



4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Applications Are Due At Your County Extension Office by **February 1, 2023**

TO COMPLETE APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Read the requirements and behavioral expectations.
2. Note training and camp dates - check your schedule.
3. Fill out attached forms. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
4. Send application to your Extension Office in time to be received by February 1, 2023.

COUNSELOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. You must be in Grade 9—12 on January 1st to be considered for Camp Counselor.
(If we do not receive enough high school counselor applications, 8th graders may be considered for Counselors in Training program.)
2. **Must** attend at least 2 of the following Camp Counselor Trainings:

Tuesday, March 7	5:30-8PM	Whitley County Fairgrounds	Get to Know You
Wednesday, April 12	5:30-8PM	Whitley County Fairgrounds	Camp Planning
Thursday, May 4	5:30-8PM	Whitley County Fairgrounds	Camp Planning

Please Note: Meals will be provided at all above trainings and attendance is crucial.

Campers/Counselors report to 4-H Camp as follows:

Camp Counselors Arrival Tuesday, June 6, 2023 by 2PM

4-H Camp Runs Wednesday, June 7 thru Friday, June 9

Counselors are expected to help check-out their campers and will not be permitted to leave until all campers have been picked up and we have been dismissed from duties at camp.

4. Camp Fees for Counselors are sponsored by your County 4-H, this is in investment in you!!
5. A limited number of Counselors will be selected from the Northeastern Indiana counties participating in 4-H Camp. You will be notified in early March as to whether or not you have been selected as a 2023 4-H Camp Counselor.

NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **YEARS IN 4-H:** _____

COUNTY: _____ **T-Shirt Size:** _____

4-H-ERS CONTACT INFO: **EMAIL:** _____

CELL PHONE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFO: **EMAIL:** _____

CELL PHONE: _____

Have you been a 4-H Camp Counselor before? NO: YES: If yes, # of years: _____

What years? _____

Favorite Grades to work with(mark all that apply): 3rd 4th 5th 6th No Preference

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

2. What jobs have you held - paid or unpaid?

3. What are your favorite 4-H projects? (list 3 maximum)

4. What experience do you have working with younger children? Please explain:

5. Please list other activities not listed that you could do that could be appropriate for Camp, be creative as we are looking for new ideas:

6. Please list any Basic First Aid, CPR, Life-Saving, or Water Safety Certificate that you currently hold, if any. Please indicate the dates of certification.

7. IMPORTANT: In the space below and/or on back, write a brief biographical sketch. Include specialized training in camping, camping/outdoor skills, and experience or training in other activities which might have a bearing on your application.

Indiana 4-H Behavioral Criteria for all Youth Participants

Indiana 4-H has a set of behavioral criteria that we expect our participants to follow as outlined below. Youth and their parents/guardians review and agree to these expectations at the time of 4-H enrollment in 4-H Online.

When attending, participating in, or acting on behalf of the 4-H program, all persons are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with accepted standards of social behavior, to respect rights of others, and to refrain from any conduct which may be injurious to the 4-H program to persons and the 4-H program.

As a participant in the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program, I will:

- Respect, follow, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, including all laws related to child abuse and substance abuse.
- Conduct myself in a courteous, respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and demonstrate reasonable conflict management skills. I will avoid any action that would obstruct or disrupt any 4-H activity, or that threatens or interferes with maintenance of appropriate order and discipline, and will also discourage others from any of those actions.
- Be truthful and forthright when representing the 4-H Youth Development Program. At no time, will I cheat or knowingly furnish false information.
- Present accurate, unaltered 4-H records.
- Follow the specific terms and conditions of a given project, contest, or activity. I will also encourage others to follow these terms and conditions.
- Under no circumstances possess, distribute, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products, electronic smoking devices (including, but not limited to, e-cigs, vapes, juuls), illegal drugs, or other dangerous substances at 4-H Youth Development Program events or activities.
- Under no circumstances distribute, misuse, or abuse over-the-counter, homeopathic (including supplements and vitamins), or prescription medications.
- Under no circumstances possess or use weapons, fire crackers, chemicals, or other materials that can be used to create an explosive mixture. Note: firearms and archery equipment utilized under the direct supervision of an approved and certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor at an approved 4-H Shooting Sports activity are acceptable.
- Recognize that verbal, physical, or emotional abuse, or any conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person will not be tolerated. Avoid any reckless or inappropriate behavior.
- Respect physical property of others. Theft of, or malicious damage to, property is not tolerated, nor is any unauthorized entry, use, or occupancy of any facility.
- Understand that failure to comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws, or committing criminal acts are not acceptable practices in 4-H Youth Development Programs.
- Embrace diversity among all youth and adult participants, helping each person to feel welcome and included in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Accept my responsibility to represent 4-H Youth Development Programs with dignity and pride by being a positive role model for others.
- Avoid inappropriate interactions with, and inappropriate displays of affection toward, other persons. I will not have unapproved guests in sleeping quarters at overnight 4-H events, nor will I engage in sexual behavior.
- Wear clothing that is appropriate for the event or activity.
- Avoid using any lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or language.
- Accept supervision and support from Extension staff or designated volunteers.

- Be mindful of and follow Purdue, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other state and local health authority safety guidelines and procedures related to any epidemic or pandemic illness.
- Participate in appropriate orientation and training, including youth protection standards, sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.
- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner.
- Not misuse fire equipment or sound a false fire alarm.
- Treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants appropriate animal care and management.
- Use technology in an appropriate manner that reflects the best practices in youth development. During virtual 4-H activities, I will follow acceptable University practices being mindful of the virtual learning environment.
- Accept my responsibility to promote and support the 4-H Youth Development Program in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program.

I have been given the opportunity to review these expectations and the opportunity to ask questions, and those questions have been answered to my satisfaction. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the behavioral expectations in this document. I understand that my failure to comply with these expectations may result in disciplinary action or termination of my participation in the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program.

Print 4-H Member Name

Date

4-H Member Signature (required if 18 years of age or over)

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date



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