4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY: 2018 Ohio 4-H Sea Camp Counselor

DATE / DEADLINE: Applications are due to the Wayne County OSU Extension Office no later than April 1st.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
Sea Camp Counselors are a group of young adults selected to assist in being responsible for campers ages 14-18 during Sea Camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Ohio 4-H program will be strengthened and expanded. Roles and Responsibilities of 4-H Camp Counselors include:

- Complete 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 of 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 16 years old by the start of camp, 19 or older preferred.
- Must be able to get transportation to meetings and events as needed.
- Must complete a minimum of 12 hours of training. (2 of these hours must be on-site for first time counselors).
- 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.
- First time applicants must provide two 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:
- Individuals who complete the application and fulfill application requirements will be contacted regarding the selection process.

MEETING DATES/TIME/FREQUENCY
Dates for in person and/or phone/web conference meetings will be set up once all counselors are selected.

TO APPLY:
- Complete the application in its entirety.
- Turn in reference forms from two non-family members.
- Read and sign the Standards of Behavior and Camp Counselor Code of Conduct forms.
- Return all materials to the Wayne County Extension Office by April 1st.
OHO 4-H SEA CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Name _____________________________________________________________________________

Age (January 1) _____________    Date of Birth ________________ (00/00/0000)

Home Address _______________________________________________________________________
    (Street)                                     (City)                         (State)  (Zip)

Email ________________________________  Home Phone _______________________________

Cell Phone ____________________________ Is texting an option? (circle) Yes        No

In case of injury or accident, notify:

Name __________________________ Relationship __________________ Phone ______________

Why do you want to be a Sea Camp Counselor?
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What traits, skills, or special experiences do you have that would benefit you in this position? (Please include experiences working with children and youth.) __________________________________________
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What skills or contributions will you add to the counselor team in making sure camp is successful? (such as First Aid, Babysitter’s Course, Recreation, etc.) _______________________________________________
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What hobbies and/or special interests do you have that you would like to share? _____________________
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Please describe any experience you have working around water, boats, fishing, water sports, etc? _______
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4-H CAMP COUNSELOR CODE OF CONDUCT

I, ______________________ agree that if selected, I will participate in the 4-H Camp Counselor Training Program. I understand that this is a training period and only once I complete my certification am I permitted to be a counselor at 4-H Camp.

I understand that I am taking on a different role at camp. I am applying to serve other, not to go purely for my own enjoyment. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the above responsibilities if selected 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 or fireworks.

I will be expected to:

- Attend the required number of counselor training sessions. I understand I will be dismissed if I am not able to complete the required training.
- Abide by the No Cell Phones at Camp Policy (note: unless otherwise authorized by Extension staff)
- Treat other peers with respect.
- Not bully fellow counselors or participate in roughhousing, horse-play, or hazing.
- Conduct myself as a positive role model and be responsible.
- Set a good example by not using profanity or telling off-color jokes, and stories.
- As a 4-H member, not have in my possession tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Not have possession of harmful objects without specific authorization from the camp director, including but not limited to: knives of any kind (pocket, utility, etc.), lighters, matches, fireworks, explosives, firearms, weapons, etc.
- No pornography or other sexually oriented materials including nudity in visual or written materials including similar content.
- Be a responsible cabin counselor and ensure campers are provided guidance towards a safe and fun week.
- Ensure that all campers are supervised by counselor staff at all times. Be sure that all campers know that they must remain on the camp grounds at all times and are responsible for their behavior at all times.
  - Get to know each of the campers personally and by name.
  - Have all campers, including myself check in any of their medications with the nurse.
  - Make sure each camper uses personal hygiene.
  - Make sure that all of my campers are familiar with camp facilities and camp rules
  - See that all campers are involved in all activities. Make sure no one is excluded.
- Check for illness or injury, but don't make much of a "fuss" about minor things. Go with hurt or sick campers to the nurse no matter how minor the ailment.
- Follow guidelines for lights out, and cabin supervision. Be in my cabin with my campers at all times between the hours of "Lights Out" and "Rise and Shine."
- Never discipline a camper by ridicule or physical punishment; patience and understanding works best.
- Urge safety at all time. Take time to explain how and why to do something safely.
- Work as a team to plan, organize and conduct all camp activities.
- Be flexible with counseling and adult staff.
- Participate in camp promotion.
- Follow leadership of camping program through adult advisors/volunteers/staff.

I certify that the all the information being submitted is correct, and understand that failure to comply with these rules could result in probation, or loss of counseling position for the year.

Applicant’s Signature _________________________________ Date ___/____/_____

Ohio 4-H
REFERENCE FORM

___________________ is applying as a camp counselor at Ohio 4-H Sea Camp this summer. The camp counselor selection committee would like your input about the qualities and ability to fulfill the responsibilities of a counselor. The information you include will not be shared with the applicant. Please complete this reference form based on your knowledge and/or observations. Thank you for your help.

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2. Please write any additional comments here:

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________
Printed Name: _______________________
Relationship to Applicant: _______________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Please return no later than April 1st
OSU Extension, Wayne County
Attention: Doug Foxx
428 W. Liberty Street
Wooster, OH 44691
Phone: 330-264-8722 Fax: 330-263-7696
E-mail: foxx.2@osu.edu

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