

Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: 4-H Camp Leader

Purpose of Position:

- Assist 4-H agent in planning, organizing and implementing a positive camping experience for all attending camp.
- Give leadership in providing safe, healthy, and fun learning activities for campers and adults.

Time Commitment:

You will attend mandatory camp training (6 hours) plus attend camp, Monday – Friday. While at camp, you will follow the same schedule as campers. You are expected to be at camp day and night.

Requirements:

- Must complete the Volunteer Application process and be approved by the County Extension Office. A background check will be completed on all volunteers.
- Attend mandatory camp training before camp.
- Must adhere to 4-H rules and procedures.

Qualifications:

- Believe in the educational value of camp.
- Have a fun, easy-going disposition, yet be well-prepared.
- Willingness to positively accept long hours in a typical day at camp.
- Ability and willingness to communicate with youth and adults.
- Believe in the importance of youth development and the need to provide youth with positive learning opportunities.
- Be open to learning new concepts and new methods of teaching.

Responsibilities:

- Attend mandatory camp leader training before camp.
- Youth come first! Make sure campers are having a good time, doing new things, learning, and making new friends.
- Communicate and work well with teens and other adults.
- Take leadership to ensure that the top priorities (safety, health, education, and fun) take place.
- Monitor for safety and health at all times.
- Be willing to act appropriately in an emergency or highly sensitive situation.
- Know and/or have the camp schedule.
- Participate in all appropriate activities and be on time if you are assigned a job.
- Monitor cabins and campers at night.

- Attend daily meetings scheduled by camp staff– this is where reminders, discussion of changes, concerns, and updates take place.
- Be prepared and organized to teach or lead activities assigned to you.
- Inform 4-H agent of concerns or unsafe situations.
- Be sensitive to risks and implement risk management strategies in conducting activities.
- Maintain sensitivity to individual differences in interest, abilities, personal needs, and cultural heritage.
- Treat all campers and volunteers with respect and care. Be fair to all.
- Follow 4-H policies and procedures.

University of Tennessee, Extension, 4-H Youth Development agrees to:

- Provide training that will help the volunteer leaders prepare for a positive camping experience.
- Support volunteer at camp and provide feedback and assistance as needed.
- Provide leader liability coverage for registered volunteers.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to work with youth and make a difference in their lives.
- Have fun with youth!
- Develop friendships with families in your county.
- Gain camping knowledge and skills.
- Great investment of your time and effort.... an investment in the future.

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