

Grant County 4-H Summer Camp Position Descriptions

Position Title: Youth Counselor

Purpose:

To work directly with campers in counseling, guiding and mentoring role to ensure that all have a positive camp experience. To assist campers in learning, making new friends, and working together as a team.

Time Required:

Camp is four days in length. Counselors are expected to attend all four days of camp. In addition, Counselors are expected to attend all county training meetings and New Counselor Training at Upham Woods if he/she has not attended previously.

Camp Staff Responsibilities:

- Be available to campers day or night.
- Be a positive role model for campers and fellow counselors and advisors (behavior, dress, health habits and language).
- Enforce Upham Woods rules and policies.
- Ensure the safety of all campers, counselors and fellow advisors.
- Participate in all scheduled activities.
- Seek assistance with problem situations and keep camp staff, extension staff and adult advisors informed.
- Attend required camp counselor trainings and meetings.
- Reinforce and remember that camp is for the campers.
- Take care of yourself, so that you are prepared to work with campers every day.

Responsibilities of a Youth Counselor:

- Know where all the campers assigned to you are at all times.
- Ensure that each camper participates in all activities.
- Ensure that campers are on time to each scheduled activity.
- Participate in a planning committee for a camp activity.

Qualifications:

- Have completed at least 9th grade at time of camp.
- Demonstrate maturity, responsibility, leadership skills, attentive to detail, flexibility and reliability.
- Display positive attitude and be enthusiastic.
- Have experience working with children in a group setting.
- Have willingness to work as a team member.
- Be eager to accept new responsibilities and follow through on them.
- Be a current Grant County 4-H member.

DUE: February 1, 2008

GRANT COUNTY 4-H CAMP YOUTH COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Camp Dates: July 27-30, 2008

Youth Counselors must be in 9th grade or older

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Phone _____

4-H Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

Email Address _____

1. Have you ever been a camper at Upham Woods? _____yes _____no

2. Have you ever been a counselor at the 4-H camp? _____yes _____no

3. Do you swim? _____yes _____no

4. List experiences in working with children, either in groups or individually, such as baby sitting, junior leader, club officer, recreation leader, etc.

5. Are you CPR certified or would you be certified at the time of camp?

6. Check areas that you feel competent in and briefly describe experiences relating to each area:

_____song leader

_____waterfront activities

_____games/recreation

(swim, boat, canoe)

_____nature studies, hiking

_____crafts (please list)

_____outdoor recreation

_____compass reading

_____swimming

_____dining room

_____teaching first aid

_____fire building

_____archery

_____other (please list)

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7. What leadership experiences have you had in school church, community or 4-H activities?

8. List any other information or experiences that support your selection as a Youth Counselor.

9. If selected, I agree to attend camp planning meetings and if a first time Counselor, I agree to attend the Counselor Training Camp held at Upham Woods on April 12-13, 2008.

Your signature _____

Parent's signature _____

There will be a Cost of \$25.00 for camp for Youth Counselors.

*Please return application to Nicole Grinnell, AmeriCorps Member, PO Box 31, Lancaster, WI 53813, by Friday, February 1, 2008.
Be sure to ask a 4-H leader to complete the enclosed Leader Recommendation and to return it to Nicole Grinnell by the due date.*

4-H Leader's Recommendation for Youth Counselor

(To be completed by a 4-H club leader other than a parent)

Please comment briefly on this member's maturity, poise, leadership ability, cooperation and ability to work in groups. Do you feel that this member has sufficient maturity to be a Youth Counselor or should he/she wait until a future year? Your recommendation will be kept strictly confidential.

Signature of 4-H Leader _____

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