

## Sunny Hills 4-H Camp Counselor Application

Counselor Training: June 4-5, 2019

Sunny Hills Camp – June 5-8, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Jan. 1): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, KS Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ (completed) Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as Jr. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you served as a camp counselor before? (Please check)

\_\_\_\_ 4-H \_\_\_\_ Other Camp; Explain:

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you attended camps before? (Please check)

\_\_\_\_ 4-H \_\_\_\_ Other camp; Explain:

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. As a camp counselor, check the age/grade preference of 4-H Campers you would like lead at camp:

\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ any age/grade

4. Complete this sentence, "I want to be a camp counselor because..."

5. Describe experience you have in working with small groups of elementary age youth.

6. List any training related to serving as a camp counselor that you have had. (Lifeguard, Basic First Aid, etc.)

7. What counselor responsibilities would you like to learn more about in counselor training?

8. As a camp counselor, you have a large responsibility. What skills do you have to make you great at this job?

9. How would you handle the following situations as a camp counselor:

-Name Calling:

-Homesickness:

-One of your campers tend to be a "loner"

10. Please list two references with a phone number or email to reach them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

11. As a camp group, we have been trying to practice dual leadership. This means there are several camp groups that have two counselors. Would you be willing to be a co-counselor?

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would prefer to serve as a co-counselor

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will serve as a co-counselor, only if needed

\_\_\_\_ No, I would prefer to serve as the sole counselor

12. Volunteer Screening: All 4-H Counselor are required to complete the Volunteer Screening Process. Make sure to contact your local Extension Office to see what your status is with this requirement. There are several steps that must be completed prior to your departure to camp.

### **Camp Counselor Agreement with Sunny Hills Camp Group**

Below is the contract that contains the responsibilities and duties of the Camp Counselor and Extension Agents at Sunny Hills Camp. By signing the contract, the Counselor accepts to carry out these responsibilities.

#### **Camp Counselor's General Responsibility**

Assume responsibility for a group of 8-10 campers of the same sex and age level from several different counties for 24 hours a day during camp, June 5-8, 2019.

#### **Specific Duties**

- Participate in Sunny Hills 4-H Camp Counselor Training June 4-5, 2019.

- Follow camp rules as set forth by Rock Springs 4-H Center and the Sunny Hills Camp Group.
- Know where your campers are at all times (including free time) and be present at critical times.
- Promote a helping relationship by interacting with your living group at all times during camp.
- Be aware of health, safety, and well-being of your campers. Check for illness or injury. Report major health problems to the camp nurse. Supervise taking medicine when appropriate.
- See that you, your living group, and fellow counselors know and observe camp rules, including camp dress code.
- Help your living group make a wide variety of choices for activities and participate with campers.
- Be sensitive to campers' personalities, differences, and needs.

### **Sunny Hills Extension Agents' General Responsibility**

Assume the responsibility of providing a support system for camp counselors and their living groups.

### **Specific Duties**

- Make financial arrangements for camp counselor's camp fee to be paid by the camp group.
- Make housing arrangement for campers and counselors.
- Provide counselor training including: orientation to camp, schedules of activities, challenges, activity sign-up, and night patrol.
- Support counselors when problems occur.
- Be a resource for emotional and social support of counselors.
- Supply information about special health needs of campers.
- Assist counselors and camp nurses in emergency situations.
- Act as a go-between for counselors and Rock Springs staff (example: special equipment, supplies, etc.)
- Control parents if and when necessary.

### **Other responsibilities to be negotiated**

**I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By submitting this application, I commit to attending camp and counselor training if selected as a counselor.**

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_