



4-H CAMP POSITION

Volunteer Teen Leader



POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Warren County 4-H Youth Development Program
The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

POSITION TITLE:

Teen Leader

QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience as a 4-H Camper

SUPERVISOR:

Camp Program Director

TIME REQUIRED / DURATION OF APPOINTMENT:

During Camp Session

LOCATIONS:

West Kentucky 4-H Center, Dawson Springs

GENERAL PURPOSE:

Help supervise youth, ages 9-13, in a camping facility. Support 4-H professionals, volunteers and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences to help youth develop social skills.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Along with the Adult Leader, reside in a cabin with campers. A teen leader must never be alone with campers while in the cabin. An adult must always be present when in the cabin.
- Assist in orienting campers to the camp and program.
- Help guide campers in making choices of classes.
- Be on the alert for homesickness or other issues.
- Check health and safety needs of campers.
- Help take care of campers' personal property.
- Help create positive attitude of campers in cabin.
- Maintain order in cabin or group.
- Assist campers during class periods.
- Have a "quiet" cabin after lights are out.
- Watch for fatigue in camp group.
- Assist in rainy day programs by supervising games in cabin, etc.
- Report daily on progress, situation, problems and successes to County Extension Agents and attend Staff meetings as requested.
- Assist with program planning and evaluation.
- Assist Camp Staff, adult leaders or Extension Agents, upon request, in such areas as meditations, flags, crafts, etc.

- Work with campers in planning and conducting such programs as flag raising and lowering and meditations.
- All leaders must attend camp training programs offered at the county or multi-county level.
- All leaders are ultimately responsible to the Camp Program Director for the camp in which they are involved.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Have a genuine interest in working with youth.
- Have a sincere interest in 4-H camp.
- Be friendly, cooperative and have a high degree of personal responsibility.
- Possess tolerance, consideration and fair-mindedness.
- Be sympathetic and understanding.
- Be enthusiastic.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must provide own transportation to meetings and activities.
- Self starter; be able to work with minimal supervision from professional staff.
- Effective communication skills.
- A sincere interest in working with extension staff, volunteers, parents, and youth.
- Organizational skills; ability to organize information and materials in a timely manner.
- Must be 15 years or older at time of camp (Counselors in training must be 14 years old)
- Ability to get along with others
- Willingness to follow rules

BENEFITS:

- The opportunity to work with youth and/or adults providing positive support and growth experience.
- Receive intrinsic and extrinsic rewards at volunteer recognition events.
- Volunteer development opportunities.
- Opportunity to share your skills, talents, and interest.
- Orientation provided by extension staff.
- Research shows that volunteering promotes improved health.
- The opportunity to make a difference in the life of the child

SALARY:

Unsalariated; volunteer

MENTOR/SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL:

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of Extension Professional

Date