**Camp Counselor Roles**

**Intermediate or Junior Camp Director:**

Requirements: At least 10th grade at the time of selection; must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff; must take leadership responsibility and be able to evaluate counselors; should have experience as a counselor.

**Cabin Counselor:**

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; must be mature and be able to relate to campers and staff; experience as a camper is beneficial. Cabin counselors serve up to eight 4-H members.

**Resource Counselor:**

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff; experience as a camper is beneficial. Must be able to lead group activities—arts & crafts, nature activities, or games and recreation.

Benefits of being a 4-H Camp Counselor include an opportunity to be a role model to younger members, meet other 4-H members, learn or improve leadership skills like communication, planning, decision making, and responsibility.

**Adult Chaperones and Nurse Needed**

Another important role are adult chaperones. Adult chaperones must be 21 or older and have completed the 4-H Leader training. Adult chaperones are a crucial part of camp, we cannot run camp without devoted adults. In past years, there has been a need for more adults to volunteer, especially adult male chaperones. We will need 1 adult per 10 campers as mandated by the state, and one nurse. While this experience is not a “vacation” for adults, it is necessary to have enough adults to provide a safe camp and to be able to provide impactful programming that youth will learn valuable life skills from and remember for a lifetime.

Please consider being an adult chaperone if you meet the qualifications. We will only be able to send youth to camp if we have enough chaperones. If you are interested, please submit a half page letter of interest including why you would like to volunteer as an adult chaperone and your experience working in a camp setting. Letters can be sent to the Extension office or emailed to [cathy.mauer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:cathy.mauer@ces.uwex.edu) by February 2, 2018.

**2018 4-H Summer Camps**

This year, Taylor County will be camping again with Waupaca, Portage, and Lincoln Counties. **Registration information for campers will be available in the March/April and/or May/June 4-H Newsletter.**

**Junior Camp,** 2nd—4th graders: June 8-9th 2018 at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), Amherst Junction, and WI.

**Intermediate Camp,** 5th-8th graders: June 13-15 2018 at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

4-H summer camp is a great opportunity for youth. During camp there are countless opportunities to participate in fun age appropriate programming, meet other 4-H members, and develop life skills such as leadership, responsibility, social skills, cooperation, teamwork, self-esteem, critical thinking and so much more! We hope you will consider joining us for camp this summer to have a great experience that you’ll remember for a lifetime!

**Camp Counselors Needed**

If you are in 9th grade or above and wish to be a summer camp counselor for Junior or Intermediate camp, please fill out the application on the next page, or submit an online application which can be found on the Taylor County UW-Extension website. Camp counselors are required to be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. They must take leadership responsibility and be able to help evaluate camp. Most qualified applicants will have experience as a camper or counselor. Camp counselors will be chosen based on how closely they meet the criteria of the position. Counselors will be expected to participate in camp counselor training (on April 14) and all camp activities. Camp counselors will serve as a counselor for 5-10 4-H members. See details for each Camp Counselor and Adult Chaperone position in the next column and see the application included in the January/February 4-H Newsletter and on the Taylor County UW-Extension website at taylor.uwex.edu. **Applications are due February 2, 2018** to the Extension Office.



**Summer Camp Information**

**2018 4-H Camp Counselor Application**

* Deadline for Application: **February 2, 2018**
* Counselor Training will be held from **10 am-2 pm on April 14, 2018 in Merrill or Waupaca UW-Extension Offices**. Please see last page of application for specific location information.
* Must be in Grade 9 or above to be a Camp Counselor.
* Submit an adult recommendation with at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, 4-H leader and/or other community contact (cannot be a relative) along with application

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T-Shirt size\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Check all that you are interested in applying for:
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Junior Camp Counselor (2nd-4th grade campers), June 8-9, 2018
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Junior Camp Youth Director (Must be 10th grade or older)
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Junior Camp Resource Counselor (arts & crafts, nature activities, recreation & games)
   4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Intermediate Camp Counselor (5th -8th grade campers), June 13-15, 2018
   5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Intermediate Camp Youth Director (Must be 10th grade or older)
   6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Intermediate Camp Resource Counselor (arts & crafts, nature activities, recreation & games)

If you prefer to be a Resource Counselor, please RANK your choices of activities you would like to lead: (1=most interested, 2=somewhat interested, 3=least interested)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Arts & Crafts

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Nature Activities

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Games and Recreation

1. Why do you want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor?
2. What experiences have you had that will help you be a good 4-H Camp Counselor?
3. Have you ever been a 4-H Camp Counselor? YES\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Please list the 4-H camps or other camps you have attended as a counselor or as a camper :

Year of Camp Name of Camp Number of Days Camper or Counselor Responsibilities

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I understand the State 4-H guidelines require counselor training. By applying to be a camp counselor I am agreeing to participate in the scheduled training April 14 in Merrill or Waupaca. If I cannot attend that training, I will attend one of the Upham Woods Camp Counselor Trainings (please contact the UW-Extension office for details on how to sign up). Counselors driving to training are eligible for reimbursement for mileage. Lunch will be provided at the Merrill/Waupaca trainings so please note any food allergies.

**I will attend the following camp counselor training (choose one):**

* Taylor/Lincoln/Portage/Waupaca training on April 14, 2018 in Merrill, 10-2pm
* Lower Level Room 156 at the Lincoln County Service Center at 801 N Sales Street in Merrill.  Park in the lower level parking lot and enter through center doors.  Follow signage to the room.
* Taylor/Lincoln/Portage/Waupaca training on April 14, 2018 in Waupaca
* Room 1037 at the Courthouse in Waupaca, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981.
* Upham Woods Camp Counselor Training on April 21-22 in Wisconsin Dells (ONLY choose if you absolutely cannot attend on April 14 in Merrill or Waupaca)
* TENTATIVE Upham Woods Camp Counselor Training on March 10-11 in Wisconsin Dells

Applicant Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applications are due to the UW-Extension Office by February, 2 2018.**

Send Completed Applications to:

**925 DONALD ST. ROOM 103**

**MEDFORD, WI 54451**



The following applicant is applying to serve as a 4-H camp counselor. You have been identified as a person who could speak to their qualifications. It is the responsibility of the youth leader to see that you receive this recommendation at least 2 weeks prior to the due date along with a pre-addressed envelope. Recommendations are confidential and will not be returned to the 4-H youth leader. **A recommendation from a family member will not be accepted**.

Please complete the following recommendation and return as directed below.

*Today’s Date :* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Name:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Email:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Do you feel this member would be a good member of the 4-H Camp Staff?* \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*How long have you known this 4-H member?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*In what capacity do you know this member?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to share more details, please write on the back of this form discussing why the applicant is qualified to be a 4-H Camp Counselor or if you have any concerns.

**Please return to the address below by February 2, 2018.**

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| **Evaluate the Member** | **Poor** | **Fair** | **Good** | **Excellent** |
| Responsibility |  |  |  |  |
| Involvement in 4-H at Club level |  |  |  |  |
| Teamwork Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Planning & Organizing Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Works to the best of their ability |  |  |  |  |
| Dependability |  |  |  |  |
| Communication |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Ethics |  |  |  |  |
| Solving Problems & Decision Making Skills |  |  |  |  |

Recommendations should be sent directly to:

Taylor County UW-Extension Office

925 Donald ST. Room 103

Medford WI, 54451

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4-H Camp Counselor Recommendation

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