



## 2025 RETURNING CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

**Please check Position Applicant is Applying For:**

*Youth Director* (16-18 years old with 2 years of experience as a Counselor) \_\_\_\_\_

*Assistant Youth Director* (16-18 years old with two years of experience as a Counselor) \_\_\_\_\_

*Counselor* (15-18 years old) Includes cabin leaders and activity leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 6/1/25: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the number of years you attended 4-H Camp as a Camper:

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior

\_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate

List the number of times you have served in each of the following positions:

**Youth Director:**

Camp	Y/N	How many times? _____
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**Assistant Youth Director:**

Camp	Y/N	How many times? _____
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**Counselor:**

Camp	Y/N	How many times? _____
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Other Camp Experiences:

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List any work experience that lends to your position:

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**4-H and Extra-Curricular Activities (including leadership positions held with each activity listed, for example, an officer, captain, assistant with an adult, or committee chair)**

**1. School:**

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**2. Community:**

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**3. 4-H other than Camp (Club, County, State) Service Learning-Community Service:**

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**4. Hidden Talents/Hobbies:**

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**Please provide experiences working with younger youth other than 4-H camp (for example Babysitting, 4-H, Family, School, Church, Sports, etc.). Include your role and age of youth:**

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**What are some of the reasons for conducting 4-H Camp besides 'fun'?**

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**What do you hope to gain from your experiences as a Camp Counselor that will help in your future endeavors?**

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**What characteristics do you have that makes you a good role model? Why?**

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**How would the Camping Program benefit by having you as part of the Teen Staff?**

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**Please define each of the Camp Counselor qualities listed below and explain how you would apply them to camp this year.**

**Good Listener:**

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**Team Player:**

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**Cooperative:**

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**Awareness of the Environment:**

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**Positive Attitude:**

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**Encouraging:**

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**Willingness/Helpful:**

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**Works well with other Counselors:**

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**If you are chosen as a Counselor, list at least four personal goals you hope to accomplish at Camp this year:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your favorite part of 4-H camp and why is it important to you?**

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**How did you help the campers have a memorable experience at 4-H Camp last year?**

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**What would you like to improve about yourself as a Counselor this year?**

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Being a Camp Counselor can be physically, mentally, and emotionally stressful. How do you handle your stress at camp? What do you think contributes to the stress at camp? Do you have any suggestions on how to alleviate some of this stress?

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Please indicate any trainings or certificates you currently have:

Red Cross First Aid Certification       Red Cross Certified Lifeguard  
 Basic Sign Language                       CPR Certification  
 Yes, I can swim.                               No, I cannot swim.

Please list one idea as a Camp Theme, plus 3 activities that support the overall vision of the theme. Activities can range from skits to decorations, workshops, etc.

Theme Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity #3: \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Information

**Director Applicants Only:** Applicants interested in being considered for Youth Directors will be required to give a presentation. Previous camp counselor performance will also be considered and will be interviewed by the Harford County 4-H Camp Directors.

**Counselor Applicants:** Returning counselor applicants will be required to complete an interview with the Camp Directors and Staff.

**Letters of Recommendation:** ONE letter of recommendation will be required for all Returning Camp Counselors. The Recommendation form can be found on our website and must be returned by December 13, 2024.

Forms must be received to the 4-H Office by December 13, 2024. Please return forms to Marylisa Schaedel, [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or mail to 3525 Conowingo Rd, Suite 600, Street, MD 21154.

Camp dates are tentatively scheduled for June 23-27, 2025

**Counselor fees for participation will be \$95.00 and this payment will be collected at the first counselor training.** Please make checks payable to Harford County EAC.

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 15, 2023.**

*By completing and submitting this application, I understand that there is an obligation to **attend** and **participate** in planned camp staff trainings. I must be enrolled in 4-H Online by **2/1/2025** to participate in the trainings. I also understand that my selection to participate as a Camp Staff Member is based upon many criteria as stated in the Camp Counselor Applicant Agreement.*

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*Applicant Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent/Legal Guardian Signature*

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*Date*

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