Grant County 4-H Summer Camp
Position Description

Position Title: Camp Counselor

Purpose:
To work directly with campers in counseling, guiding, and mentoring to ensure that all have a positive camp experience. To assist campers in learning, making new friends, and working together as a team.

Time Required:
Camp is June 24-27, 2017. Counselors are expected to attend camp in its entirety, beginning with preparation for departure at 10:00 a.m. on June 24th until all campers are returned to the care of their guardians on June 27th. In addition, counselors are expected to attend all camp counselor training meetings.

Responsibilities:
- Be available to campers day and night.
- Be a positive role model for campers, fellow counselors, and chaperones (in behavior, dress, health habits, and language).
- Enforce Upham Woods rules and policies.
- Ensure the safety of all campers, counselors, and chaperones.
- Participate in all scheduled activities.
- Seek assistance with problem situations and keep Upham staff, Extension staff, and chaperones informed.
- Attend required camp counselor trainings and meetings.
- Reinforce and remember that camp is for the campers.
- Take care of yourself, so that you are prepared to work with campers every day.
- Know the whereabouts of all campers who are assigned to you at all times.
- Ensure that each camper participates in all activities.
- Ensure that campers are on time to each scheduled activity.

Qualifications:
- Have completed at least 9th grade at time of camp.
- Demonstrate maturity, responsibility, leadership skills, flexibility, and reliability.
- Display a positive and enthusiastic attitude.
- Have experience working with children in a group setting.
- Have a willingness to work as a team member.
- Be eager to accept new responsibilities and follow through on them.
- Be a current Grant County 4-H member.

Mandatory Requirements:
- **March 1:** Application Deadline
- **April 22-23:** Camp Counselor Training, Upham Woods; cost is $25 per counselor. This fee could be covered by the Leader's Association. You will need to register through 4hOnline. Keep an eye on the ECHO for more information about when registration opens.
- **Attend Camp Planning Meetings:** More information will be provided if you are selected to serve as a camp counselor.

DUE: March 1, 2017

GRANT COUNTY 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION
Camp Dates: June 24-27, 2017
Camp Counselors must be in 9th grade or older

Name_____Date of Birth_____Grade_____

Address_____Phone___ _ _____

4-H Club_____Years in 4-H_____

Email Address _____Cell Phone_____

Please Contact me by: ___ Email ___ Home Phone ___ Cell Phone

1. Have you ever been a camper at Upham Woods? _____yes _____no

2. Have you ever been a counselor at the 4-H camp? _____yes _____no

3. Do you swim? _____yes _____no T-Shirt size _____

4. List experiences in working with children, either in groups or individually, such as babysitting, junior leader, club officer, recreation leader, etc.

5. Check areas that you feel competent to lead:

_____song leader
_____nature studies, hiking
_____outdoor recreation
_____compass reading
_____swimming
_____dining room
_____archery
_____waterfront activities
(swim, boat, canoe)

_____games/recreation
_____crafts (please list)
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_____fire building
_____other (please list)
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6. What leadership experiences have you had in school, church, community, or 4-H activities?

7. List any other information or experiences that support your selection as a Camp Counselor.

I will adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used; conduct myself in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide a positive role model; comply with local, state and federal laws; abstain from use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities; fully participate in scheduled activities and orientations; respect others' property and privacy rights; abstain from child abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect), harassment, hazing, and bullying; accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage; adhere to safety rules. Consequences for violating any part of this Code of Conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the Code of Conduct has been violated (at you're your expense); suspension of membership; sanctions on participation in future 4-H events; forfeiture or repayment of financial support for the event; removal from leadership positions; loss of status as a member in good standing. It is my responsibility to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

Your signature_____

Parent's signature _____

Please return application to Charisse Orth, Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator 916 East Elm Street, Suite A, Lancaster, WI 53813, by Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Be sure to ask a 4-H leader to complete the enclosed Leader Recommendation and to return it to the UW-Extension Office by the due date.

4-H Leader's Recommendation for Camp Counselor

(To be completed by a 4-H club leader other than a parent)

Please comment briefly on this member's maturity, poise, leadership ability, cooperation, and ability to work in groups. Do you feel that this member has sufficient maturity to be a Camp Counselor or should he/she wait until a future year? Your recommendation will be kept strictly confidential.

Signature of 4-H Leader_____

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