



April 2, 2025

To: Tipton County 4-H Junior Leaders and high school students
Re: 4-H Camp Counselor applications
From: Brian Howell, Extension Educator

Summer is right around the corner! As a 4-Her in high school you have the opportunity to participate in 4-H Camp as a counselor. This year 4-H Camp will be held at Camp Shakamak on June 11-13, 2025. Kids from Tipton, Boone, Hendricks, and Montgomery counties come together for this three-day camp. Did you ever attend 4-H Camp and look up to the counselors? Now is your chance to be a counselor!

Enclosed is an application to be a 4-H Camp counselor. It can also be found online as a google form using the QR code at the bottom of this page. If you are interested please complete the form and return it to the Purdue Extension Office or online by **Sunday, April 13**. (I know- quick turn around.) To be a counselor you must currently be in the 9th grade or above and show past or potential leadership skills.

***In addition to attending camp, counselors will also be required to attend **at least** three trainings, and preferably all four:

- Thursday, April 17; leave at 6 pm, return around 10 pm
- Thursday, May 1; leave at 6 pm, return around 10 pm
- Tuesday, May 20; leave at 6 pm, return around 10 pm
- Thursday, June 5; leave at 4 pm, return around 9 pm, dinner will be served

Trainings will be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Due to increased youth safety practices imposed by Purdue University, counselors will need to drive and follow me to the trainings, or a second adult will need to ride with me and the kids to meet youth:chaperone ratios. It is important to attend the trainings so counselors can learn safety procedures and work with other counselors to plan a fun camp for the campers!

I encourage you to fill out this application if you are serious about being a counselor, are a responsible **young adult** that is willing to be responsible for several kids for three days, and can commit to attending at least three of the four trainings (all four are preferred!) and three days of camp. Many past counselors have said that this is one of the most rewarding experiences of their 4-H career. You will be notified by April 15 if you were selected to be a camp counselor.

Again, applications are due back to the Purdue Extension Office or online by Sunday, April 13, **NO EXCEPTIONS** (I'll even accept applications early ☺). We have a lot of great 4-H members, and I encourage you to consider being a counselor!!!

<https://bit.ly/2025tiptonshakamakcounselor>



(To clarify, this is not for Mini 4-H Day Camp Counselors, this is for Shakamak State Park 4-H Camp Counselors. Mini 4-H Day Camp will be held June 4-6- see the other enclosed letter. Unfortunately 4-H Camp Shakamak and 4-H Academy @ Purdue overlap, but you are encouraged to take advantage of at least one opportunity!)

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