



September 13, 2018

Dear Camp Counselor Candidate,

It's time to start thinking about the 2019 4-H Camping Program! The 2019 Shelby County 4-H Camp will be held **June 9-13 at 4-H Camp Clifton**. Youth in grades 9-12 can apply to spend the week serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor.

4-H Camp Counselors provide care and coordinate activities for campers during the camp week. Being a 4-H Camp Counselor is a unique, amazing experience; however, because you are in care, custody and control of minors, serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor requires a great deal of commitment, responsibility, maturity and accountability. Counselors are **required** to attend 24 hours of mandatory training, held over the course of multiple meetings from the time of their selection to camp week. 2018's trainings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Sunday, November 18 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, December 16 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Monday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, February 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 3 - Time TBD
- Sunday, March 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, April 28 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 19 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, June 2 from 2 to 5 p.m.

**Note: In addition, planning committees will meet independently with Cassie in May to finalize camp program details.*

Our selection process for counselors is designed to mimic a real-life job selection process. As when applying for a real job, you should **complete and provide all requested items** for the camp counselor position. Additionally, I kindly ask that you only apply if you know that you are willing and able to commit the time and energy required to be a 4-H Camp Counselor. While it is certainly fun, it is also work.

RETURNING COUNSELORS FROM 2018: Those returning counselors wishing to apply should complete **ONLY Sections A and B of the Camp Counselor ONLINE Application NO LATER THAN Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.** Returning counselors no longer have to complete an essay or interview, unless otherwise requested.

NEW COUNSELORS: Those individuals wishing to apply to be a 4-H Camp Counselor for the first time should complete **Sections A, B, C and D of the Camp Counselor ONLINE Application NO LATER THAN Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**

- A. Application – Candidate should complete the online application at go.osu.edu/shelbycounselors
- B. Reference Contact Information – Two references should be acquired on the candidate's behalf. **Names, emails and phone numbers for the acquired references should be submitted via the online application.** References should not be family members or other youth. Potential references: Club advisor, teacher, employer, pastor, etc.
- C. Essay – Candidate should complete a one to two-page essay on the following topic: *"How I Would Incorporate the Four H's in 4-H Camp as a Counselor."* **The essay should be submitted as part of the online application.**
- D. Interviews – Call or visit the Extension Office to schedule an interview time. **Only applicants who have never been a 4-H Camp Counselor must interview.** Interviews are scheduled for Sunday, October 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Extension Office (10-minute intervals). Dress is business casual. CANDIDATES must contact the Extension Office to schedule their appointment **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, October 10.**

I wish all candidates the best in their efforts to be selected as a 2019 4-H Camp Counselor. I look forward to working with those that are selected. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cassie Dietrich

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4-H Youth Development Educator, Shelby County

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS ONLINE FOR 2019 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

go.osu.edu/shelbycounselors

DETAILS: Male Counselors – approximately 15 positions available
Female Counselors – approximately 18 positions available

*Alternates will be selected in the event that camper numbers increase and additional counselors are needed or if a selected counselor does not meet their requirements.

DESCRIPTION: Immediate openings available for older youth wishing to be involved in the 2019 4-H camping program. Responsibilities include serving on at least one committee to plan and implement specific portions of a camp program; teaching workshops; and assignment to a cabin providing round-the-clock care for the campers living in that cabin. Campers will have completed grades 3rd – 7th. Position reports directly to the Camp Director; supervision by other adult camp staff.

REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must currently be in high school (9th – 12th grade) and at least 2 years older than the youngest person in their cabin. Candidates **MUST** enjoy working with younger children. Camp counseling can be and is encouraged to be taken as a 4-H project. Selection based upon application, recommendations, interview, teaching activity/demonstration, previous leadership and camping experiences, and ability to be a role model. Candidates must satisfactorily complete ACA requirement of 24 hours counselor training prior to camp. It will be the responsibility of the candidate to make-up loss hours; however, if training requirements are not met, an alternate will take the position of counselor. *Candidates enrolled in 4-H will get preference over those not enrolled. **If selected and not currently enrolled in 4-H, candidates MUST sign up for 4-H, join a club, and complete a project.***

BENEFITS: Develop leadership skills, gain self-confidence, assist in personal development of younger campers, and

<p>Online application due no later than October 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application (go.osu.edu/shelbycounselors) • Names, emails and phone numbers of two (2) references • NEW applicants only - Essay (via file upload in online application) • NEW applicants only – Call Extension Office to schedule an interview time for Sunday, October 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to scheduled interview on time and dressed in business casual attire 	<p style="text-align: center;">2019 FEES: <u>\$100 cash or check</u></p> <p>4-H Camp Counselors will pay a fee of \$100/counselor for the 2019 camp year. Thank you to the Shelby Co. 4-H Foundation for assisting with the remainder of the counselor fees.</p> <p>Teen counselors who will be 18 years of age before or during camp: You will be required to complete an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) background check. BCI reports cost \$35 per person. Counselors will be reimbursed for this cost AFTER the check is complete. This is an Ohio 4-H regulation and will be enforced.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Letters will be mailed out 1-2 weeks after the selection process (approximately October 21-24).</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The first meeting is scheduled for: Sunday, November 18 from 2 to 5 p.m.</p>	