



Racine County 4-H Camp Staff Application 2019



CAMP PROGRAM

As youth grow through Racine County 4-H camp experiences, they will participate in a range of enjoyable outdoor adventures designed to build relationships, promote healthy living, develop knowledge, and cultivate servant leadership. Our camps are about youth leadership in action. Youth are trained and given opportunities to experience leadership with different levels of challenges and responsibilities. We invite and encourage you to apply for a camp leadership position!

- Grades K-2 – **Day Camp**, Old Settlers Park, Union Grove (August 14th)
- Grades 3-5 – **Base Camp** (overnight), Holiday Home Camp, Williams Bay (June 19th-21st with camp staff arriving at 12:30p.m. on June 18th)
- Grades 6-8 – **Adventure Camp** (overnight), Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo (August 18th-20th)
- Grades 4-13 – **Horse Camp** (overnight), Racine County Fairgrounds, Union Grove (Date TBD)

Camp staff positions are available to Racine County 4-H youth who are in 7th grade and above (during the 2018-2019 school year) and adults who are approved volunteers. A limited number of positions are available and selections are based on this application, an interview, and the needs of each camp. A position is not guaranteed. Decisions are made by a committee and these decisions are final. Adults do not pay to chaperone camp. Youth staff will pay a reduced rate.

CAMP STAFF POSITIONS

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (Day, Base, Horse)

Youth who fill this role are age 12 and 13 at the time of camp. These youth provide an important support network for the Camp Counselors. They will be teamed with a Camp Counselor or Activity Coordinator, who is at least two years older, to lead a camper group or activity while ensuring for the campers' safety and that the campers are engaged.

COUNSELOR (Day, Base, Horse)

Youth who fill this role are age 14 and up at the time of camp. They have the responsibility of guiding the campers and ensuring for their safety. Camp Counselors will lead camper groups, lead activities, and provide direct instruction. Counselors also serve as mentors to Counselors-In-Training.

YOUTH DIRECTOR (Day, Base, Adventure)

Youth who fill this role are typically older teens who have previous camp experience and are willing to take on leading the planning and coordination of a camp experience. This person will work closely with Extension Racine County staff to lead and support other youth leaders in facilitating a positive camp experience.

YOUTH OR ADULT ACTIVITY COORDINATOR (Day, Base)

An Activity Coordinator is a youth or adult who serves as an instructor or facilitator within a specific area of focus such as crafts, games, science, nature, fishing, music, etc. If an adult, this person would not be required to remain at camp for the full duration of the program.

ADULT CHAPERONE (Day, Base, Adventure, Horse)

An adult chaperone is an approved 4-H volunteer who remains at the event (overnight, if applicable) to support the youth leaders in facilitating a positive experience. Adult chaperones will work alongside youth counselors in a youth-adult partnership to create a welcoming, educational, safe, and enjoyable experience. Overnight chaperones must be at least 21 years old.

ADULT NURSE (Day, Base, Adventure, Horse)

The camp nurse needs a solid knowledge base and experience in caring for the population of the camp. A camp nurse has the opportunity to work outdoors with enthusiastic campers and energetic young staff members. The camp nurse provides care for minor illnesses and injuries and secures higher-level care when required. The nurse may administer medications and provide treatments such as dressing changes. The minimum requirement for this position is a current American Red Cross (or equivalent) certification for First Aid and Adult & Child CPR.



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DUE BY 4:30P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2019

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Club: _____

Adult: _____ Youth: _____ Gender: _____ Youth Grade (2018-2019): _____

Review the dates of camp and then fill in your age that you will be at the start of that camp, for the camp(s) you are applying for (Youth Only):

Age at Day Camp: _____ Age at Base Camp: _____ Age at Adventure Camp: _____

Age at Horse Camp: _____

1. Which camp opportunities are you interested in supporting? *Check all that apply.* If you are not interested in a particular camp, **do not** check it. It is possible to be selected for more than one camp staff position. Youth and adult positions are available for all camps.

- Day Camp (August 14, 2019. Staff must commit from 7:45a.m.-4:45p.m.)
- Base Camp (June 19-21, 2019. Staff must commit from June 18 at 12:30p.m. to June 21 at 10:30a.m.)
- Adventure Camp (August 18-20, 2019. Staff must commit from August 18 at 12:00a.m. to August 20 at 4:00p.m.)
- Horse Camp (Dates TBD)

2. Which role(s) are you interested in? In the left column, rank preferences with 1 being the highest. If you are not interested in a position, **do not** place a number next to it. Then, in the right columns, check the camp that you are interested in for that role. If you are not interested in that camp, **do not** place a check next to it.

<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor-In-Training	Day _____	Base _____	Horse _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor	Day _____	Base _____	Horse _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Coordinator	Day _____	Base _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Director	Day _____	Base _____	Adventure _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Chaperone	Day _____	Base _____	Adventure _____ Horse _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Chaperone	Base (June 19 th) _____		Base (June 21 st) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Nurse	Day _____	Base _____	Adventure _____ Horse _____

If you checked Activity Coordinator, what activity would you like to lead? (crafts, games, science, nature, etc.) _____

3. Previous Camp Experience

- I have been a Counselor-In-Training YES _____ NO _____ What year(s) and what camp? _____
- I have been a Counselor YES _____ NO _____ What year(s) and what camp? _____
- I have been an Activity Coordinator YES _____ NO _____ What year(s) and activity? _____
- I have been a Youth Director YES _____ NO _____ What year(s) and what camp? _____
- I have been an Adult Chaperone YES _____ NO _____ What year(s) and what camp? _____
- I have been a Nurse YES _____ NO _____ What year(s) and what camp? _____

4. What is one thing that campers expect of camp staff when they attend camp and how will you carry out that expectation? _____

5. What is an example of what an engaged camp staff member looks like? _____

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6. Training for camp staff is an important component of the camp staff experience. What topic are you interested in learning about to be a more successful camp staff member? _____

7. What does "camp is for the camper" mean to you? _____

8. (Youth Director Applicants Only) Being a Youth Director requires a significant amount of maturity, responsibility, and a positive attitude. How will you display all of these qualities throughout the entire camp planning, training, and execution process? _____

9. I am 1st aid certified. Yes No If yes, when does it expire? _____
 I am CPR (Adult & Child) certified. Yes No If yes, when does it expire? _____

Interview Experience

All Youth Director applicants will be required to participate in an interview experience on the evening of March 27th at the Ives Grove County Office Building. All camp staff applicants will be required to participate in an interview experience on the evening of April 3rd at the Ives Grove County Office Building. Selected Youth Directors are invited to be on the interview team on April 3rd. Youth will be contacted at the e-mail address listed above to set up the interview.

Planning Meetings: These are optional, but highly encouraged. They are required for the Youth Directors.

- o Day Camp planning meeting: April 29th (6:30-7:30p.m., Ives Grove County Office Building)
- o Base Camp planning meeting: April 29th (7:30-8:30p.m., Ives Grove County Office Building)
- o Adventure Camp planning meeting: TBD
- o Horse Camp planning meeting: TBD

Staff Training: If selected for a camp staff position, I will attend the required camp staff training on: (check one)

- Saturday, May 4th, 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (Ives Grove County Office Building)
- Sunday, June 2nd, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (Ives Grove County Office Building)

Deadline: 4:30p.m. on Thursday, March 21st, 2019

This form may be dropped off in person at the Extension Racine County Office (1072 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington) on weekdays between 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. or 12:30-4:30p.m. by the stated date and time, placed in the drop box in front of the office by the stated date and time, postmarked via USPS mail by the stated date, or e-mailed (theresa.odell@racinecounty.com) or faxed (262-767-8775) timestamped by the stated date and time. Late forms are not able to be accepted.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18): _____ Date: _____