



2017

Spotsylvania 4-H Camp Counselor Application

**This application is
for youth who are
age 14 or older as
of January 1, 2017**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

STREET

CITY

ZIP

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL (parent or applicant) best to use for camp notifications _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ CURRENT AGE ____ SEX M ____ F ____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

ETHNICITY: Hispanic ____ or Non-Hispanic ____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: Asian ____ White ____ Black ____ American Indian ____ Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ____

4 -H EXPERIENCE (list # years): Club Member ____ Jr. Camper ____ Jr. Camp CIT ____ Jr. Camp Counselor ____

T-SHIRT SIZE: ADULT SMALL ____ MED ____ LARGE ____ X-LARGE ____ XX-LARGE ____

PARENT/GUARDIANS) NAME(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) PHONE NUMBERS

HOME: () _____ WORK: () _____ CELL: () _____

Return application and payment of \$225 by January 6th to:

***Terry Graham VCE Spotsylvania
P.O. Box 95 Spotsylvania, VA 22553
540-507-7520***

***Make checks payable to: Treasurer of Virginia Tech
\$50.00 return check fee applies to any returned checks***

Application and payment due by January 6, 2017

Teen Counselor Philosophy

The Virginia 4-H program recognizes that teenagers have the greatest opportunity to influence younger children. Younger children look up to teens even more than they do adults. In essence, younger children want to be teens more than they want to be adults. Thus, teen counselors have the greatest opportunity to make a lasting impression on 4-H campers. Junior 4-H campers are always watching teens because teen counselors serve as heroes to them; someone they hope to become like someday. Since teen counselors are closer to the age of the campers, they have the advantage of being more in tune with the likes, dislikes, and concerns of campers.

Junior 4-H camp counseling provides a great opportunity for adolescent 4-Hers to participate in 4-H by developing leadership and life skills. In a camping environment, teen counselors often make the difference in the lives of younger campers with their energy, enthusiasm, skills, talents, and by being a friend to the campers. For these reasons, 4-H Camp teen counselors are valued for the important contributions that they can make to the Spotsylvania 4-H camping program in.

Description of Teen Counseling

Teen volunteers serving as 4-H Camp teen counselors are non-salaried staff who have agreed to fill defined roles in the camping setting. 4-H camp teen counselors supervise children in the 4-H camp setting, serving in place of the parent and assuming responsibility for the well-being of the campers in their care at all times. Their primary role is to appropriately supervise 4-H campers. This is a very important role in the camping environment. Given this fact, a 4-H camp teen counselor must possess a positive, role-model aspect in their character and well-being to serve at Spotsylvania 4-H Camp.

Condensed Teen Counselor Job Description

Be leaders in developing a wholesome camp spirit:

be friendly to everyone

learn and use first names

set a good example

help the campers feel at home

encourage camper participation in all activities

respect the camper's right to have ideas

bring out hidden talents of the campers

go over the camp schedule

carry out instructions

preside at meals

promote character

Serve as class assistant or helper and/or teach a class.

Assist with group of campers.

Assist with other duties as assigned.

Help with recreation, evening programs, and campfire activities.

Help to evaluate camp on the basis of the camping objectives.

Be responsible to the Camp Director(s) or the person he/she designates.

Teen Leader Application Form

This form was not constructed to be easy, so please think about the time and dedication that you want to put into this before you begin. This application and other information should show the Interview Committee how much work you will actually put forth to being a great "Teen Counselor."

4-H Camping Experience

Have you ever attended 4-H Camp? Yes No

If yes, how many years have you attended camp as a camper? _____

If no, have you ever attended an overnight camp? Yes No

Have you ever served as a Counselor-In-Training at 4-H Camp? Yes No

If yes, did you attend the *CIT* class at 4-H Camp? Yes No

If no, have you ever been a CIT for another organization? Yes No

Have you ever served as a Teen Leader at 4-H Camp? Yes No

If yes, how many years have you attended camp as a Teen Leader? _____

If no, have you ever served as Teen Counselor for any other organization? Yes No

If you have attended 4-H Camp, list below the classes that you have participated in as a camper or helped supervise or teach. If you

All the following responses should be written in PARAGRAPH FORM! Not TEXT!

4-H Experience

Tell about your 4-H Experiences. Include school clubs, community clubs, special interest clubs, etc. and the activities you

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Leadership Experience

Please explain your experiences in holding a leadership role in a group setting within or outside of 4-H. Examples could

Camping Experience

Describe your camping experiences either in 4-H or outside of 4-H. Detail activities, songs, and other learning opportunities that you enjoyed.

Describe a negative experience that you have had in or outside of 4-H and how have you dealt with the experience.

References

Note: Your references should be people who will be accessible and can attest to your ability to be a counselor. Your references reflect your character and your willingness to have someone talk about your personality and dedication.

Parents and family members are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** references

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_____	_____
	<i>Relationship (teacher, coach, etc.)</i>
_____	_____
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number (home, work & cell)</i>

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_____	_____
	<i>Relationship (teacher, coach, etc.)</i>
_____	_____
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number (home, work & cell)</i>

3

_____	_____
<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship (teacher, coach, etc.)</i>
_____	_____
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number (home, work & cell)</i>



4-H Camp Class Experience and Interest

4-H camp provides campers ages 9 to13 with the opportunity to participate in a variety of classes. Many of the classes listed below will be offered this summer. If these classes were offered, which of the following classes could you **help with**?

(Please check all that apply, but indicate your **top (8) eight choices** by numbering them 1-8. Number #1 should be your "favorite choice.")

_____ Archery

_____ Arts and Crafts

_____ Canoeing

_____ Cooking

_____ Fishing

_____ Horsemanship

_____ Nature studies

_____ Outdoor Living Skills

_____ Performing Arts

_____ Multimedia Presentations

_____ Low Ropes Course

_____ High Ropes Course

_____ Riflery

_____ Fishing

_____ Music Appreciation

_____ Woodworking

_____ Swimming

_____ *Beginning*

_____ *Intermediate*

_____ *Advanced*

_____ Dance (type _____)

_____ Sports

Which sport(s)? _____

List your experiences, training, and/or certification in any of the classes that you selected above.

Would you like to plan, organize and teach a class at 4-H Camp? If so, what would you like **to teach**?

(Examples of some previous classes that have been taught: Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Foods, Spanish, Beads, Rockets, Leather Craft, Origami, Cheerleading, Wood Working, Entomology, First Aid, Soap Making, Stamping, Scrap Booking, etc.)

Would you need someone to assist you with the class? ___ Yes ___ No

Agreement and Consent

I have read and understand the Teen Counselor Philosophy, Description and Job Description. I understand that all teen applicants must successfully complete a screening, selection, and training process before being allowed to attend 4-H Camp with Spotsylvania.

This process includes: a completed application, 3 reference checks, participation in a scheduled face-to-face interview and completion of specific training set forth by Spotsylvania 4-H Camp Directors.

If selected as a 4-H Camp Teen Counselor, I will uphold the camp rules, regulations and procedures. I will abide by the 4-H Code-of-Conduct Form during the entire camping week and will conduct myself as a responsible young adult.

I hereby certify that all of the entries on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification of the information herein constitutes cause for dismissal. I also understand that records and criminal background or reference checks may be conducted on me at any time during the application process or during volunteer service to Virginia Cooperative Extension.

I understand that Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, veteran status, nation origin, disability, or political affiliation. Virginia Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity employer.

<i>Printed Teen Name</i>	<i>Teen Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Printed Parent/Guardian Name</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Social Networking

Please check the following social networking sites that you are associated with:

___ Facebook	___ Instagram
___ Twitter	___ Other _____



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