

Summer Camp Information

2019 4-H Summer Camps

This year, Taylor County will be camping again with Waupaca, Portage, Wood, and Lincoln Counties.

Registration information for campers will be available in the March/April and/or May/June 4-H Newsletter.

Junior Camp, 2nd-3rd graders: June 14-15th 2019 at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), Amherst Junction, and WI.

Intermediate Camp, 4th-8th graders: June 9-11 2019 at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

4-H summer camp is a great opportunity for youth. During camp there are countless opportunities to participate in fun age appropriate programming, meet other 4-H members, and develop life skills such as leadership, responsibility, social skills, cooperation, teamwork, self-esteem, critical thinking, and so much more! We hope you will consider joining us for camp this summer to have a great experience that you'll remember for a lifetime!

Camp Counselors Needed

If you are in 9th grade or above and wish to be a summer camp counselor for Junior or Intermediate camp, please fill out the application on the next page, or submit an online application which can be found on the Taylor County UW-Extension website. Camp counselors are required to be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. They must take leadership responsibility and be able to help evaluate camp. Most qualified applicants will have experience as a camper or counselor. Camp counselors will be chosen based on how closely they meet the criteria of the position. Counselors will be expected to participate in camp counselor training (on April 14) and all camp activities. Camp counselors will serve as a counselor for 5-10 4-H members. See details for each Camp Counselor and Adult Chaperone position in the next column and see the application on the Taylor County UW-Extension website at <https://taylor.uwex.edu/>. **Applications are due February 1, 2019** to the Extension Office.



Camp Counselor Roles

Intermediate or Junior Camp Director:

Requirements: At least 10th grade at the time of selection; must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff; must take leadership responsibility and be able to evaluate counselors; should have experience as a counselor.

Cabin Counselor:

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; must be mature and be able to relate to campers and staff; experience as a camper is beneficial. Cabin counselors serve up to eight 4-H members.

Resource Counselor:

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff; experience as a camper is beneficial. Must be able to lead group activities—arts & crafts, nature activities, or games and recreation.

Benefits of being a 4-H Camp Counselor include an opportunity to be a role model to younger members, meet other 4-H members, learn or improve leadership skills like communication, planning, decision making, and responsibility.

Adult Chaperones and Nurse Needed

Another important role are adult chaperones. Adult chaperones must be 21 or older and have completed the 4-H Leader training. Adult chaperones are a crucial part of camp, we cannot run camp without devoted adults. In past years, there has been a need for more adults to volunteer, especially adult male chaperones. We will need 1 adult per 10 campers as mandated by the state, and one nurse. While this experience is not a “vacation” for adults, it is necessary to have enough adults to provide a safe camp and to be able to provide impactful programming that youth will learn valuable life skills from and remember for a lifetime.

Please consider being an adult chaperone if you meet the qualifications. We will only be able to send youth to camp if we have enough chaperones. If you are interested, please submit a half page letter of interest including why you would like to volunteer as an adult chaperone and your experience working in a camp setting. Letters can be sent to the Extension office or emailed to stephanie.boehnlein@ces.uwex.edu by **February 1, 2019**.

2019 4-H Camp Counselor Application

- Deadline for Application: **February 1, 2019**
- Counselor Training will be held from **10 am-3 pm on April 13, 2019**. Specific locations not yet determined.
- Must be in Grade 9 or above to be a Camp Counselor.
- Submit an adult recommendation with at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, 4-H leader, and/or other community contact (cannot be a relative) along with application.

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

T-Shirt size _____

1. Check all that you are interested in applying for:
 - a. _____ Junior Camp Counselor (2nd-3rd grade campers), June 14-15, 2019
 - b. _____ Junior Camp Youth Director (Must be 10th grade or older)
 - c. _____ Junior Camp Resource Counselor (arts & crafts, nature activities, recreation & games)
 - d. _____ Intermediate Camp Counselor (4th -8th grade campers), June 9-11, 2019
 - e. _____ Intermediate Camp Youth Director (Must be 10th grade or older)
 - f. _____ Intermediate Camp Resource Counselor (arts & crafts, nature activities, recreation & games)

If you prefer to be a Resource Counselor, please RANK your choices of activities you would like to lead: (1=most interested, 2=somewhat interested, 3=least interested)

_____ Arts & Crafts
_____ Nature Activities
_____ Games and Recreation

2. Why do you want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor?

3. What experiences have you had that will help you be a good 4-H Camp Counselor?

4. Have you ever been a 4-H Camp Counselor? YES _____ NO _____

5. Please list the 4-H camps or other camps you have attended as a counselor or as a camper :

Year of Camp	Name of Camp	Number of Days	Camper or Counselor	Responsibilities

I understand the State 4-H guidelines require counselor training. By applying to be a camp counselor, I am agreeing to participate in the scheduled training April 13 in Merrill or Waupaca. If I cannot attend that training, I will attend one of the Upham Woods Camp Counselor Trainings (please contact the UW-Extension office for details on how to sign up). Lunch will be provided at the trainings so please note any food allergies.

I will attend the following camp counselor training (choose one):

- Taylor/Lincoln/Portage/Waupaca/Wood training on April 13, 2019 in Taylor County 10am-3pm
- Taylor/Lincoln/Portage/Waupaca/Wood training on April 13, 2019 in **Portage County 10am-3pm**
- Upham Woods Camp Counselor Training on April 27-28 in Wisconsin Dells (ONLY choose if you absolutely cannot attend on April 14 in Merrill or Waupaca)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications are due to the UW-Extension Office by February, 1 2019.

Send Completed Applications to:

**925 DONALD ST. ROOM 103
MEDFORD, WI 54451**

Taylor County 4-H Camp Counselor ADULT RECOMMENDATION

The following applicant _____ is applying to serve as a 4-H camp counselor. You have been identified as a person who could speak to their qualifications. It is the responsibility of the youth leader to see that you receive this recommendation at least 2 weeks prior to the due date along with a pre-addressed envelope. Recommendations are confidential and will not be returned to the 4-H youth leader. **A recommendation from a family member will not be accepted.**

Please complete the following recommendation and return as directed below.

Today's Date : _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you feel this member would be a good member of the 4-H Camp Staff? ____ Yes ____ No

How long have you known this 4-H member? _____

In what capacity do you know this member?

Evaluate the Member	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Responsibility				
Involvement in 4-H at Club level				
Teamwork Skills				
Planning & Organizing Skills				
Works to the best of their ability				
Dependability				
Communication				
Leadership Skills				
Ethics				
Solving Problems & Decision Making Skills				

If you would like to share more details, please write below discussing why the applicant is qualified to be a 4-H Camp Counselor or if you have any concerns.

Please return to the address below by February 1, 2019.

Recommendations should be sent directly to:
Taylor County UW-Extension Office
925 Donald ST. Room 103
Medford WI, 54451