSION 3

**Middle School Camp I** (Grades 6-8) An authentic camp experience for middle school aged young people. Canoeing on the Manatee River, ropes courses, and crafts!

## MID-SUMMER BREAK

## SESSION 4

### **Elementary Camp II** (Grades 3-5)

This week is perfect for the first-time camper and exposes young campers to a variety of activities.

## SESSION 5

**Middle School Camp II** (Grades 6-8) An authentic camp experience for middle school aged young people. Canoeing on the Manatee River, ropes courses, and crafts!

## SESSION 6

**High School Camp II** (Grades 9-12) Helps teens disconnect from their fast-paced lives and reconnect with their passions while surrounded in a community of faith and joy.

***VIDEO RECENTLY MADE ABOUT  
CAMP DAYSPRING***





# OUTDOOR PROGRAMS @ DAYSPRING

There are *countless* ways to enjoy DaySpring's natural campus but the Director of Camp and Outdoors specializes in adventure and recreational programs to entice the center's many guests to explore the outdoors and challenge themselves.

## HIGH ROPES COURSE



## TEAMBUILDING COURSE



## CLIMBING TREE

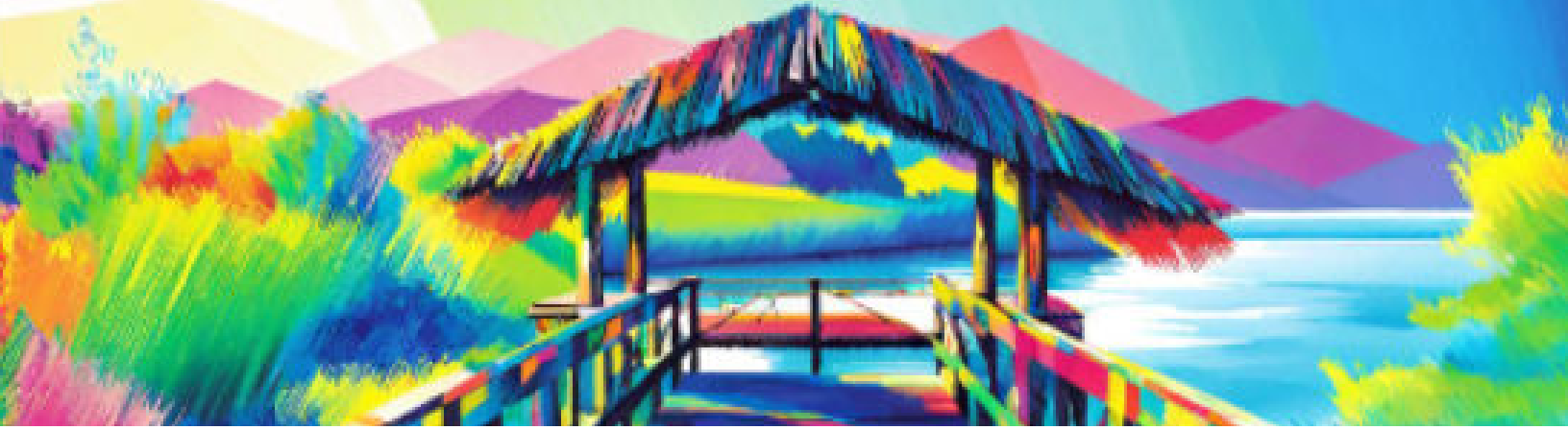


## MANATEE RIVER



## ZERO ENTRY POOL





## WHO WE ARE

A Christian camp in the Episcopal tradition aimed at providing amazing summer experiences and a place of belonging for young people.

## WE VALUE THE POWER OF THE CAMP EXPERIENCE

Summer camps at DaySpring are strong so we seek a Director who will lead us towards providing the camp experience for more and more children, youth, and young adults. Our next camp director envisions a diverse series of programs that inspire and excite young people and supports the summer staff. The role of the Director will be to lead our camp and outdoor program's improvement, deepen our connections, and inspire all those who participate. We envision a future where our core camps are sold out and we have to start adding additional weeks. We are called to grow, to improve, to deepen, and to inspire. That is what youth deserve. Initiatives we want to pursue:

- Day camps that serve local youth by Summer 2026
- Specialty camps that serve children with disabilities
- Family camps

## SKILLS AND PASSIONS WE SEEK

- Practicing Christian (pref. familiar with the Episcopal Church)
- Lifeguarding and high adventure certifications (or ability to attain)
- Passion for youth of all ages 6-25
- Hospitality at heart - called to serve all people and embrace all differences
- Creative problem-solver and teambuilder
- Outdoor enthusiast with a huge imagination
- A collaborator with youth ministry programs of the Diocese

# TO APPLY

Formal job description located at  
[www.DaySpringFla.org/jobs](http://www.DaySpringFla.org/jobs)



Send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Brad Thompson, Executive Director  
[brad@DaySpringFla.org](mailto:brad@DaySpringFla.org)

References will be called AFTER final interviews