

TO: 2025 Perspective Teen Counselor or Counselor in Training

Enclosed is a 4-H Camp Teen Counselor or Counselor in Training Application Form and Position Description. If you are interested in applying to be a Teen Counselor or Counselor in Training at 4-H Camp this summer, please complete the application and return it to the Cumberland County Extension Office **no later than April 1st. We must have application forms from everyone who would like to be a Teen Counselor or Counselor in Training!! Also read, sign the Position Description and turn it in at the same time.**

Given the strong likelihood that we will have more applications than available positions again this year, an interview process will take place. Interview dates will be sent to you after your application is received. Interviews will occur in March/April.

Being a Teen Counselor or Counselor in Training does not mean you are still a camper! You are a leader and have responsibilities in the cabin, classes, teams, & other duties during the week; You will work hard at camp and are expected to keep the camper's safety a first priority. **If you just want to return to camp to have fun then this leadership position may not be a good fit for you. You can always apply next year! Be sure to read the attached position description thoroughly.**

This year we are camping **July 14-18, 2025.**



- The counselor training will be set for the month of June.
- Camper/Parent Orientations is on June 16th, 2025 at 5pm at the Cumberland County Extension Office.
- Even though you don't know whether you will be selected as a 2025 Counselor, go ahead and pencil in the dates now.
- Teen Counselor or Counselor in Training selection will be completed no later than late April. We will send a letter to EVERYONE. If you are not selected this year, don't give up.

Remember ... get your **completed** Application in no later than April 1st. Thanks to everyone for applying for the Teen Counselor or Counselor in Training positions – it's great to know that there are some willing and active 4-H teens ready to help when needed!!

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VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program
Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service
The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture

POSITION TITLE:

Camp Teen Leader
(Teen Counselor and Counselor Training)

TIME REQUIRED / DURATION OF APPOINTMENT

- 3-5 days 1 time a year
- May - August
- 24 hours of education and orientation prior to camp

LOCATION:

Extension office and camp facility.

GENERAL PURPOSE:

Help supervise 12-16 youth, ages 9-13, in a camping facility. Support 4-H professionals, volunteers and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences to help youth develop social skills.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be committed to the development of young people
- Provide leadership and direction while working closely with adult counselors and agents
- Involve campers in all scheduled activities while at camp
- Make sure campers are on time for programs
- Under the direction of the adult counselor in your cabin, supervise group living environment (i.e. housekeeping, personal hygiene, social skills, responsibility, sharing, following rules, discipline campers)
- See that campers carry out responsibilities such as cabin cleanup, grounds cleanup, dining hall cleanup, etc.
- Participation in camp activities
- Counsel homesick campers
- Be responsible for the health, safety and happiness of each camper in their cabin
- Participate in implementing the camp's program
- Report any problems to your adult counselor or Dean of Men/Women
- Assist class instructors where needed in teaching or in managing campers' behavior
- Assist adult counselors, permanent staff and agents, upon request, with special activities such as quiet time, flag raising/lowering, etc.
- A willingness to become familiar and work with the philosophy, guidelines and rules of the University of Kentucky CES, Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program and the county 4-H program

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must complete the Kentucky 4-H volunteer application and screening process and be accepted by the Youth Protection Committee.
- Must provide own transportation to meetings and activities.

- Self starter; be able to work with minimal supervision from professional staff.
- Effective communication skills.
- A sincere interest in working with extension staff, volunteers, parents, and youth.
- Organizational skills; ability to organize information and materials in a timely manner.
- Must be 15 years or older at time of camp (Counselors in training must be 14 years old)
- Ability to get along with others
- Willingness to follow rules

BENEFITS:

- The opportunity to work with youth and/or adults providing positive support and growth experience.
- Receive intrinsic and extrinsic rewards at volunteer recognition events.
- Volunteer development opportunities.
- Opportunity to share your skills, talents, and interest.
- Orientation provided by extension staff.
- Research shows that volunteering promotes improved health.
- The opportunity to make a difference in the life of the child

SALARY:

Unsalaries; volunteer. This position does not imply employment with the University of Kentucky

MENTOR/SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL:

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"I have read, understand and agree to fulfill the purpose and responsibilities of this volunteer position and further agree to accept guidance and direction from the supervisor. I am committing to involve individuals regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin in educational experiences in cooperation with other Extension volunteers and Extension personnel. I also understand that failure to fulfill the purpose and responsibilities of the volunteer position and to accept guidance and direction from the supervisor could result in suspension of my position. I also understand that this volunteer position is renewable annually; I will notify the supervising professional if I am no longer interested in serving."

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of Extension Professional

Date

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Lexington, KY 40506



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accommodated
with prior notification.



Office Use Only: Date Received: _____

2025 4-H Camp Teen Counselor & Counselor in Training Application

To be completed by applicant, not parent. Counselors in Training must be at least 15 years of age by camp. Teen Counselor must be at least 16 years of age by camp.

Name _____ T-shirt size _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Names _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Parent/Guardian Cell) _____

(Your cell) _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex: ___ Male ___ Female

School attending _____ Grade _____

How many years have you attended 4-H Camp? _____

List any leadership roles or participation that you have in 4-H, school, church and community: _____

List any special training or experiences (CPR, Lifeguard, Babysitting course, etc.):

List any hobbies, special skills, or interests: _____

Complete the following with your ideas:

Cabin Time Ideas: _____

Rainy Day Ideas: _____

