2015 Camp Counselor Application
4-H Members in Grades 9 - 13
Columbia, Jefferson, and Sauk Counties
June 12-15 • Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
Mandatory Training Date – March 21st, 2015
Application Due - March 2, 2015

Counselor applicants must attend the all-day Mandatory Training on March 21st.

A $25.00 fee to cover Counselor Training materials should accompany application. Make checks payable to Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association. If financial constraints do not allow you to participate, please let Sarah Torbert or your club leader know. The fee will not be returned if you are not selected to serve as a camp counselor.

Name: _____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ________
Email: ____________________________ Shirt Size: _______
Home Phone: ____________________ Cell Phone: __________________
County: __________________________ Club: _______________________
Age (as of January 1, 2014): ______ Current Grade: __________
Parent/Guardian Name(s): ______________________________________

1. Please put an X by any of the camp activities you would be willing to lead, an O by those you would be willing to help with, and leave blank those you don’t feel comfortable helping with:

   _____ Flag Ceremony   _____ Educational Sessions   _____ Challenge Course
   _____ Campfire Program  _____ Lead Group Games  _____ Hiking
   _____ Leading Songs  _____ Cabin Skits
   _____ Water Games  _____ Canoeing

2. Are you CPR Certified? __________________________ Are you a Lifeguard? __________________________

3. Have you attended 4-H camp as a camper? Yes No Have you attended 4-H camp as a counselor? Yes No

4. Do you have any hobbies or interests not mentioned above that you would be willing to teach as an educational workshop?
5. What contributions do you think you would make to the 4-H camp experience?

6. Please rate yourself (circle number) on the following statements. 1 being the lowest - 5 being the highest.

My ability to work well and cooperate with others. 1 2 3 4 5
I work well with children in grades 3 - 6. 1 2 3 4 5
My ability to be a team player. 1 2 3 4 5
Group teaching/speaking experience. 1 2 3 4 5
My ability to plan ahead and be prepared. 1 2 3 4 5
My ability to demonstrate good decision-making and leadership skills. 1 2 3 4 5
My ability to think independently and not follow the crowd (my peers). 1 2 3 4 5
My ability to display a positive attitude even when things are not going smoothly. 1 2 3 4 5

In addition to completing this form you are required to attend the March 21st all day training (9:00 am – 3:00 pm). At this training you will be required to bring with you the following items:

1. An activity, game, inspirations piece, song, etc. that address the camp theme, EXPLORE. This does not have to be something new, just something you are familiar with and can share with a group. You will need to provide all materials needed for this activity or arrange to get materials needed ahead of time from your 4-H Agent. Please do not assume that any type of equipment will be at the training.

2. You will be assigned to a group to lead a discussion or activity on one of the following topics. Please rank the topics in order with 1 being the topic you are most interested in teaching about and 4 being the topic you are least interested in teaching about.

   ________ The Typical Camper / Ages and Stages
   ________ Camp Expectations
   ________ Backpacks and Backpack Games
   ________ Camp Safety / Risk Management

Please note that some applicants may not be accepted to attend camp after the training. The training will serve as your “interview” for camp. Please plan to arrive prepared and excited to meet the challenge and help us EXPLORE!

Please send your completed application to Sarah Torbert,
UW-Extension, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549
Include your $25 Camp Counselor Training Fee.
Expectation Agreement for Columbia, Jefferson, and Sauk County
Camp Counselors Applicants

If selected as a Camp Counselor I understand and agree that:

I understand that my role at camp is to provide a positive, nurturing, fun environment for campers. The enjoyment and “fun” I obtain from the experience is knowing that I have planned and provided this experience for young 4-H members.

- I will present a positive role model to campers at camp
- I will discourage inappropriate behavior by campers and other counselors.
- I will plan and carry out developmentally appropriate activities.
- I will treat campers with dignity and respect.
- I am responsible to report all camper misbehavior, whether campers are in my group or not.
- I will work as part of counselor teams, wherever I am assigned, positively and enthusiastically.
- I will treat my fellow counselors with respect and dignity and consider us all part of the same team.
- I will not allow or participate in any kinds of initiation activities (skits, pranks, jokes) during camp that participants have not agreed to in advance.
- After lights out, with the exception of helping young campers use the restroom facilitates or seeking adult help, I will stay inside my cabin with my campers and enforce lights out policies.
- I will follow all rules and regulations set forth by Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center.

I understand that if I break any of the expectations listed above that my actions could result in:

- My early departure from camp.
- Being ineligible for a counselor position in the following year.
- Additional county action including inability to participate in some or all county activities.

_________________________________________  _____________________________
Camp Counselor Applicant Signature        Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:_________________________________________    Date:_________________________