

Sunny Hills Camp Counselor Application
Counselor Training - June 14, 2015
Sunny Hills Camp - June 15-18, 2015

Due Date: Friday, May 8, 2015

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ KS ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE: _____ GRADE: _____ (completed in spring)

AGE: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

Number of brothers/sisters: _____ Ages: _____ Yrs in 4-H: _____ Yrs Jr. Leader: _____

1. Have you served as a camp counselor before?

check: _____ 4-H _____ Other Camp; Explain:

Year(s): _____

2. Have you attended camps before?

check: _____ 4-H _____ Other Camp; Explain:

Year(s): _____

3. As a camp counselor, list age/grade preference of 4-H campers would you desire to lead at camp:

_____ 3 rd grade	_____ 4 th grade	_____ 5 th grade
_____ 6 th grade	_____ 7 th grade	_____ any age listed

4. Complete this sentence, "I want to be a camp counselor because....."

5. If you have been to 4-H camp as a young camper, describe what you liked most about your experiences and why?

Describe any experience you have had in working with small groups of youngsters.

6. What counselor responsibilities would you like to learn more about in counselor training?

7. As a counselor at camp, there are activities that counselors become involved in, listed are some of those responsibilities.

Check the following categories in which you have special abilities that you would share and take a major responsibility with campers. List any "other skills" you have on the lines provided below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Singing	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Flag Ceremony
<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument (list) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Talent Show	<input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling/drama
<input type="checkbox"/> Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Fire Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Building
<input type="checkbox"/> Inspiration	<input type="checkbox"/> Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Time Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list) _____		

8. Please give two references.

1. _____

2. _____

9. Camp counselors will be provided a camp shirt, please circle your T-shirt size:

Adult Size: Small Medium Large X large 2X large 3X large

10. Please indicate if you would be willing to work or prefer to work in a co-counselor role where you would be in charge of a housing group with another counselor. Please put a checkmark in front of the statement that best describes your desire. Please understand that you may or may not be assigned housing groups per your indicated preference. If you are not willing to be flexible, you might want to strongly reconsider your interest in serving as a camp counselor.

☐ Yes, I would prefer to serve as a co-counselor

☐ Yes, I will serve as a co-counselor, only if needed

☐ No, I would prefer to serve as a single counselor

11. **VIP APPLICATION:** All 4-H Counselors are required to fill out the VIP – Volunteer Information Profile form, which is available from your county extension office. The screening process must be complete including the application, reference requests, orientation and the face to face interview. The background check will be processed, if possible. Please contact your Extension Office for guidelines for the VIP process.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR AND SUNNY HILLS CAMP GROUP

This contract contains the responsibilities and duties of the Camp Counselor and Extension Agent at Sunny Hills Camp. By signing this contract, the Counselor accepts to carry out these responsibilities.

CAMP COUNSELOR'S GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

Assume responsibility for a group of nine campers of the same sex and age level from several different counties for 24 hours a day during camp, **June 15-18, 2015.**

SPECIFIC DUTIES

- Participate in Sunny Hills 4-H Camp Counselor training the day before camp starts, **June 14, 2015.**
- Know where your campers are at all times (including free time) and be present at critical times.
- Promote a helping relationship by interacting with your living group at all times during camp.
- Be aware of health, safety and well-being of your campers. Check for illness or injury. Report major health problems to camp nurse. Supervise taking medicine when appropriate.
- See that you, your living group and fellow counselors know and observe camp rules, including the camp dress code.
- Help your living group make a wide variety of choices for activities and participate with campers.
- Be sensitive to campers personalities, differences, and needs.

SUNNY HILLS EXTENSION AGENT'S GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

Assume the responsibility of providing a support system for camp counselors and their living groups.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

- Make financial arrangements for camp counselor's camp fee to be built into camper's fee.
- Make housing arrangement for campers and counselors.
- Provide counselor training including: orientation to camp, schedules of activities, anticipated problems and ways to deal with them.
- Be responsible for overseeing camp schedule, special group activities, challenges, activity sign-up, and night patrol.
- Support counselors when problems occur.
- Be a resource for emotional and social support of counselors.
- Supply information about special health needs of campers.
- Assist counselors and camp nurse in emergency situations.
- Act as a go-between for counselors and Rock Springs staff (example: special equipment, supplies, etc.).
- Control parents if and when necessary.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE NEGOTIATED

I agree to accept the above camp counselors responsibilities at camp.

Sign: _____
Counselor Applicant

Date