

# Camp Counsellor Contract

## **Why are you here?**

As a counselor you are the most important ingredient for a successful camp. Your major responsibility is to supervise a group of campers to provide a safe, fun, and exciting camping experience.

Your duties as a camp counselor should be taken extremely serious. As a counselor your job involves listening, sharing, guiding, and advising campers, and helping them to adjust to new situations, giving encouragement, and caring about each camper as an individual.

## **Counselor Job description!**

A camp counselor role is a major commitment and responsibility for you. This leadership opportunity will encourage growth in your life skills, allow you to demonstrate initiative, and increase your leadership as well as communication skills.

1. All Counselors will demonstrate emotional maturity and stability in camp/cabin decision making Situation; must be self confident and able to accept constructive criticism.
2. All Counselors will demonstrate an interest in the camp traditions, ideals, events and activities, as well as the campers, their needs, undertakings and special challenges.
3. The Counselor must assume the responsibility of leadership in their cabin and with their campers without constant and specific direction and/or supervision. Counselor teams must be able to demonstrate shared cabin leadership in a cooperative manner.
4. The Counselor will set the tone and be an example for campers by actively and enthusiastically participating in all camp activities, abiding by all camp rules and regulation, and ensuring that all camper are treated equally and fairly and are involved in all camp activities.
5. The Counselor will consider the needs and safety of the campers in all situations from the time the campers arrive at camp until they are released to their parents/guardians.
6. The Counselor will strive to provide a positive camping experience for their camper by creating and maintaining a safe, fun, and enjoyable atmosphere whether in a camp staff lead activity session or during cabin time.
7. A Counselor must be discreet and be willing to deal with confident issues of campers and to communicate major issues to Camp Coordinator/Agents before they become community topics.
8. A Counselor must maintain a positive attitude for the overall 4-H Camping Program .

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Camper's Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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4-H Agent Signature

**Scholarship Application Deadline is May 25, 2009!**