

Camp Counselor Job Description

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4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY: 4-H Camp Counselor**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The 4-H Camp Counselors are a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in being responsible for campers ages 9-13 during 4-H camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Mercer 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 6/1 of the camping year.
- Must be able to get transportation to meetings and events as needed.
- Must complete a minimum of 20 hours of training.
- Must complete Child Abuse Awareness training - will be offered at scheduled 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.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Individuals who complete the application and fulfill application requirements will be contacted regarding the selection process with further instruction.

MEETING DATES/TIME/FREQUENCY

- Meeting dates and time to be released at a later date.

TO APPLY:

- Complete the application in its entirety.
- Provide non-family references with contact information – first time applicants only
- Read and sign the Standards of Behavior and Camp Counselor Code of Conduct forms.
- Return all materials to the Mercer county Extension Office by given deadline.

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