

2023 Wayne-Ashland County 4-H Junior Camp Counselor Information

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 4-H Camp Counselors are a group of 4-H teens selected to assist in being responsible for campers ages 9-14 years old during 4-H camp. As a result of participation, counselors will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Ashland-Wayne county 4-H program will be strengthened and expanded. Roles and Responsibilities of 4-H Camp Counselors include:

- Attend required trainings prior to camp
- Market and promote camp
- Serve in a leadership and teaching role to other counselors
- Serve on committees or other groups to plan programs at camp
- Conduct self in an appropriate manner before, during, and after camp while serving as a role model to campers and peers
- Assist staff and other counselors with camp activities; work as a team to implement the activities
- Know and understand all safety guidelines, including emergency procedures, associated with the camp and program areas
- Follow and enforce camp rules
- Assure for safety of campers at all times including in cabins, sessions, and large group activities
- Be aware of child protection regulations and report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with university policy
- Identify and respond to camper behavior issues
- Ensure campers' health and hygiene, e.g., brushing teeth, eating meals, taking medication, etc.
- Promote camper participation during camp
- Lead and supervise campers in activities at camp including but not limited to songs, teambuilding challenges, group activities, challenges, etc.
- Teach and lead campers at workshops or during other components at camp (table setting, song leading, etc.)
- Mentor and give guidance to campers to encourage positive youth development and enhancement of life skills

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 14 years old by the start of camp.
- Must be able to get transportation to meetings and events as needed.
- Must complete a minimum of 24 hours of training. (6 of these hours must be on-site for first time counselors).
- There will be NO online makeup options available this year.
- Must complete Child Abuse Awareness training.
- Must Sign Standards of Behaviors, complete the Code of Conduct form, and have a current Ohio 4-H Health History form on file.
- First time applicants must provide two references.
- If the individual is 18+ year old at least two months prior to camp (April 29, 2023), the individual must have their background check conducted.
- 1st & 2nd year Counselors **MUST** attend Camp Counselor Workshop on April 21-22, 2023, a decision on a overnight or just Saturday will be determined in March 2023



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MEETING DATES/TIME/FREQUENCY/TRAINING

- 4-H Camp Counselors meet the following dates throughout the year. Counselors are expected to notify the Extension Office if an absence is unavoidable.
- 4-H Camp Counselors will be trained on topics such as the camp counselor core competencies; risk management, including active shooter guidelines, emergency protocols, and child abuse recognition.
- Camp Counselors are **expected** to attend all Camp Counselor meeting dates listed below. You cannot miss more than 2 meetings, unless otherwise worked out by Jackie or Diane.

Junior Camp Counselor Meeting Dates

- March 4th 9 am -5 pm at Secrest Welcome Center Wooster, Ohio **MANDATORY**
- March 16th 6-8 pm in Ashland, Ohio
- April 6th 6-8 pm at Fisher Auditorium Wooster, Ohio
- April 21-22nd **Camp Counselor Weekend at 4-H Camp Ohio – MANDATORY for 1st & 2nd year counselors, forms must be turned in by MARCH 25TH, overnight stay or Saturday April 22nd TBD**
- April 27th 6-8 pm in Ashland, Ohio
- May 11th 6-8 pm at Fisher Auditorium Wooster, Ohio
- May 25th 6-8 pm in Ashland, Ohio
- June 8th 6-8 pm in Ashland, Ohio
- June 22nd 6-8 pm **MANDATORY – Fisher Auditorium**

Camp

- June 29th – July 3rd **Jr. Camp at 4-H Camp Ohio – All Day / Overnight**

Counselors arrive for Jr. Camp at 1:00 pm on June 29th and depart at approx. 11:45 am on July 3rd

Exit Interviews – MANDATORY ALL COUNSELORS

- July 14th Camp Counselor - Evaluation / Exit Interviews *If this date is not going to work for you; YOU MUST contact Jackie and Diane so that we can make a time that will fit around schedules as best as we can. Please use the link to sign up for your time slot!*

<https://go.osu.edu/2023campcounselorexitinterview>

If you need to miss a meeting, you must contact Jackie and/or Diane AND submit the absence form (prior to the meeting you're going to miss) by going to the following website:

<https://go.osu.edu/2023attendanceform>



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