



Polk County 4-H Camp Counselor/ Counselor in Training Application



Due to your county 4-H Agent by April 15, 2016.

We are getting ready for 4-H Adventure Camp 2016! We hope that you will join us as a 4-H camp counselor or counselor in training (CIT). Both positions play an important role at camp. They have many responsibilities that are associated with supervising campers for 24 hours during the entire week of camp. CIT applicants must be at least 13 years of age (as of September 1st) and have one year of 4-H camping experience. Counselors must be at least 14 years of age (as of September 1st) and have at least one year experience as a CIT.

Because of their leadership roles and responsibilities, an interview and training sessions will be held to select the most qualified applicants and to better prepare and equip them for their position as either a counselor or CIT. Youth receive discounted camp registration, community service hours, workforce preparation and skill development.

Training Sessions:

April 15, 2016: Applications are submitted and reviewed.

April 23, 2016: This will involve in-depth training about risk management, team building, conflict management, and other camp policies for selected CITs and counselors. It will also be planning for events and activities for the week of camp. It will be held at 4-H Camp Cloverleaf located at 126 Cloverleaf Rd. Lake Placid, FL 33852. Saturday's training will be from 1:00pm-8:00pm and includes dinner. Youth have the option of staying overnight until Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Depending on the number staying and individual schedules, transportation may be arranged from Bartow. Please inform the 4-H office of your preferences.

June 12, 2016: Counselors (not CITs) will come the day before camp to review the schedule and their assigned roles and make cabin and camp preparations. This will be held at Camp Cloverleaf beginning at 4:00p.m. Transportation is provided from Bartow.

June 13-17: Polk County 4-H Adventure Camp at 4-H Camp Cloverleaf with Pasco and Pinellas Counties. Counselors and CITs ride the bus back to Bartow.

Applicants are expected to attend the training sessions. If you have questions about the counselor/CIT selection process, please contact your county 4-H agent.

Thank you again for your submission.

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Name: _____ Age (as of Sept. 1st): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Personal References: Please provide two references, who have knowledge of your qualifications, but are not related to you, and represent various activities in your life.

1. Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

2. Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

4-H Experience:

Are you a 4-H member? _____ If yes, club name: _____ # years in 4-H: _____

4-H Camp Experience:

Have you attended a 4-H camp before? _____ If yes, which one(s) and for how many years? _____

Have you been a counselor or CIT before? _____ If yes, which one and for how many years? _____

List work or other volunteer experiences that you may have. Include your roles or responsibilities if any.

Special Training:

Are you CPR certified? _____ Expiration Date: _____

Are you first aid certified? _____ Expiration Date: _____

Are you a certified lifeguard? _____ Expiration Date: _____

Others: _____

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List other activities that you are involved in (e.g. band, sports, church groups, etc.). If these will prevent you from attending the trainings, please reconsider your application.

Why do you want to be a 4-H camp CIT or counselor?

Describe a time when you helped another.

What are your responsibilities to the campers, other counselors, and adults?

What skills or qualities do you have that would help you to be an effective counselor/CIT at camp? Do you have a preferred age group to work with?

4-H Camp Counselor Commitment:

I understand that if I am selected as a camp counselor, I am expected to attend the training sessions. I acknowledge and am willing to take on the roles and responsibilities of a camp counselor. I agree to follow the camp procedures and policies. The information that I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Date: _____
Signature of Applicant

_____ Date: _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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