

Camp Counselor Job Description

Position Title

Butler County Camp Counselor or Counselor in Training (CIT)

Requirements

1. Application due: **September**
2. Selection based on interview and participation in hands-on simulation activities.
3. Review of personal references.

Time Required

8 Months (Monthly Trainings, Counselor Camp and one 4-H Camp) – October to June

Can only miss two (2) out of the eight (8) meetings.

Purpose

To make 4-H Camp a meaningful experience for participants through fun and educational programs.

To promote 4-H Camp as a learning laboratory for hands-on discoveries, explaining new opportunities, and enhance personal development.

Responsibilities

To complete the training including meetings, plans, and written work as well as demonstrate competence in quality of work, preparation and attitude.

To serve as a Cabin Counselor, which includes getting campers to bed, getting them up, caring for personal hygiene, cabin clean-up, and most importantly, group acceptance of every camper.

To serve as a Group Leader, assisting campers in getting acquainted, team building, cooperation and group competition.

To serve as a teacher and take advantage of teachable moments on nature trails, at the pond, regarding Native American life, outdoor recreation crafts, etc.

To serve as a Special Events Coordinator for one or more of the following activities: campfires, flags, vespers, opening and closing ceremonies, dances, and much more.

Counselors will need to decide the purpose and make all the necessary detailed plans for implementation of events.

Counselors play a major role in mutual respect and support for campers. Counselors will respect rights and property, care enough to confront, comfort, cooperate, communicate, support, work as a team member, and Counselors will complete assigned tasks.

Counselors will encourage campers to try new things, catch campers “being good,” set an example as a leader, discipline fairly, and assist campers with problems.

Qualifications

- Minimum age 14, as of January 1st of the current year, for Counselor in Training.
- Must have a sincere interest in teaching and sharing knowledge and skills with youth and adults in an educational setting.
- The ability to work and communicate effectively in written and verbal forms.
- The ability to teach and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision-making, responsibility and leadership in the youth.
- A willingness to become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of the Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H and County 4-H programs.

The Ohio State University Extension, Butler County agrees to:

- ✓ Provide training opportunities to help camp counselors learn responsibilities, program planning efforts, and teaching techniques.
- ✓ Provide support to camp counselors in addressing ideas, needs, interests, and concerns while working with campers.

Responsible to: ***Butler County Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development***