

# 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor Information

## *4-H Missions in Space, Huntsville, Alabama*

Enjoy the satisfaction of helping others while developing and practicing leadership, organizational, public speaking, and mentoring skills as you explore the fascinating world of aerospace, astronomy and technology on a national 4-H program. Be a Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor during a fun-filled program at U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL: campers complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about being an astronaut.

**Selection Procedure:** Returning delegates to the Space Camp program are invited to apply for a leadership role on the 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor Team by December 1, 2011. A State 4-H committee will review applications, conduct interviews, make selections, and announce the 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor Team around January 10, 2012. There is no pre-established number of selected recipients; instead the number of selections is based on qualifications and number needed for 2012 Space Camp. All applicants will be notified of their status by mail.

### **Criteria for Selection**

1. Must have participated in the Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp program at least once.
2. Must be in 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade (maximum age 16 at end of trip).
3. Must have good verbal communication and leadership skills, and work well in groups.
4. Must complete and submit the following application to your county 4-H Office no later than **December 1**.
5. Must participate in a telephone interview. (A Selection Committee member will contact finalists.)

**Roles/Duties-** Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselors are required to:

1. Participate in the Counselor Orientation teleconference on **February 7, 2012** followed by other evening teleconference planning sessions in February and March.
2. Participate in the Delegate Orientation teleconference on **March 8, 2012**
3. Participate in a mandatory face-to-face training workshop on Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, **March 30-31, 2012** in Madison at the Lowell Center (hotel lodging will be provided in Madison, 2-4 per room).
4. Attend and participate in the workshop for Space Campers between 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, **March 31, 2012** at UW Space Place to set up, assist with a Question/Answer table, facilitate, and lead an Aerospace project activity.
5. Participate in the WI trip to Space Camp departing the morning of **April 19** and returning early **Monday, April 23, 2012**.
6. Arrive 1 hour before listed loading time to assist at departure with luggage, nametags, bus check-in, and other duties.
7. Take attendance on bus following initial orientation and at other stops.
8. Provide a self-introduction and host an informal Question/Answer session on the bus.
9. Plan and conduct at least two icebreakers/games that can be conducted during the bus trip.
10. Be responsible for ensuring that the bus is kept clean throughout the trip.
11. Assist at the hotel with meal set up and clean up.
12. Assist with directions upon arrival at Space Camp.
13. Serve as a resource and mentor to assigned 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Space Campers and answer questions as needed.
14. Form an Adult/Youth Partnership with an adult 4-H volunteer advisor to assist with the program. Adults are active 4-H volunteers who have completed WI 4-H Youth Protection, selected from an applicant pool in March and trained for their role.

**Program details:** During this program, you will travel on a motor coach originating in Eau Claire, Wausau, Madison and/or Milwaukee to and from Huntsville, Alabama; sleep overnight on the coach on the return trip; eat in restaurants and a camp cafeteria, share same-gender sleeping and restroom facilities, sleep in double or bunk beds, work with a team of 12-15 similar aged youth to help them solve problems, and read a script aloud during a mock space mission under the guidance of an adult advisor. Counselors will be spending the majority of their time under the direct supervision of adult 4-H volunteers, Wisconsin 4-H staff, and Space Camp staff adult counselors. Adult Advisors are assigned at a ratio of 1:10 youth. A Youth Counselor will be assigned to each youth camper lodging room; at least one adult of the same gender will be housed per floor. Both genders will be housed on the same floor. The health staff is a Wisconsin 4-H adult volunteer who has first aid/CPR training. You may be able to experience some or all of the following activities: train like the pioneers of Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo; tumble and spin in a Multi-Axis Trainer; float on air in a 5-Degrees of Freedom Chair; walk like Apollo astronauts in a 1/6<sup>th</sup> Gravity Chair; experience a world without friction in the MMU – Manned Maneuvering Unit; explore the past, present and future of space flight; and experience a giant screen IMAX® theater. Activities may also include large group games and running which allow personal contact with other counselors and campers; walking or standing for several hours on concrete floors or sidewalks; climbing on an indoor climbing wall with safety equipment; swimming in a hotel pool with non-lifeguard trained Adult Advisors present; writing; public speaking; and performing skits in front of an audience. For more information about Space Camp and to connect to other great links, visit [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com). Sample schedules can be found in the Wisconsin 4-H Participant Handbook at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp/index.cfm>

**Parents/Guardians:** Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this program, activity or service, please contact Outreach Specialist Kay Hobler at (608) 262-1557 as soon as possible preceding the scheduled event so that proper arrangements can be made in a timely fashion. Requests are kept confidential.

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# 2012 WISCONSIN 4-H SPACE CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION FORM

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Please print in black ink or type.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Year(s) Attended Space Camp \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*You must check this e-mail address often to receive information regarding interviews and planning.*

T-shirt size: (adults' sizes, 100% cotton so they run small; sorry, size "small" is unavailable)  
    \_\_\_ Medium (36-38)    \_\_\_ Large (40-42)    \_\_\_ X-Large (44-46)    \_\_\_ 2X (48-50)    \_\_\_ 3X (52-54)

Why do you wish to become a WI 4-H Space Camp Counselor? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List skills that qualify you for this position. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe one leadership and/or teaching role you have held. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to gain from your experience as a WI 4-H Space Camp Counselor? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If offered a position on the 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor Team, I certify that I meet the qualifications below and that I understand the following conditions:**

1. I have attended Space Camp at least once in the past and will not be over age 16 by the end of the Space Camp trip.
2. I will make arrangements to attend all teleconferences, orientations and the UW Space Place Workshop.
3. I understand that all WI 4-H Space Camp Counselor activities/responsibilities will be supervised by an Adult Advisor.
4. I understand that although all attendees must follow guidelines on signed expectation form, WI 4-H Space Camp Counselors *lead by example and will be held to a higher standard.*
5. I will be an outstanding representative of 4-H and am willing to guide and answer questions from fellow Space Campers.
6. I understand that I must maintain my county 4-H program's approval throughout the trip.
7. I understand that, if I accept an offered position, I am responsible for full financial registration fees of approximately \$425 which will be due April 1.
8. I understand that I cannot cancel without penalty after February 1 except for medical emergencies and that only written cancellations are accepted.
9. I understand if I do not meet these expectations, I may be removed from the WI 4-H Space Camp Counselor position.

**To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete.**

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants: Return signed original 3 page application to your County 4-H by December 1, 2011.**

**4-H Staff: Postmark reference & application form to State 4-H Office no later than December 6, 2011.**

**Unsigned, faxed and electronic applications will not be considered.**

## 2012 WISCONSIN 4-H SPACE CAMP COUNSELOR YOUTH SELF ASSESSMENT

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Interpersonal Relations: in your relationship to other people, would you say you are usually:

comments

- |                            |                |  |
|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| Cooperative?               | ___ yes ___ no |  |
| Looked to for guidance?    | ___ yes ___ no |  |
| Respected?                 | ___ yes ___ no |  |
| Outgoing?                  | ___ yes ___ no |  |
| Sensitive toward others?   | ___ yes ___ no |  |
| Willing to try new things? | ___ yes ___ no |  |

2. How do you plan to follow up in your county when you return home?

3. Why do you think you will be a good mentor/leader for delegates?

4. Do you work well in team situations? How?

5. How would you rate yourself in the following areas?

	Below Average	Average	Above average	Top 10%
Emotional maturity	___	___	___	___
Leadership	___	___	___	___
Enthusiasm & energy	___	___	___	___
Self-confidence	___	___	___	___
Sense of humor	___	___	___	___
Teaching experience	___	___	___	___
Organizational skills	___	___	___	___
Problem-solving skills	___	___	___	___
Willingness to take guidance	___	___	___	___
Public Speaking	___	___	___	___

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Interview Date/Time Preference

Several applicants for the 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor positions will be invited to interview for a leadership role on the Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor Team. A State 4-H committee will review applications, conduct interviews, make selections, and announce the Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Counselor Team around January 10, 2012.

Listed below are several times and dates for possible 15 minute interviews. Please indicate for each time whether you could be available and also rank your preferred times (1 being first choice). Wisconsin 4-H staff will follow up with selected interviewees in mid December for an interview time so watch your e-mail for notification and request for return confirmation!

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail where I will watch for notification of confirmed interview time: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Note that your interview confirmation will be sent to you via the e-mail address you listed here. \*\*\***

Home, cell or other phone number where I can be called for an interview: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

6:00-6:15 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

6:20-6:35 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

6:40-6:55 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

7:00-7:15 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

7:20-7:35 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

7:40-7:55 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

8:00-8:15 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

3:30-3:45 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

3:50-4:05 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

4:10-4:25 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

4:30-4:45 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

4:50 -5:05 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

5:10 -5:25 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

5:30 -5:45 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

6:00-6:15 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

6:20-6:35 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

6:40-6:55 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

7:00-7:15 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011      \_\_\_ ok \_\_\_ not available

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**2012 WISCONSIN 4-H SPACE CAMP COUNSELOR  
CONFIDENTIAL COUNTY 4-H EDUCATOR REFERENCE**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

The above named individual has applied to be a Space Camp Counselor for the Wisconsin 4-H trip to Huntsville, Alabama between April 19-23, 2012. Your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's leadership capability and ability to work well in groups is appreciated. All information is confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

1. Interpersonal Relations: As you observe this applicant in relationship to peers and adult leaders, is the applicant usually: \_\_\_\_\_  
comments \_\_\_\_\_
- |                            |                |       |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------|
| Cooperative?               | ___ yes ___ no | _____ |
| Looked to for guidance?    | ___ yes ___ no | _____ |
| Respected?                 | ___ yes ___ no | _____ |
| Outgoing?                  | ___ yes ___ no | _____ |
| Sensitive toward others?   | ___ yes ___ no | _____ |
| Willing to try new things? | ___ yes ___ no | _____ |

2. Do you think this applicant will serve responsibly by setting aside time for participation before the program, during the program, and for follow-up in the county after the program?

3. Do you think this applicant will be a good mentor/leader for delegates? Does he/she work well in team situations?

4. In comparison with youth in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade you have known (as appropriate), how would you rate the applicant in the following areas?

	Below average	Average	Above Average	Top 10%	Have Not Observed
Emotional maturity	___	___	___	___	___
Leadership	___	___	___	___	___
Enthusiasm & energy	___	___	___	___	___
Self-confidence	___	___	___	___	___
Sense of humor	___	___	___	___	___
Teaching experience	___	___	___	___	___
Organizational skills	___	___	___	___	___
Problem-solving skills	___	___	___	___	___
Willingness to take guidance	___	___	___	___	___
Public Speaking	___	___	___	___	___

5. Do you recommend this applicant to serve as a WI 4-H Space Camp Counselor? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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