



PURDUE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
*Area VII*

November 16, 2018

Dear 4-H Member,

Attached is the camp counselor application for 2019. The dates for 4-H Camp are Wednesday through Friday, May 29 – May 31, 2019 at Camp Higher Ground in West Harrison, IN.

4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be counselors. **FIRST TIME CAMP COUNSELORS must be able to attend all counselor trainings. Any returning camp counselors MUST attend at LEAST 2 meetings. The dates/times are:**

- Tuesday, March 5, 4:30 – 8 PM, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Richmond
- Monday, April 8, 4:30 – 8 PM, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Richmond
- Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 – 8 PM, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Richmond

Past counselors must reapply each year, but do not need references.

If you are interested, please submit the application to the Purdue Extension Wayne County Office by **Wednesday, January 2, 2019.**

Send to: Purdue Extension Wayne County  
861 Salisbury Road North  
Richmond, IN 47374  
765-973-9281  
[acriswel@purdue.edu](mailto:acriswel@purdue.edu)

Selections will be made in January. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks! I hope you will consider submitting an application!

Sincerely,

*Alicia Criswell*

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**Area 7 4-H Camp Counselor Application**

You must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above to apply. Please Return to the Extension Office by: January 2, 2019.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we send you texts? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

For those who will be 18 years old by camp: Are you interested in being a Teen Camp Director? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have attended 4-H camp as a camper? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you like most about being a camper? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you attended Area Teen Leadership Camp? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you gain from that experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have been a counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel are your strong points (skills) for being a camp counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

What leadership activities have you participated in (may include activities other than 4-H)? \_\_\_\_\_

References: These should be adults that have seen you working with other youth, **but not a relative**. (Examples: 4-H Club Leader, 4-H Jr. Leader Adult Leader, Teacher from School). The Extension Office will contact your references.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this person? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Job Description for Camp Counselor

A Camp Counselor is an **important** job. You are responsible for other people - responsible for their safety, education and to see that they have a good time.

A Camp Counselor is a **Cabin Counselor** and is responsible for making sure that the campers do the following: get to bed, get up, dressed appropriately, get their medications from the nurse, and take care of their personal hygiene. You help with personal problems; you are responsible for cabin clean-up and the group acceptance of every camper.

A Camp Counselor is a Group **Recreation Leader**. You help the campers get acquainted. You encourage team building, cooperation, acceptance, team competition, and working together.

A Camp Counselor helps with **teaching**. You help the Educators or Special Speakers to see that everyone participates. You keep your group on schedule and arrive at activities on time.

A Camp Counselor is **responsible** for helping with special activities such as table fun, awards, flag ceremonies, recreation, etc.

A Camp Counselor should treat all with mutual **respect** and support responsibilities

- \* volunteer to help when able
- \* respect each other's rights and property
- \* use positive comments
- \* do your share
- \* care enough to comfort
- \* communicate
- \* cooperate
- \* support
- \* work as a team

A Camp Counselor should encourage campers and other counselors to grow and try new things. Catch campers and other staff "being good" and praise them for it. Set good examples as mentors and leaders. Discipline appropriately, fairly, and consistently. Help campers with problems consider alternatives, pro's and con's.

As a Camp Counselor you may be asked to help with the following:

swimming	recreation	sports	skits	games
crafts	flag ceremony	line dancing	singing	hiking