



CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Lewis & Clark County 4-H Summer Camp \* August 4-8, 2024

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Application must be signed and received by the Extension Office by Friday, December 15, 2023, or bring your signed application to the Orientation meeting on Sunday, December 17. Counselors must be 14-18 years old. 13-year-olds may apply as a Junior Counselor. If you apply to be a junior counselor and are not selected, you may still attend as a camper. There will be 8-10 scheduled, mandatory counselor training/planning workshops throughout the year leading up to camp. All counselors are committed to assist with planning and attend all the workshops. Counselors will also be required to attend a weekend overnight retreat this winter as part of training.

Position:  Male Counselor  Female Counselor  Female Junior Counselor  Male Junior Counselor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Projects: \_\_\_\_\_

Form with two checkboxes:
 I will attend a mandatory camp counselor introduction/orientation meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at the Extension office.
 If selected as a 2024 camp counselor, I will attend a mandatory overnight weekend training and team building retreat January 19-21, 2024. Details will be provided at the December meeting.

MEDICAL HISTORY: Do you have any physical conditions or allergies which preclude you from performing certain kinds of work or activities?  Yes  No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe leadership experiences you've had, especially those with children: \_\_\_\_\_

Three horizontal lines for writing leadership experiences.

Have you attended a 4-H camp in Lewis and Clark County?  Yes  No  Other counties

If so, list year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a counselor of 4-H or other summer camps and received camp training?  Yes  No

If so, please list camp(s), year and responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Four horizontal lines for writing camp details.





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PURPOSE: The main purpose of camp is to provide a fun, educational and inspirational experience for 4-H kids and to provide leadership activities for the counselors and adults who are responsible for putting on the event.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Please initial your agreement and understanding to each of these three sections:

A. Commitment to the camp counselor program:

- 1. Attend the required minimum of mandatory meetings
2. Attend the January counselor weekend retreat
3. Plan, research and demonstrate your camp workshop activity to the counselor team at a camp planning meeting in June
4. Serve as a camp counselor for the full duration of camp

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B. Cabin and camper responsibilities:

- 1. Guide and direct cabin members in a variety of camp activities.
2. Encourage campers to get involved in the programs and other camp activities.
3. Make sure that you and your cabin members are on time for meals and activities.
4. Know where cabin members are and be responsive if assistance is needed.
5. Learn each camper's name and become familiar with them through cabin chats.
6. Set a good example for your campers. You are the leader and mentor, and can make a big impression on a young 4-H'er!
7. Practice "Leave No Trace" respect for the cabin grounds and facilities. Help your campers keep the cabin and lodge clean.
8. No girls in boys' cabins and no boys in girls' cabins. This applies to all camp members and counselors.

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C. Abide by the 4-H camp guidelines and rules:

- 1. Maintain the same standard of cleanliness and neatness as required of the campers.
2. Be on time for all assigned workshops and attend to others as needed.
3. Use no profane language or substance use. Smoking, vaping, chewing tobacco and alcohol will not be tolerated. You will be immediately expelled from camp and not be eligible to return.
4. Never criticize the camp, other counselors, adults or campers. Instead, seek compromise and resolution.
5. Display good sportsmanship and a friendly, cheerful attitude throughout the duration of camp.
6. Absolutely no put-downs or belittling, to anyone.
7. "Lights out" will be followed by everyone (exception: Adult Supervisors meeting and next day planning sessions if needed)
8. No rough-housing such as shoving, roping, tying people, etc., by counselors or members.
9. No littering of camp area.
9. Set an example of leadership, inspiration and encouragement to younger campers.
10. Phones, games and other mobile devices will not be used.
11. Be respectful and courteous of all other counselors during planning meetings—let everyone share ideas, no interrupting, always work with the team in mind.

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Signing your application indicates:

- (1) You are in agreement with the purpose of 4-H Camp and commit to the requirements of counselor training.
(2) You will be involved and fulfill the obligations of the position you are seeking.
(3) You understand that you must follow all policy/rules, responsibilities and guidelines outlined by the 4-H Camp Committee.

Applicant Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed application by Friday, December 15, 2023 to: Lewis and Clark County Extension • 100 West Custer • Helena MT 59602 • Or bring your completed application to our orientation meeting Sunday, December 17.