



# APPLICATION POSTMARKED BY: February 9, 2018

## 4-H REGIONAL CAMP 2018

### CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

#### WHITEWATER STATE PARK

Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Wabasha, Winona Counties

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

*To be eligible as a camp counselor – you must have completed at least 9th grade by summer 2017 and be available for the camp dates of June 17-23, 2018.*

*It is an EXPECTATION that all counselors selected be present at the following camp counselor trainings:*

- **Saturday & Sunday, April 7-8, 2018** Camp Counselor Training & Planning  
Good Earth Village, Spring Valley, MN - Saturday 9:30 am - Sunday 3 pm
- **Sunday, April 29, 2018** Camp Counselor Training & Planning  
Whitewater State Park, Altura, MN – 1-8 pm
- **Sunday, June 17, 2018** Camp Setup & Finalization at Whitewater State Park  
Arrive at camp at 7 pm

**\*Note:** Please call your County 4-H Program Coordinator if you have any questions, concerns or conflicts with any of the dates above...You can find your county 4-H office contact information at <http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/county-map/> and click on your county.

What leadership roles have you held? (Example: 4-H, school, community, etc.)

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Explain why you will be successful as a Camp Counselor. Include at least three (3) personal characteristics you have that will assist you in being an asset to the camp.

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List experiences that you have had that prepared you to be a Camp Counselor.

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What part of being a Camp Counselor will be the most challenging?

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**Other Camp Related Experiences:**

Camp Name

Describe Experience/ Responsibilities/ Years Attended

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**Please rank the following activities in which you are interested (1 Most - 3 Least):**

- \_\_\_ Rally (Ceremonies, Songs, Skits & Campfire)
- \_\_\_ Recreation (Group Games, Cabin Challenges, Waterfront Activities)
- \_\_\_ Wild Card (Plan & Assist in Delivery of free time activities)

**Please rank the following education sessions in which you are interested (1 Most - 4 Least):**

- \_\_\_ **A Walk in the Woods:** Immerse yourself in the forests of Minnesota. Make forest crafts, hike through the trees and explore edible plants.
- \_\_\_ **OUCH! Don't Burn Yourself!:** Come experience our fireside cooking adventure through fun recipes and outdoor cooking techniques.
- \_\_\_ **The Quest for Butterflies:** Wings curriculum guides you through an adventure into the world of butterflies, where the possibilities for exploration are endless.
- \_\_\_ **Bucks n' Bows:** Learn the basics of Archery with park staff and explore the habitat, biology and population of the whitetail deer that live in SE MN.

**References:**

Please have two adults, other than your parents or 4-H staff, complete a reference form (included below). These forms should be collected and sent in with your registration, or references may choose to send them in to the address that is listed on the form.

**Lifeguard Certification:**

- \_\_\_ Yes, I possess a current lifeguard certification

**Return/Mail Applications by February 9, 2018 to:**  
Extension Regional Office, Rochester  
ATTN: 4-H Camp Program  
863 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Rochester, MN 55904



## CAMP COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION

### 4-H Camp at Whitewater State Park

**Title:** 4-H Camp Counselor

**Purpose:** To guide, counsel and supervise campers

**Mission:** The Minnesota 4-H Camping program develops leadership and responsibility skills for teen counselors, while providing a safe and fun opportunity for the campers through activities, which allow them to gain knowledge and develop social skills while meeting new friends.

#### Responsibilities:

- ✓ To provide for the health, safety and security of all campers.
- ✓ Help campers know what is expected of them and be consistent when enforcing the rules.
- ✓ Be available to all campers in your cabin and know where they are at all times.
- ✓ Encourage all campers to be involved with camp activities.
- ✓ Get to know each camper and help them become part of your cabin “family”, making sure no one is left out or teased.
- ✓ Give up your personal interest, so that the needs and interests of the campers can be met, realizing that the campers come first. Be available to the campers at all times.
- ✓ Be prepared for rainy days and free time with games, songs, and books.
- ✓ Help campers respect one another.
- ✓ Help or lead skill sessions when appropriate or as assigned.
- ✓ Work as a team member of the counseling staff by carrying out assigned responsibilities.
- ✓ Look ahead and see what needs to be accomplished and take measures to complete the task.
- ✓ Alert adult staff to serious problem situations. Do not hesitate to ask an adult for advice.
- ✓ Create an atmosphere of fun and fellowship so strong that everyone in the group will want to attend camp again next year. Keep a good spirit, cheerful and positive attitude.
- ✓ Act as a positive role model.
- ✓ Be prepared to accept guidance and input from 4-H staff.

#### Qualifications:

- By camp date, must have completed 9th grade.
- Ability to work with children in a group setting
- Responsible, friendly, enthusiastic, patient and willing to learn.
- Participate in counselor training and planning.
- Must be present at camp counselor planning/training on April 7-8, 2018 & April 29, 2018; camp setup & finalization June 17, 2018 and the duration of camp June 18-23, 2018

If you are selected to be a camp counselor, you agree to fulfill the responsibilities listed above and meet the following behavioral expectations:

- Counselors are not to leave the camp without permission.
- Counselors are to maintain curfew as designated by Extension Camp Staff.
- Counselors will stay with their campers at all times (day and night) unless otherwise assigned.
- Counselors will follow the rules of the camp.
- Counselors are to abstain from using all tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and other drugs while participating in the camp. The only exceptions are drugs prescribed by a physician.
- Counselors will not use inappropriate language or wear clothing with inappropriate messages.

Any violation of these rules may mean that your parents will be notified and you will be sent home at your own expense.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR REFERENCE**



**4-H REGIONAL CAMP 2018  
CAMP COUNSELOR REFERENCE FORM  
WHITEWATER STATE PARK**

**Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Wabasha, Winona Counties**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Giving Reference: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

*The above named person is applying for a volunteer position at a weeklong 4-H Regional Camp. Responsibilities of a counselor at this camp are to provide safe and fun opportunities for campers in grades 3-8 through activities, which allow campers to gain knowledge and develop social skills while meeting new friends.*

*Additional responsibilities of the counselors will include:*

- *Planning and carrying out education sessions*
- *Overall health, safety and security of all campers*
- *Involve campers in various activities including arts and crafts, swimming, hikes, nature activities, reflective campfires and cabin life*

*It is of great importance to us to obtain as much information as possible about the applicant's abilities and character in order to select the most qualified counselors to care for the children we serve. Any information you provide will be regarded as strictly confidential.*

*Thank you for your time and thoroughness in answering the following questions:*

Please describe why this applicant would or would not excel in our 4-H Regional Summer Camp.

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Describe the applicant's personality.

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Describe the applicant's strengths.

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Have you observed this applicant working with children?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ (CHOOSE ONE) If yes, please describe your observations.

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If your child was attending 4-H Regional Summer Camp, would you feel comfortable with the applicant providing care for your child?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ (CHOOSE ONE) Please explain.

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Do you have any hesitation in recommending the applicant for a counselor position at 4-H Regional Camp? Explain.

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Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1-10 in the following areas, with 10 being the highest score.

	Needs significant Improvement				Average				Excellent	
Flexibility	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Dependability	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Judgment	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Communication Skills	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Working with Others	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Accept Feedback	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Patience	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to handle Stress	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Caring for Others	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Please check the characteristics below that best describe the applicant: (Check all that apply)**

LEADERSHIP

- Always takes the lead                       Comfortable in leadership roles                       Prefers to follow

EMOTIONAL TEMPERAMENT

- Balanced and controlled                       Unpredictable                       Always cheerful  
 Over-responds emotionally                       Tends to be moody                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL INTERACTION

- Well liked                       Sought out by Others                       Tolerated by Others  
 Avoided by others                       Usually just blends in

Additional Comments:

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

Thank you helping us make 4-H Regional Camp a safe and happy experience!

Please return form to: **Extension Regional Office, Rochester,**

**Attn: 4-H Camp Program, 863 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Rochester, MN 55904**

Return form: Fax: 507-536-6311 or e-mail: [dsveen@umn.edu](mailto:dsveen@umn.edu)

Deadline: February 9, 2018