

2019 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Fact Sheet and Application Form

Due February 13, 2019

This is your first step toward becoming a Camp Counselor

4-H CAMP INFORMATION

This year, camp is scheduled for June 24-27, 2019 at Luccock Park Camp, south of Livingston in Paradise Valley. Teen Counselors attend camp from June 23-27, 2019.

ROLE OF COUNSELORS AT 4-H CAMP

Being a camp counselor is a unique opportunity to meet and work with teens, adults and youth in a fun, hands-on outdoor environment. Camp Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Camp Director(s), and the County Extension Agents. Each Counselor will be responsible for specific duties both in the pre-planning stages of camp and at camp itself. This includes selecting program topics, arranging speakers/presenters, and obtaining equipment or other materials needed for camp. Counselors are also responsible for the safety and welfare of the campers during camp. As part of the leadership team, Counselors share in the overall responsibility for the success of camp – the learning, safety, and fun.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Be an enrolled 4-H member aged 13 years or older on October 1, 2018.
2. Complete the camp counselor application form and return it to Gallatin or Park County Extension Offices by **Wednesday, February 13, 2019**. Please contact the Gallatin or Park County Extension Offices with any questions.
3. **Schedule a camp counselor selection interview by calling 582-3280. Interviews must be scheduled before February 22. Counselors will be selected through an interview process.**
 - Interviews will take place the week of February 25. Business casual attire/ 4-H Show Dress or nice Western Clothes preferred.
 - YOU MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINE IN ORDER TO BE INTERVIEWED!

CAMP COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **If selected as a camp counselor**, you must attend all camp planning and training meetings unless you have an excused absence from your Extension Agent and/or Camp Director(s) prior to the meeting. Failure to notify those in charge prior to the meeting may result in dismissal.
2. Complete a **Camp Registration Form, Health Form, and pay camp registration fee** by the camp registration deadline. All materials must be turned into your Extension Office by that date.

Please respond to the following:

1. Why do you want to be a camp counselor?

2. List 3 of your strongest qualities and why it makes you a good candidate:

1)

2)

3)

3. List 3 of your weakness and how you envision making them a strength:

1)

2)

3)

4. List any special trainings or experiences (i.e. first aid certification, CPR certification, leadership training, etc.) you have had or have:

5. What do you think the role of a Counselor should be?

6. Would your parents be willing to chaperone for a night or two? ____yes ____no

If yes, list dates/times: _____

Each year the counselors and adult staff select a timely and fun camp theme and plan all the camp activities and programs around the theme. After giving this important topic of “theme” some thought, complete the following camp plan. Please keep copyright and trademark considerations in mind when choosing your camp theme and other ideas.

“My Camp Plan”

Camp Theme:

Group/Counselor Name Ideas:

Special Program (may be / not be related to theme):

Guest Speaker Ideas:

Recreation Ideas:

All Camp Activity Ideas:

Other Suggestions:

4-H Counselor Requirements

I will be expected to:

1. Attend 3 out of 4 training/planning meetings in their entirety.
2. Set a good example by not using profanity or telling off-color jokes and stories.
3. Not have in my possession or use tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs while I am participating in the 4-H Camp Counselor Program and at 4-H camp.
4. **Abide by the NO CELL PHONE AT CAMP policy (note: unless otherwise authorized by Extension Staff).**
5. Be a responsible counselor.
 - a) Get to know campers personally and by name.
 - b) Have all campers, including myself; check in any of their medications with the medical staff.
 - c) Make sure each camper uses personal hygiene.
 - d) Make sure that all my campers are familiar with camp facilities and camp rules.
 - e) Check for illness or injury, but don't make much of a "fuss" about minor things.
6. Be in my cabin with my campers always between the hours of "Lights Out" and "Rise and Shine."
7. Never punish a camper by ridicule or physical punishment – patience and understanding works 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 or adult no matter how minor the ailment.
10. Organize, plan, and conduct special activities.
11. Work as a team with other counselors, adult chaperones, and staff to provide a safe and enjoyable camp experience.
12. See that all campers are involved in all activities. Make sure no one is excluded.
13. Guide, suggest, and develop a feeling of planning and doing things together in camp.
14. Make sure campers understand they are responsible for their own behavior.
15. Be sure that all campers know that they must always remain on the camp grounds.
16. Be on time at all camp activities.
17. Be flexible – plans do change.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the above responsibilities as a camp counselor. I understand and agree that I will be asked to call my parents/guardian immediately to pick me up if I conduct myself in an irresponsible manner, which includes being out of my cabin after hours and/ or the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons or fireworks.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date

Phone number of Guardian