

4-H Camp Junior Staff Application 2021

Camp Higher Ground June 7-10, 2021



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(Junior Directors, Group Leaders, and Counselors arrive June 7th between 9:00-10:00am.
CITs arrive with campers on June 7th at 5 P.M.)

**Return completed application with 4-H member and parent/guardian signature
to your local Purdue Extension Office by November 20, 2020.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

County: _____ **Years at camp:** _____

Birthdate: _____ **Gender:** _____ **Male** _____ **Female**

4-H member's cell phone number: _____ **Text:** _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Home Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Current grade in school: _____ **School Name:** _____

I am applying for (mark all that apply): ___ Junior Director ___ Counselor ___ Counselor in Training (CIT)
(must be 8th grade and above)

Ethnicity: ___ Hispanic ___ Not Hispanic

Race: ___ White ___ Black/African-American ___ Asian ___ Am. Indian/Alaskan Native ___
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ___ More than one race ___ Undetermined

Military Status: ___ Family Member Currently Serving ___ Family Member Veteran
___ Not Applicable to My Family

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parents cell phone number: _____ **Text:** _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Home phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

You must also complete and return a camp application by the camp application deadline!!

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE & BACKGROUND ESSAY

Write a one page essay describing your strengths, weaknesses, leadership experience, camping experience, and special interest. Please indicate preference in application: Jr. Director, Camp Counselor or Counselor in Training. Please include any past camping experiences and leadership skills you have developed while working with 4-H, school, community or any other youth organizations or groups. You may attach additional pages.

1. What challenges do you foresee being in charge of people your own age?
2. What suggestions can you offer to make the 2021 4-H camp a better camp? Additionally, If you marked JD, what class do you volunteer to teach?

Classes:

Guest Speakers:

Activities:

3. Being a Counselor or Junior Director **requires** you to make special trainings.
Not attending training will jeopardize your leadership role at camp. You must attend trainings or you will be attending camp as a camper. If you have a conflict you must notify your Extension Educator in advance.

Junior Director Training & Planning:

- January 12, 2021, 6-8pm via **Zoom**

Junior Director & Counselor Trainings:

- February 9th, 2021, 6-8 pm @ **TBD**

All Junior camp Staff Training

- April 9&10, 2021, Overnight @ **Camp Higherground**
(CITs need to attend)

At Camp Trainings

- June 7, 2021 at Camp Higher Ground **9-10am** (Junior Directors, Group Leaders, and Counselors)
- June 7, 2021 at Camp Higher Ground **6pm** (CIT training)

4. Number in order of preference which of the following assignments you would like, with 1 being your highest preference. You may make additional comments at the bottom.

_____ Arts and Crafts _____ Songs _____ Campfire

_____ Flag Ceremony _____ Public Relations (Photographer/Slideshow & Daily Newsletter)

5. What additional skills do you have to offer and would be willing to share at camp? Please list.
For example, playing musical instruments, life guard, geocaching expert, etc.

6. Have you been trained at Teens as Teachers? Please list what areas/topics you have been training in.

4-H Camp Staff Expectations, Rules, Regulations & Responsibilities

Please read thoroughly the general and position specific Expectations, Rules, Regulations and Responsibilities for 4-H Camp Staff, and sign the statement below. ** Parents must also read and sign, by signing they are giving their permission for their child to apply for a Camp Staff position.

General: Pertains to all Jr. Directors, Counselors & Counselors in Training

1. Camp Staff will be directly responsible to the Camp Director and Extension Educators.
2. Help maintain a clean, controlled, safe, learning and fun camp session for each and every one present at the camp.
3. To behave in such a manner which will set a good example for other campers. This means no smoking, no controlled substances, no use of foul language and no dangerous stunts.
4. All camp staff will participate in camp, cabin and restroom clean up at the end of camp. Jr. Directors and Camp Counselors will be released AFTER the final inspection of the camp is completed.
5. All Camp Staff will be required to turn in cell phones & keys.
5. All Camp Staff will work with the Educators to help prepare camp for camper arrival and release.
6. Jr. Directors and Counselors are required to be at all trainings. Unless they have been excused by their Extension Educator or the Camp Director.
7. Fill out and return a Camp Application to their Extension Educator.
8. Set an example for campers by following the behavioral expectations and participating in all camp activities.
9. Failure to fulfill the above responsibilities may result in the following:
 - a. Verbal warning
 - b. Demoted to a regular camper position
 - c. Parents called and sent home

Specific to Jr. Directors:

1. Jr. Director are to work with the Camp Director and Extension Educators to: determine the camp theme and design the camp t-shirt; provide input on class sessions and special guests; announce daily activities to campers; develop lineup activities; organize cabin inspection daily; plan and coordinate social activities for camp staff at trainings; plan and coordinate daily recreation activities; serve as a committee chairperson on one of the camp committees; and help plan the closing ceremonies with the counselors and adult staff.
2. **Jr. Directors will be teaching/assist teaching a class this year.** You will work with Educators to prepare a lesson plan, create a supply list and develop a teaching style during staff trainings.
3. Required to attend Jr. Director planning meeting and all three (3) camp staff trainings. Failure to do so could result in being dismissed as a Jr. Director.
4. Jr. Directors must be willing to work as a team. Not only as the group of Jr. Directors, but also with all camp staff. They must be willing to communicate with and direct camp counselors to conduct the daily activities of 4-H Camp. Although Jr. Directors have no activity or group counselor responsibilities they are still considered part of the overall group of 4-H'ers participating at camp.
5. Expected to help maintain order of counselors and campers. All discipline issues should be reported to the Camp Director or an Extension Educator.

Specific to Counselors:

1. A Counselor is responsible for supervising all 4-H'ers from check-in on the first day of camp to check-out on the last day of camp. (24 hours a day)
2. Required to attend all three (3) camp staff trainings. Failure to do so could result in being dismissed as a Counselor.
3. Counselors should participate in their cabin's cleanup duty, flag duty and group responsibilities during the camp week. You are considered part of the group as well as a counselor.
4. Counselors are to remain in their respective cabins unless an emergency arises, in which they are to immediately report the situation to the Camp Director or an Extension Educator.

Specific to Counselors in Training:

1. CIT's will be asked to assist with afternoon games. These are the games held at the beginning of afternoon free time. CIT's will be assigned to assist on one (1) day. On the day they are assigned to help with afternoon games, they will also be expected to help clean-up crafts. This will be for 30 minutes prior to the end of the last session.
2. Help out in their assigned group by bringing up the end of the line to make sure all members are present.
3. Assist counselors in cabins, by helping campers when the counselor is unavailable. CIT's will be responsible for assisting in lights out during the Counselor Camp Fire.
4. Participate as a camper when assistance is not needed by Group or Cabin Counselor.

I have read the above expectations, rules, regulations and responsibilities and agree to abide by them. I understand that by not following them that I may have my camp staff responsibilities revoked for this and future years.

4-H Member Signature _____

Date _____

I have read and reviewed the above expectations, rules, regulations and responsibilities with my child. I understand the consequences that will occur if my child does not follow them.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____