



Extension - Indiana 4-H

Spring 2023

Dear 4-H Member,

Would you like to share your love for all things 4-H with Mini 4-H members, develop your leadership skills, and work with other 4-H members to develop fun activities? Apply to be a Lawrence County Mini 4-H Day Camp Counselor!

Enclosed you will find a Lawrence County Mini 4-H Day Camp Counselor Application for 2023 and a bio sheet. Mini Day Camp will be held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds on June 19th and 20th from 8 am to 3 pm.

Counselors are expected to attend the following trainings to prepare for their role:

- **May 25th, 6-8 pm at Lawrence County Extension Office**
- **June 13th, 6-8 pm at Lawrence County Extension Office**

If you cannot attend one or both of these dates, please let us know ASAP so we can find an alternative way to get you the training information.

Counselors will be chosen from the completed applications. These applications are due back to the Extension office or uploaded via 4HOnline by **April 17th**. Applications will be reviewed by the Lawrence County Mini 4-H Day Camp Planning Team.

Applications submitted through 4-HOnline can utilize the editable PDF form or scan and upload your document into the system. If you have questions about camp, the responsibilities of being a counselor, or need assistance with the application, please contact the Lawrence County Extension Office at 812-275-4623.

Sincerely,

Lesley Lodmell, 4-H/Youth Development Educator
Grace Thompson, Health & Human Sciences Educator

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Lawrence County Mini Day Camp
2023 Camp Counselor Application
June 19-20, 2023
Lawrence County Fairgrounds

The deadline for application to be returned to Extension Office is **April 17th, 2023.**

Personal Information

Name: _____ Grade as of Jan 1, 2023: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Cell Phone # _____

Name of school: _____

1. What spring semester & summer extra-curricular activities are you involved in? Please list all. How do you plan to prioritize the prep time (including counselor trainings) to prepare for camp?

2. List your past youth experience and duties below:

3. Have you ever been a mini 4-H camp counselor before? Yes No

4. Why do you want to be a mini-4-H camp counselor?

5. As a camp counselor, you will grow and develop as a leader. What do you hope to get out of this position?

6. On which Camp Committee do you think you would like to serve? What is an idea you have for the committees? (see camp committee descriptions)

7. Please complete the camp class activity included in the application packet.

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I realize as a camp counselor I am here to serve the campers and make camp the best that it can be for the youth involved. I have read the Camp Counselor Job Responsibilities and agree to abide by these expectations as they apply to my position. I understand that if I am not fulfilling my duties, I may be asked to leave camp.

4-H member's signature

4-H member's parent or legal guardian signature

Build a Camp Activity of your Dreams!

Suppose you have a great idea for a class or activity at Mini Day Camp this year. How would you plan, prepare and execute the class? Well, here is your chance to flex your class-preparing muscles!

The scenario: You will rotate **20 different campers from grades K-2** through your class four times. You have **30 minutes** per class. It is a sunny day out at the Fairgrounds, and you have the first choice of an open field or Expo Hall from which to choose to hold your activity.

Class/Activity Name: _____

1 Sentence Description: _____

Number of other counselors or adults needed to help you: _____

Time needed to prepare your class to perfection with your helpers (from now until camp, and how will you prepare- meetings, email, phone call, text...)

Materials Needed: _____

Timeline during your class session:



Intro

End

Please rate the focus of your workshop for the campers from 1-5 (1 = most important)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have Fun
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learn Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	Learn Life Skills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make friends
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get Exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	Build self-confidence

What is the MAIN IDEA or FEELING or THOUGHT you want the campers to leave your class with?

Is there anything else we should know about your class?

Camp Committees

Camp Committee: Recreation

This committee helps us have some fun! Members of the Recreation Committee will be responsible for any free recreation time and will help coordinate organized recreation. They should make sure all equipment and facilities are ready and be prepared to lead the whole camp or small groups in relay races and other fun activities. This includes having small self-guided activities available for campers in the morning before we start with scheduled activities (coloring, legos, bracelet making, etc.).

Camp Committee: Water Activities

On the second day of Mini Day Camp, we'll have time set aside for some outdoor water activities. This committee is responsible for planning and coordinating those activities. They should make sure that equipment is obtained and set up before the activities begin. They will also be responsible for leading the group in fun, age-appropriate activities.



Camp Counselor Job Responsibilities

Qualifications

- Minimum of grade 7 or higher as of January 1st.
- Courteous and responsible.
- Will attend all counselor trainings unless prior notice is given.

Role as a counselor:

- Help the campers get to know each other.
- Account for all campers at all times. Be responsible for all mini-4-H members and their care from check-in to check-out on both days of camp.
- Work with your campers to make sure the area is clean, free of litter, and picked up every day.
- Encourage campers to be involved in all of the activities.
- Be actively engaged with the campers at all times.
- Cooperate with other camp counselors, facilities staff, volunteers, and extension educators.
- Enforce camp rules for safety and conduct. Camper Safety is our highest priority!
- Help maintain a clean, controlled, safe, educational, and fun camp for everyone present at the camp.
- Camp counselors will be released **AFTER** the final inspection of the Expo Hall and other areas utilized during camp.
- **Camp Counselors will be good stewards of technology, keeping in mind camper safety, development, and inclusion. Counselors will follow all rules outlined by Extension Educators related to technology. Violators will be relieved of their duties as camp counselors.**

Always work to get to know the campers in your group and where they are at all times.

As a Camp Counselor, you will set an example of acceptable behavior for campers by following the criteria set out in the Behavioral Criteria for 4-H Events and Activities.

Failure to fulfill the responsibilities as a camp counselor or to be a model of acceptable behavior may result in the following:

- Verbal warning
- Parents or legal guardian called and you will be sent home

If any violations occur, it may prevent any current or future opportunity for you to serve as a camp counselor.