

JUNIOR COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Use only for Junior Counselor applicants entering grade 10. Complete this form and include it with your camp registration. Junior Counselor applicants will be accepted for the sessions requested unless space does not allow, or we have concerns based on previous experience.

COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH REGISTRATION TO:

**HOLIDAY HILL DAY CAMP
41 CHAFFEEVILLE ROAD,
MANSFIELD, CT 06250**

Date of Application _____ Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Permanent Address _____

_____ Phone _____

EDUCATION

| Years (From-to) | School | Town | State/Country |
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CAMP EXPERIENCE

| Dates | Camp | Director | City/State |
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PAST EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER IMPORTANT EXPERIENCES

| Dates | Employer/Experience | Position | Supervisor |
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What contributions do you think you can make at camp?

What contribution do you think a well-run camp can make to children?

Are there any reasons you may have difficulty in performing any of the essential elements of the position for which you have applied?

YES _____ NO _____ If yes, please explain _____

I authorize investigation of all statements herein and release the camp and all others from liability in connection with same. I understand the position of Junior Counselor is that of a Counselor-In-Training and that, while I will still be a camper in a special program, my behavior and attitude will be held to the same standards as that of the regular staff.

Applicant's Signature _____ Parent's Signature _____

JOB DESCRIPTION: Counselor

Junior Counselors Please Note: JCs are campers with special privileges and expectations. The Job Description shown here, while a condition of employment for staff, also represents our expectations of Junior Counselors. Remove this page from your Registration/Application, and retain for your reference.

Minimum Qualifications

- Desire and ability to work with children outdoors
- Ability to relate to one's peer group
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance
- Ability to assist group leader in various activities
- Good character, integrity, and adaptability
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Ability to abide by the philosophies, goals, objectives, personnel policies, rules and regulations as stated by the camp

Responsible To

Group Leader, Division Coordinator, Assistant Director, Directors

General Responsibility

Assist direction, supervision, and organization of campers; *these include but are not limited to the following:*

Specific Responsibilities

1. CAMPER SAFETY- Know where your campers are at all times, be cognizant of the overall safety of each camper and maintain appropriate camper-to-staff ratios while supervising activities. Report the details of any near accidents or incidents, the recurrence of which may be prevented in the future through corrective action.
2. CAMPER HEALTH- Be watchful and observant of each child's health during the day. Promote cleanliness, good eating habits, sun protection, hydration, appropriate rest and exercise. Report all health problems to the directors and the camp nurse.
3. CAMPER PARTICIPATION- Ensure appropriate participation by each camper in all camp events. Provide reasonable options for those who, after careful consideration, request not to participate in a given activity. Lead campers in group program planning, problem solving, and group decision-making. Ensure fairness and diversity in the selection of group activities.
4. CAMPER SUPERVISION- Supervise your campers at lunch, on trips, busses or **any** unassigned times when they may be in your presence.

General Responsibility

Maintain and encourage appropriate relationships with campers, staff, parents, and the community

Specific Responsibilities

1. The Counselor will serve as a positive role model for all campers, keeping in mind one's own behavior, language, attitude and appearance. Specific attention will be given to appropriate dress with regard to advertising messages, social signals and personal hygiene.
2. The Counselor will make every effort to develop a good working relationship with all other staff members and campers. Counselors will set positive examples by sharing space and time appropriately and upholding appropriate sportsmanship.
3. The Counselor will generate camp spirit by demonstrating enthusiasm in all camp activities.
4. The Counselor will give attention to each camper, allowing for individual differences.
5. The Counselor will assist the Group Leader by sharing group management responsibilities and by taking overall leadership of the group on occasion.
6. The Counselor will assist the Group Leader in maintaining leadership of the group when attending specialty areas to support the Specialist in conducting a given activity.
7. The Counselor will promote each camper's awareness of his/her daily progress during each session and throughout the summer, so that the campers will gain a meaningful perspective of their experiences and achievements.
8. The Counselor will maintain professional relations with staff and campers (**this includes C.I.T.'s**). Details of personal relationships between staff members or others should not be brought up or displayed at camp. If, out of concern for the safety of an individual or the camp, one judges that disclosure of confidential information is necessary, it should be brought to the attention of Division Coordinators, Assistant Director and/or Directors who will manage such information with appropriate discretion.

General Responsibilities

To fulfill staff administrative roles and activities; *these include but are not limited to the following:*

Specific Responsibilities

1. The Counselor will prepare for and actively participate in staff training, meetings, and evaluations.
2. The Counselor will mark attendance or ensure its report each morning, and hand in attendance records to the office after each session.
3. The Counselor will arrive at camp punctually each day (**8:45am**). Counselors will attend to punctuality with regard to the camp schedule and their commitments to others.
4. The Counselor will be prepared ahead of time for any activity that s/he is responsible to lead. Counselors will assist in the organization and execution of any special event assigned to them.
5. The Counselor will encourage respect for personal property, camp equipment, the natural environment and the camp's grounds and facilities by ensuring proper use and storage of equipment, and managing refuse and litter.
6. The Counselor will report any physical damage, hazards or other concerns and suggestions for improvement to their Division Coordinators, Assistant Director, Directors and/or Maintenance.

