**2018 4-H Camp Counselor Application**

(Please read this page before completing application, as there are changes.)

**Qualifications**

* Be a current Fond du Lac County 4-H member, or previously attended Fond du Lac County 4-H Camp.
* Have completed sophomore year of high school by June 6, 2018.
* Include one letter of recommendation from a non-family member.
* Attend a counselor interview on January 11 or 13.
* Attend the camp training and planning meetings.
* Sign and abide by Code of Conduct.

**Application Process**

1. Submit application by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 3, 2018 via email to fdl4hcamp@gmail.com. **Email application is preferred.** Write “4-H Camp Counselor” in the subject line. You will get a reply if your application was received.
	1. Paper applications can be mailed to UW-Extension 227 Admin/Extension Bldg. 400 University Dr., Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Fax 920-929-3181.
2. Attend interviews on either Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. **OR** Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
3. Applicants are required to attend the camp training meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend on this day, there is a second option at Upham Woods on April 21-22, 2018 (there is a fee included in this training).
	1. Counselors will be asked to bring $5 to the meeting to cover lunch expenses.
4. Attend camp planning meeting on Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The menu for camp will be decided at this meeting.
5. Attend camp from June 6-9, 2018.

**Please Note:**

* Counselors will be interviewed prior to the camp planning retreat. After the interviews, the interview committee will select counselors based on their interviews. Counselors will be notified if they are selected. Counselors who are not selected will not attend the retreat.
* If you are unable to attend the camp training meeting on February 3, 2018 or the Upham Woods training from April 21-22, 2018, you will be ineligible to be a camp counselor at 2018 4-H Camp.
* Youth counselors will be in charge of planning camp during the camp planning meeting (April 14, 2018). The committee will observe the youth counselors during the meeting as a means of analyzing their leadership skills.

**Position Descriptions**

*Youth Directors*

Applicants must have been a camp counselor in the past. The directors will cohesively assist in writing agendas, leading camp planning meetings as needed, assist with supply shopping, oversee all activities at camp, post daily schedules every morning of camp, etc. The directors will also assist the committee chairs to conduct wrap-up meeting at the end of each day at camp. Directors will help other counselors in fulfilling their responsibilities. The directors will work with Extension Office Staff, adult counselors, and adult committee members to maintain a happy, healthy, and safe learning environment. The directors may serve for two years.

*Counselors*

* Assume responsibility of the safety of campers and report all incidences to the nurse or adult counselors.
* Follow camp objectives, rules, policies, and guidelines.
* Assist with all camp activities.
* Use problem solving skills in different situations and seek assistance from an adult counselor when necessary.
* Attend all scheduled meetings and trainings.
* Participate enthusiastically.
* Follow all directions.
* Ensure youth are comfortable, safe, and included.
* Know where your campers are at all times.
* Perform all duties that are assigned.
* HAVE FUN!

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 6/6/2018: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2017/2018 School year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have Red Cross First Aid Certification? \_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Red Cross certified lifeguard? \_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to become a lifeguard by camp if you aren’t already? \_\_\_\_\_\_

If there were a surplus of counselors would you be willing to be a food service assistant? \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Experience**

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| List all of the Camps (4-H and non 4-H) that you have attended |
| **Name of Camp** | **Camper or Counselor** | **Years** |
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**Camp Theme**

Please list 3 suggestions for a camp theme below. Please be realistic, and think of themes that have potential for great craft ideas.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**Camper Age**

What is your ideal age camper?

\_\_\_ 9-10 \_\_\_11-12 \_\_13-15 \_\_\_ No Preference

**Youth Director**

If you are interested in being considered as part of our youth director team, please answer the 2 questions below.

1. Please describe what you believe your role would be as a youth director, and why you would excel in the role.
2. Why are you a good role model?

C**ounselor Questions**

Please answer 3 of the following 5 questions:

1. What life skills will you utilize during camp? How will you put these skills into action?
2. How do you handle stressful situations?
3. What are the three greatest strengths you bring to this position? How will you use these strengths to make camp great?
4. How have you changed as a result of being a counselor (previous counselors only)?
5. What is your greatest personality downfall when working with kids and why? How will you overcome this at camp?

**Question # \_\_\_\_**

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**Question # \_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Interviews**

Interviews for camp will be held on Thursday January 12, 2017 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm and Saturday January 14, 2017 from 9:00-11:00. To be considered as a counselor, you must attend an interview. Please let us know what time would work best for you by ranking your choices below.

1= Best Choice and 5= Last Choice

**Thursday 1/11/2018**

\_\_\_\_ 6:00-6:30

\_\_\_\_ 6:30-7:00

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**Saturday 1/13/2018**

\_\_\_\_ 9:00-9:30

\_\_\_\_ 9:30-10:00

\_\_\_\_ 10:00-10:30

\_\_\_\_ 10:30-11:00

You will receive an email with confirmation of your assigned date and time. Please dress professionally. Interviews will be conducted by members of the community, not by the 4-H Camp adult committee. Interviews will be held at the UW Extension Office.