

**MORRIS REGIONAL 4-H CAMP**

# 2018 Camp Counselor Application

Any youth in grades 7 through 1 year past high school can apply online to be a 4-H Regional Camp Counselor. **Applications will be accepted until 4:28 p.m. on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

By completing this application, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by all camp counselor responsibilities listed in the final question. I understand and agree that I will be asked to call my parents/guardians immediately to pick me up if I do not conduct myself in a appropriate manner, which includes being out of my room after hours, and/or the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs.

All selected camp counselors will be charged a fee to pay for training cost and lodging/meals at camp. **Please do NOT send any payment with your application.** All payments will be made following the selection process.

**NAME (FIRST AND LAST):** \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H COUNTY**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Stone | <input type="checkbox"/> Kandiyohi     | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeker   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swift    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lac qui Parle | <input type="checkbox"/> Pope     | <input type="checkbox"/> Traverse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Douglas   | <input type="checkbox"/> McLeod        | <input type="checkbox"/> Renville |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant     |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Stevens  |                                   |

**EMAIL** (*Preferred email to use for correspondence and notification of selection.*)

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**CELL PHONE #** (will be used for group texts): \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE (2017.2018 SCHOOL YEAR):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <sup>th</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year Post High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <sup>th</sup> |  |

**T-SHIRT SIZE:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult XL    |                                    |



**POSITION INFORMATION:**

**Director:** Must have been a Sr. Camp counselor at Morris Regional Camp for at least one year to be considered for this position. The role of this position is to work together with the camp staff and be responsible for the camp. They are expected to provide leadership in planning, preparing for, conducting and teaching camp programs.

**Sr. Camp Counselors (gr. 9+):** Experience at camp is preferred but not mandatory to apply. (Being a Sr. Camp Counselor the year before does not guarantee a spot for the current year.)

**Jr. Camp Counselors (gr. 7-8):** Will be chosen to work with a Sr. Counselor to begin their training as a future senior counselor. (Being a Jr. camp counselor the year before does not guarantee a spot for the current year.)

**WHICH POSITION(S) ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?**

- Director
- Senior Counselor (gr. 9+)
- Junior Counselor (gr. 7-8)

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A CAMP COUNSELOR BEFORE?**  YES  NO

If yes, when and where were you a camp counselor? Please include any non-4-H camp experiences as well. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HAVE YOU ATTENDED CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING BEFORE?**  YES  NO

If yes, where and what year? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PAST EXPERIENCE AS A CAMP COUNSELOR AND/OR AS A CAMPER.**

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**PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES YOU'VE HAD WORKING DIRECTLY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.** *Include all experiences, even those that do not include 4-H.*

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**WHAT SKILLS/QUALITIES DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER AS A CAMP DIRECTOR?**  
*(Only complete this section if you are interested in being a Director at 4-H Camp.)*

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**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR?**

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**WHAT MAKES YOU A GREAT CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICANT?**

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**WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN MAKE TO CAMP?**

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## WHAT QUALITIES AND EXPERIENCES DO YOU HAVE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

Please rate yourself on the following Youth Leadership Core Competencies.

	None of these qualities	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
<b>Defining Leadership:</b> Identify the importance of ethics in leadership.				
<b>Understanding Self:</b> Recognize outside influences to manage stress.				
<b>Communication:</b> Explore various tactics to conflict resolution.				
<b>Communication:</b> Use proper etiquette techniques.				
<b>Organization:</b> Able to plan and manage an event.				
<b>Organization:</b> Able to reflect on an activity.				
<b>Group Dynamics:</b> Understand Group Development				
<b>Group Dynamics:</b> Able to facilitate a group of people.				
<b>Decision Making:</b> Able to use critical thinking skills.				
<b>Respect:</b> Understand the impact of what you say.				

## HAVE YOU HAD EXPERIENCE IN LEADING OR BEING IN FRONT OF LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

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**PLEASE SELECT ALL SKILLS, TALENTS, OR INTERESTS YOU WILL BRING TO CAMP.**

- Able to Swim
- Like being in front of people
- Play a musical instrument
- First Aid Certified
- Like to organize
- Story-Telling

**WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE YOU WILLING TO LEAD?**

*Please rank your choices - 1 being the most preferred.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Campfire
- \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flag Ceremonies (opening & closing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation (large & small groups) / Table Fun
- \_\_\_\_\_ Song Leading

**PLEASE LIST TWO REFERENCES (NO FAMILY MEMBERS, PLEASE), WHO WE CAN CONTACT AS A REFERENCE FOR YOUR ROLE AS A CAMP COUNSELOR.** Ideas could include your 4-H PC, teachers, employers, community members, etc.

**First Reference: One Adult (non-family member)**

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know them? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known them? \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reference: One Adult (non-family member)**

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know them? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known them? \_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to include a copy of your resume, reference list, etc. as you feel appropriate.**

## **YOUTH COMMITMENT:**

Please read and check each box below signifying your acceptance.

### **As a Camp Counselor, I commit myself to:**

- Attending ALL scheduled camp counselor training sessions, including all-day Saturday, March 17th.
- Willingly assisting those in charge of the camp; including being prompt for all meetings, meals, and activities.
- Not having tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs in my possession while I am participating in the counselor program or at 4-H Camp.
- Setting a good example by not using profanity or telling "off-color" jokes or stories.
- Creating an atmosphere of fun and friendship. Keeping a cheerful and positive attitude.
- Treating all campers fairly and with respect; including making sure all campers become involved and take part in activities.
- Getting to know the members of my camper group the best I can and helping them to get acquainted with one another and the other counselors.
- Never punishing a camper by ridicule or physical punishment. (Patience and understanding works wonders.)
- Giving up my personal interests during camp so campers needs can be met.
- Helping maintain the location and room environment, including pre-camp set up and post-camp clean up.
- Asking adults for advice and help if I cannot handle any camp situation.