



Oregon State
University

Extension Service – Jackson County
Oregon State University
569 Hanley Road
Central Point, Oregon 97502
P 541-776-7371
extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/jackson

4/8/2021

We are looking for Camp Counselors who are in 9th-12th grade to volunteer for the 2021 4-H overnight camp season at Camp Myrtlewood in Myrtle Point, Oregon. Volunteer camp counselors gain valuable job experience, learn about leadership and responsibility, and become role models for the 4th-8th grade campers. Due to COVID, we are unclear if camp will occur like usual. If the guidelines permit a camp leadership experience for counselors we will pursue that option.

4-H Camp Myrtlewood will occur sometime between July 26 and July 31. Non-4-H youth from Jackson or Josephine County in Oregon are welcome to apply. Applicants must be 15 years old by July 1, 2021, and be willing to serve as a camp counselor in 2022.

To apply, interested youth should fill out the application and essay questions. Please note ALL NEW applicants will need to complete two references. Applications are **due May 15** to the Jackson County Extension Office or emailed to Lena (subject line: Attention: Camp Counselor Application). We are also recruiting applicants for Resource Counselor Staff (college age or older to assist at camp and support counselors) and adult staff. Please share this document with any 4-H leaders, lifeguards, nurses or teachers.

New counselors will be expected to participate in a phone interview sometime in May or June. Transportation, to and from Camp Myrtlewood will depend on COVID guidelines. There will be a small cost for this training. Please indicate if you need a scholarship.

If you are able to commit to all of the requirements (interview and the week of camp) we'd welcome your application. If you have any questions, please contact:

Lena Hosking, 541-727-4237 (cell/text), lena.hosking@oregonstate.edu

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

2021 4-H Camp Myrtlewood VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

****CIRCLE ONE****

Camp Counselor (9th-12th Grade)

Resource Staff (College age and older)

Name _____ County _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Gender Identity _____ Birthdate _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Parent Email _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

IF APPLICABLE:

School attending _____ Current Grade: _____

Do you hold a current First Aid Card? _____ Do you hold a current CPR Card? _____

Are you a current 4-H member or alumni? If yes, in which County _____ # Years as a 4-H _____

If age 18 or over, are you registered as a 4-H leader? _____ Which county do you reside? _____

Please list any dietary requirements or accommodations _____

POSITION APPLYING FOR

Mark the position you are applying for. If you do so, please indicate your preference with 1 for first choice, 2 for second choice. Cabin Counselors must be 3 years older than the campers; junior counselors 1-2 years older.

_____ **Counselor in Training** (Must currently be in 9th grade or higher. Will assist the camp staff.)

_____ **Cabin or Activity Counselor** (Must currently be in 10th grade or higher. Will be responsible for campers or activities.)

_____ **Resource Counselor or Adult Staff** (Must have graduated from high school and have camp experience or be >21 years old)

CAMP LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Describe all camp experience, most recent first. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Name of Camp	Location (county,state)	Dates worked	Position	Duties

CAMPS YOU HAVE ATTENDED - List the last 3 camp programs you attended as a camper. Can include outdoor school.

Camp Name	Location (county or city, state)	Dates – rough estimate

OTHER EXPERIENCE - List any other leadership experiences or jobs (*volunteer or paid*) you have held. Use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary. You may attach a résumé instead of completing this section.

Employer/Activity	Location	Dates worked	Position	Duties

REFERENCES

9th-12th grade **NEW APPLICANTS ONLY**: Please provide two references from non-family individuals using the Camp Counselor reference form. The completed references need to be returned by May 15 to the Jackson County Extension office or via email to Lena Hosking.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

On a separate piece of paper, please type or print your answers to the following questions (*type is preferred*).

1. Describe the qualities you possess that would make you a great candidate for the position you are applying.
2. Describe the qualities you believe a camper’s parent or guardian would want to see in a camp counselor. How would you meet their expectations?
3. Tell us about a time when you’ve made a positive impact on the life of a child.

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL EACH STATEMENT

_____ I understand as a new or returning applicant I will do a phone interview with the 4-H Educator; therefore I must check my email for interview dates. Selection preference is given to those who get in all their materials and conduct the interview prior to the deadline. Best days and times to call: _____

_____ I understand if I am selected, I will be required to attend trainings. Trainings will occur monthly at a location to be announced.

_____ I understand that I need to stay for the duration of camp. A few counselors will be chosen to ride the bus to and from camp with the campers, depending on job duties. I may not get my first choice for cabin, age group or duty, but I will work with the 4-H educator to determine the best way I can help the campers.

I have completed this application honestly and to the best of my abilities.

X _____
Applicant Signature _____
Date

Parent/Guardian Signature for applicants 19 and under.
 My child has permission to be involved in the 4-H Camp Myrtlewood counselor program.

X _____
Parent Signature _____
Date

Applications are due by May 15, 2021
Return to: OSU Extension Jackson County, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR 97502
Or email: Lena.Hosking@oregonstate.edu

COUNSELOR REFERENCE FORM

Candidates Name: _____ Relationship to Candidate: _____

Dear Reference:

The above named youth has provided your name to be a reference in regard to his/her application for a volunteer camp counselor position. We ask that you complete the form and return it to our office by **May 30**. Your comments will be held confidential and not shared with the candidate. Please check the appropriate box for each item noted below:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>
1) Adaptable to camp life	_____	_____	_____	_____
2) Able to accept responsibility	_____	_____	_____	_____
3) Ability to teach skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
4) Able to follow directions	_____	_____	_____	_____
5) Neat and clean appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____
6) Demonstrates sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____
7) Ability to relate to younger youth	_____	_____	_____	_____
8) Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
9) Ability to work as a team member	_____	_____	_____	_____
10) Ability & willingness to relate to diverse people	_____	_____	_____	_____
11) Ability to handle conflict & stressful situations	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please describe particular strengths or areas of interest for the candidate (*e.g., crafts, leadership, sports, storytelling, environmental/outdoor skills, etc.*).

Additional Comments (*use back if needed*):

Reference Name (*please print*)

X _____
Signature

Contact information

Date

Please return completed reference forms by mail, email or return to the candidate in a sealed envelope.

OSU Extension Jackson County, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR 97502

Lena.Hosking@oregonstate.edu

COUNSELOR REFERENCE FORM

Candidates Name: _____ Relationship to Candidate: _____

Dear Reference:

The above named youth has provided your name to be a reference in regard to his/her application for a volunteer camp counselor position. We ask that you complete the form and return it to our office by **May 30**. Your comments will be held confidential and not shared with the candidate. Please check the appropriate box for each item noted below:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>
1) Adaptable to camp life	_____	_____	_____	_____
2) Able to accept responsibility	_____	_____	_____	_____
3) Ability to teach skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
4) Able to follow directions	_____	_____	_____	_____
5) Neat and clean appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____
6) Demonstrates sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____
7) Ability to relate to younger youth	_____	_____	_____	_____
8) Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
9) Ability to work as a team member	_____	_____	_____	_____
10) Ability & willingness to relate to diverse people	_____	_____	_____	_____
11) Ability to handle conflict & stressful situations	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please describe particular strengths or areas of interest for the candidate (*e.g., crafts, leadership, sports, storytelling, environmental/outdoor skills, etc.*):

Additional Comments (*use back if needed*):

Reference Name (*please print*)

X _____
Signature

Contact information

Date

Please return completed reference forms by mail, email or return to the candidate in a sealed envelope.

OSU Extension Jackson County, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR 97502

Lena.Hosking@oregonstate.edu