



2027 RETURNING CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Please check the position the 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 2 years of experience as a Counselor)
- ☐ Counselor (15-18 years old) includes cabin leaders and activity leaders

Name: _____ Age as of 6/1/27: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Counselor Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Number: _____

Camp Experience

Please provide the number of years you attended 4-H Camp as a camper. _____

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

Camp Youth Director: ____ Yes ____ No How many times? _____

Camp Assistant Director: ____ Yes ____ No How many times? _____

Camp Counselor: ____ Yes ____ No How many times? _____

Other Camp Experiences: _____

List any work experience that lends to your position: _____

4-H and Extracurricular Activities including leadership roles held with each activity listed, i.e. officer, captain, assistant with an adult, or committee chair

1. School:

2. Community:

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

4. Hidden Talents and Hobbies:

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.

What are some of the reasons for conducting 4-H Camp besides “fun”?

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

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

Selecting camp counselors is a highly competitive process. What makes you stand out?

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

Good Listener:

Team Player:

Cooperative:

Awareness of the Environment:

Positive Attitude:

Encouraging:

Willingness/Helpful:

Works well with other Counselors:

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

1.

2.

3.

4. _____

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

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

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

Being a Camp Counselor can be physically, mentally, and emotionally stressful.

1. How do you handle stress at camp?

2. What do you think contributes to the stress at camp?

3. Do you have any suggestions on how to alleviate some of the stress?

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 Camp Theme and three activities that support the overall vision of the theme.

Theme Idea: _____

Activity #1: _____

Activity #2: _____

Activity #3: _____

Submission Information: Please read carefully!

Camp Director Applicants: Those interested in being considered for Youth Director positions must give a presentation. Previous camp counselor performance will also be considered, and applicants will be interviewed by the Harford County 4-H Camp Directors.

Counselor Applicants: Returning counselor applicants must 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 is available on our website and must be returned by December 10, 2026.

Forms must be received by the 4-H office by December 10, 2026. Return forms to Karen Taylor, kbtaylor@umd.edu, or mail to Harford County Extension, 3515 Conowingo Road, Suite 600, Street, MD 21154.

Camp dates: Tentatively scheduled June 28 – July 2, 2027

Counselor Training Fees: Participation fees are \$125.00, and we will collect this payment at the first counselor training in January 2027. Please make a check payable to Harford County EAC.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 10, 2026.

*By completing and submitting this application, I understand that I am obligated to **attend** and **participate** in planned camp staff trainings. I must be enrolled in 4-H Online by 2/1/2027 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.*

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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