

Camp Counselor Applications

Start of Block: Block A

1. Candidate Information

- First Name _____
- Last Name _____
- Age _____
- School _____
- Grade _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Street Address _____
- City _____
- Zip Code _____
- Your Cell Phone _____
- Your Email _____
- Parent 1 Name _____
- Parent 1 Phone _____
- Parent 1 Email _____
- Parent 2 Name (optional) _____
- Parent 2 Phone (optional) _____
- Parent 2 Email (optional) _____

2. 4-H and 4-H Camp Experience

Number of years as a 4-H'er

Number of years as a 4-H camper

Number of years as a 4-H counselor

3. Were you a 4-H Camp Counselor in 2018?

Yes

No

Skip To: End of Block If Were you a 4-H Camp Counselor in 2018? = Yes

4. What traits, skills, or experiences do you have that would benefit you in this position? Please include all experiences working with youth, including other camp experience (Conservation, Scout, School, Church camps, etc.)

5. What two strengths would you contribute to the 4-H Camp counselor team that would help make camp more successful?

6. Please upload your essay file here (one-page minimum). Topic: "How I Would Incorporate the Four H's in 4-H Camp as a Counselor"

End of Block: Block A

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7. Camp Committees: Please rank the following committees in the order that you prefer to participate on them if selected as a counselor. (1=Most Preferred, 7=Least Preferred)

- _____ Afternoon Recreation
- _____ Campfire
- _____ Evening Recreation
- _____ Flags
- _____ Inspiration
- _____ Songs and Announcements
- _____ Theme and Decoration

8. Camp Theme & Ideas: Please list one idea for a camp theme, plus three activities that support the overall vision of that theme. Activities can range from skits to decorations to workshops, etc.

- Theme Idea _____
- Activity #1 _____
- Activity #2 _____
- Activity #3 _____

9. Ages & Stages: Please rank the following ages of youth in the order that you prefer to work with them.

- _____ 5-7 years old
 - _____ 8-10 years old
 - _____ 11-12 years old
 - _____ 13+ years old
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10. Reference Contact Information (REQUIRED): Please let your references know in advance that the Extension Office will be in touch with them to get their input about your qualities and abilities as they pertain to serving as a camp counselor. Candidates only need to provide contact information (email preferred). Extension staff will follow-up with references to get a reference form completed.

- Reference #1 Name _____
 - Reference #1 Email _____
 - Reference #1 Phone _____
 - Reference #2 Name _____
 - Reference #2 Email _____
 - Reference #2 Phone _____
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11. Camp Counselor Code of Conduct: Please carefully review the following and then mark below as instructed.

I agree that if selected, I will participate in the 4-H Camp Counselor Training Program. I understand that this is a training period and that only after I complete my certification am I permitted to be a counselor at 4-H Camp.

I understand that I am taking on a different role at camp. I am applying to serve others, not to go purely for my own enjoyment. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the below responsibilities if selected as a camp counselor. I understand and agree that I will be asked to call my parents/guardian immediately to pick me up if I conduct myself in an irresponsible manner, which includes being out of my cabin after hours and/or the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or fireworks.

I will be expected to:

- Attend the required number of counselor training sessions. I understand I will be dismissed if I am not able to complete the required training.
- Abide by the No Cell Phones at Camp Policy (note: unless otherwise authorized by Extension staff)
- Treat other peers with respect.
- Not bully fellow counselors or participate in goat-play or hazing.
- Conduct myself as a positive role model and be responsible.
- Set a good example by not using profanity or telling off-color jokes, and stories.
- As a 4-H member, not have in my possession tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Not have possession of harmful objects without specific authorization from the camp director, including but not limited to: knives of any kind (pocket, utility, etc.), lighters, matches, fireworks, explosives, firearms, weapons, etc.
- No pornography or other sexually oriented materials including nudity in visual or written materials including similar content.
- Be a responsible cabin counselor and ensure campers are provided guidance towards a safe and fun week.
- Ensure that all campers are supervised by counselor staff at all times. Be sure that all campers know that they must remain on the camp grounds at all times and are responsible for their behavior at all times.
- Get to know each of the campers personally and by name.
- Have all campers, including myself, check in any of their medications with the nurse.
- Make sure each camper uses personal hygiene, are familiar with camp facilities and camp rules, are involved in all activities, and that no one is excluded.
- Check for illness or injury. Go with hurt or sick campers to the nurse no matter how minor the ailment.
- Follow guidelines for lights out, and cabin supervision. Be in my cabin with my campers at all times between the hours of "Lights Out" and "Rise and Shine."
- Never discipline a camper by ridicule or physical punishment; patience and understanding works best.
- Urge safety at all time. Take time to explain how and why to do something safely.
- Work as a team to plan, organize and conduct all camp activities.
- Be flexible with counseling and adult staff.
- Participate in camp promotion.
- Follow leadership of camping program through adult advisors/volunteers/staff.

12. I certify that all of the information being submitted as part of my application is correct. I also certify that I have reviewed the 4-H Camp Counselor Code of Conduct and understand that failure to comply with these rules could result in probation or loss of my counseling position for the year.

Initials of Candidate _____

End of Block: Block C
