

4-H Camp Counselor Opportunity

DATE / DEADLINE: Applications are due to the OSU Extension Office no later than **December 6th at 4:30pm**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 4-H Camp Counselors are a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in being responsible for campers ages 5-12 during 4-H camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Ottawa county 4-H program will be strengthened and expanded. Roles and Responsibilities of 4-H Camp Counselors include:

- Attend required trainings prior to camp
- Market and promote camp
- Serve in a leadership and teaching role to other counselors
- Serve on committees or other groups to plan programs at camp
- Conduct self in an appropriate manner before, during, and after camp while serving as a role model to campers and peers
- Assist staff and other counselors with camp activities; work as a team to implement the activities
- Know and understand all safety guidelines, including emergency procedures, associated with the camp and program areas
- Follow and enforce camp rules
- Assure for safety of campers at all times including in cabins, sessions, and large group activities
- Be aware of child protection regulations and report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with university policy Identify and respond to camper behavior issues
- Ensure campers' health and hygiene, e.g., brushing teeth, eating meals, taking medication, etc.
- Promote camper participation during camp
- Lead and supervise campers in activities at camp including but not limited to songs, teambuilding challenges, group activities, challenges, etc.
Teach and lead campers at workshops or during other components at camp (table setting, song leading, etc.)
Mentor and give guidance to campers to encourage positive youth development and enhancement of life skills

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 14 years old by the start of camp.
- Must be a 4-H member in good standing
- Must be able to get transportation to meetings and events as needed.
- Must complete a minimum of 12 hours of training. (2 of these hours must be on-sight for first time counselors).
- Must complete Child Abuse Awareness training.

- Must Sign Standards of Behaviors, complete the Code of Conduct form, and have a current Ohio 4-H Health History form on file.
- First time applicants must provide two references.
- If the individual is 18+ year old at least two months prior to camp, the individual must have their background check conducted.
- Pay \$50 camp fee (helps offset the cost of food/ t-shirt)

SELECTION PROCESS:

Individuals who complete the application and fulfill application requirements will be contacted regarding the selection process.

MEETING DATES/TIME/FREQUENCY/TRAINING

Tentative Schedule for Camp Counselor Trainings:

- February 16-17 – Retreat at Fairgrounds
- March 13th – 6-8pm at Fairgrounds in B3
- April 15th – 6-8pm at the Fairgrounds in B3
- April 30th – 6-8pm at the Fairgrounds in B3
- May 8th – 6-8pm at the Fairgrounds in B3
- May 21st – 6-8pm at the Fairgrounds in B3
- May 29th – 5pm Picnic at the Extension Office
- June 3 & 4th – Cloverbud Camp at the Fairgrounds
- June 12th 6pm – 8pm at the Extension Office
- June 16 – 20th – Jr. Camp on Kelley's Island

Counselors are expected to notify the Extension Office if an absence is unavoidable. 4-H Camp Counselors will be trained on topics such as the camp counselor core competencies; risk management, including active shooter guidelines, emergency protocols, and child abuse recognition.

Interviews

During the application process you will be asked to choose your interview time. Please be prepared to pick a time when you complete the application.

Returning Interviews will be on Dec 30th from 9am-5pm & Dec 31st select times
First Year Member Group Interviews will be held on Dec 31st from 9am – 10:30am

Consents

There are two consents that are part of the application. A Standards of Behavior and a Camp Counselor Code of Conduct. Both consents need your signature along with a parent signature.

TO APPLY:

Complete the application in its entirety by **December 6th at 4:30pm**