

# Summer Camp Information

## 2018 4-H Summer Camps

This year Waupaca, Taylor, Portage, and Lincoln Counties will be camping together again. **Registration information for campers will be available in the April/May 4-H Newsletter.**

**Junior Camp**, 2nd—4th graders: June 8-9th 2018 at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), Amherst Junction, and WI.

**Intermediate Camp**, 5th-8th graders: June 13-15 2018 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 included in this newsletter. 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 included in the January/February 4-H Newsletter.

**Applications are due February 2, 2018** 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. We will only be able to send youth to camp if we have enough chaperones. If you are interested, please contact Penny at the UWEX office at [penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu)