

**Deadline: February 15**  
**\*You must attend camp counselor trainings on April 30 & May 30 and be at camp the entire time on June 6-7 to be considered.**

**Please return completed application to:**  
**Purdue Extension – Vanderburgh County**  
**13301 Darmstadt Rd., Suite A, Evansville, IN 47725**  
**or email to Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu.**

## 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Jr. Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended 4-H Camp? YES or NO If yes, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a counselor at 4-H or any other camps? YES or NO If yes, which camps and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a current Life Saving or Water Safety certificate? YES or NO

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\* To be a camp counselor you must attend camp counselor trainings on April 30 and May 14 and the entirety of camp on June 6-7. **You must be in or have already completed ninth grade.**

Counselor responsibilities include: Assisting with, participating in, and teaching camp classes; Flag ceremonies, songs, table fun, special events, and vespers; Camper group activities such as decorations, group discussion, and cooperating with adult camp directors and camp staff.

**In EACH of the following FIVE lists, put the numeral "1" beside those activities you can organize and teach with confidence; "2" for those activities which you can assist in teaching; and "3" for those which may be your hobbies or interests.**

### Arts & Crafts

- \_\_\_ Leather craft
- \_\_\_ Art
- \_\_\_ Tie Dye
- \_\_\_ Painting
- \_\_\_ Nature Craft
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Nature

- \_\_\_ Birds
- \_\_\_ Trees
- \_\_\_ Flowers
- \_\_\_ Insects
- \_\_\_ Weather
- \_\_\_ Fishing

- \_\_\_ Rocks/Minerals
- \_\_\_ Orienteering
- \_\_\_ Outdoor Cooking
- \_\_\_ Hiking
- \_\_\_ Conservation
- \_\_\_ Astronomy

### Dancing

- \_\_\_ Folk
- \_\_\_ Social
- \_\_\_ Square
- \_\_\_ Line
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sports

- \_\_\_ Volleyball
- \_\_\_ Soccer
- \_\_\_ Softball
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Miscellaneous

- \_\_\_ Lead Song
- \_\_\_ Vespers
- \_\_\_ Campfire
- \_\_\_ Storyteller
- \_\_\_ First Aid
- \_\_\_ Ice Cream Making
- \_\_\_ Table Fun
- \_\_\_ Flag Ceremony
- \_\_\_ Obstacle Course
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

List any other special training or experiences (first aid, recreation, babysitters' course, YMCA course, Red Cross course, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_

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### COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES

**I will be expected to:**

1. Attend all counselor training including an interview and counselors camp.
2. Conduct myself as an adult staff member -- that is what I am.
3. Set a good example by not using profanity or telling off-color jokes and stories.
4. Not have in my possession or use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs while I am participating in the counselors program and at 4-H Camp.
5. Be a responsible camp counselor:
  - a. Help those assigned to my cabin to find the cabin and get settled.
  - b. Get to know each of the campers in my cabin personally and by name.
  - c. Have all campers, including myself, check in all of their medications with the nurse.
  - d. Make sure that all of my campers are familiar with the camp rules and layout.
  - e. Make sure each camper uses appropriate personal hygiene skills.
  - f. Help campers take care of personal possessions.
  - g. Go over the camp program of activities with my campers at least once a day.
  - h. Check for illness/injury, but don't make too much of a fuss over minor things.
6. Be in my cabin with my campers at all times between the hours of "Lights Out" and "Rise and Shine."
7. Never punish a camper by ridicule or physical punishment -- patience and understanding work wonders.
8. Urge safety at all times. Take time to explain how and why to do something safely.
9. Go with hurt or sick campers to the nurse no matter how minor the ailment.
10. Be quiet when appropriate and help keep campers quiet.
11. Plan and conduct special activities.
12. See that all campers are included in all activities. Make sure no one is excluded.
13. Guide, suggest, and develop in camp a feeling of planning and doing things together.
14. Make sure campers understand they are responsible for their own behavior.
15. Be sure that all campers know that they must remain on the camp grounds at all times.
16. Be on time for meals, classes and activities.
17. Supervise table and dining room clean-up when assigned or necessary.
18. Be flexible -- plans do change -- and rains do come.
19. Feel free to discuss problems with any of the other staff members.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the above responsibilities if selected as a camp counselor. I understand and agree that I will be asked to call my parents/guardians immediately to pick me up if I do not conduct myself in an adult manner, which includes being out of my cabin after hours and the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, or fireworks.

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Signature of Counselor

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date