

4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY: Brown 4-H Camp Counselor

DATE / DEADLINE: Applications are due online no later than January 15th.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 4-H Camp Counselors are a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in being responsible for campers ages 5-18 during 4-H camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Brown County 4-H program will be strengthened and expanded. Roles and Responsibilities of 4-H Camp Counselors include:

- Be a member in good standing in Brown County 4-H
- Attend required trainings prior to camp
- Market and promote camp
- Serve in a leadership and teaching role to other counselors
- Serve on committees or other groups to plan programs at camp
- Conduct self in an appropriate manner before, during, and after camp while serving as a role model to campers and peers
- Assist staff and other counselors with camp activities; work as a team to implement the activities
- Know and understand all safety guidelines, including emergency procedures, associated with the camp and program areas
- Follow and enforce camp rules
- Assure for safety of campers at all times including in cabins, sessions, and large group activities
- Be aware of child protection regulations and report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with university policy
- Identify and respond to camper behavior issues
- Ensure campers' health and hygiene, e.g., brushing teeth, eating meals, taking medication, etc.
- Promote camper participation during camp
- Lead and supervise campers in activities at camp including but not limited to songs, teambuilding challenges, group activities, challenges, etc.
- Teach and lead campers at workshops or during other components at camp (table setting, song leading, etc.)
- Mentor and give guidance to campers to encourage positive youth development and enhancement of life skills

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 14 years old January 1st, 2020.
- Must be able to get transportation to meetings and events as needed.
- Must complete a minimum of 24 hours of training; 6 of these must be on site.
 - Counselors must attend Counselor College at Canters Cave 4-H Camp April 4th-5th
- Must complete Child Abuse Awareness training.
- Must Sign Standards of Behaviors, complete the Code of Conduct form, and have a current Ohio 4-H Health History form on file.
- Applicants must provide three references.
- If the individual is 18+ year old at least two months prior to camp, the individual must have their background check conducted.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Only individuals who complete the application and complete the Camp Counselor Skills Assessment will be considered as a candidate for camp counselors.
- All applicants must attend interviews on Jan. 29th. Specific times will be scheduled after applications deadline.

MEETING DATES/TIME/FREQUENCY

4-H Camp Counselors meet January-June. Dates and times are announced in advance and counselors' schedules are taken into consideration whenever possible. Counselors are expected to attend all meetings. Counselors are expected to notify the Extension Office if an absence is unavoidable and must be done PRIOR to the meeting. It is the counselors responsibility to make arrangements to complete any missed training. Missing meetings may be grounds for dismissal from the camp counselor position.

In addition to county meeting dates, first year counselors MUST attend Counselor College at Canters Cave 4-H Camp April 4th-5th. Experienced Counselors (2nd year and beyond) may attend MXC or BLW in place of Counselor College. See the Counselor letter for additional information.

All counselor selections are made at the discretion of the Brown County 4-H Educator.

