

Merced County 4-H Camp Staff

Title: 4-H Camp Staff

Purpose:

To work with adult camp directors and others to offer an outdoor educational program to youth.

To provide opportunities for older youth to grow and develop by learning and practicing organizational, leadership, and group skills.

Responsibilities:

Before camp:

Personal preparation - Take an active role to prepare for assigned roles and tasks at camp.

Planning - Work with the camp committee to develop the specific implementation plan for sessions.

Meetings - Attend planning meetings and training activities. Must attend 100% of meetings/ trainings. A minimum of 4 small group session meetings are required. ALL DAY TRAINING IS MANDATORY ON JUNE 13, 2024 9:00 am –2:30 pm

Pre-Camp - Help load trailer one day prior to departure, travel with staff and directors to camp. Unload all supplies, store supplies and prep sessions for next day camper arrival.

During camp:

Cabin team supervision - Camp staff members will be assigned to a camper cabin to provide supervision, support, and encouragement to campers. Staff members will stay in cabins with campers. (Adult volunteer chaperones are also assigned to cabins and work as a team.)

Activity presenters - Approx. 2 staff members per session will be assigned to a theme topic in which they will become the expert and lead during activity times.

Activity assistants - Cabin chaperones will rotate with cabin groups to the different activity sessions and assist (if needed) and participate with the activity presentations.

Other specific duties - Staff members will be assigned other duties either on a permanent or rotating basis. These duties may include the following and other topics: flags, campfire, rally/theme activity, crafts, snack/food service, free choice activities.

Closing of Camp:

Wrap up - Staff will assist in the closing of camp between sessions and at the end of the camp program. This includes clean up of campgrounds, sorting materials, packing for storage, loading items for return, and unloading, and putting-away at the 4-H office.

Work with:

Director, Assistant Director, Camp Committee, Cabin Leaders, Staff Members, Campers and others.

Support:

Meetings with Adult Mentors to share common direction of the camp program.

Training to develop materials and gather information, materials, and supplies for camp.

Qualifications:

- Completed ninth grade at time of camp
- Interest in camping activities, leadership and responsibility
- Be interviewed, selected, and able to attend all of the camp sessions

YES, I would like to be a Staff Member for Merced County 4-H Science and Adventure Camp. I will complete the responsibilities listed above.

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Appointment by Camp Director _____ Date _____

Application Form - 2024 - Merced County 4-H Teen Staff

1. To apply and for full consideration: Fill out application and submit by **Monday, November 27, 2023** to UC Cooperative Extension 4-H Office, 2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95341.
2. Interviews for staff will be scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 8:00 am at the Merced 4-H office. Make up interviews will be Monday Dec. 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm
3. 4-H Camp will be held Sunday June 23, 2024 - Thursday June 27, 2024 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest.

Camp Staff will arrive SATURDAY, June 22, 2024 one day before campers

Includes:

Opportunity to Learn & Practice

- Organizational Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Responsibility Skills
- Teaching and Inquiry Skills

Work with Younger Youth & Adults

Recognition at 4-H Camp

Duties:

Attend monthly camp planning and subcommittee meetings and an all day training in June

Participate in staff orientation and training sessions.

Carry out assigned duties at camp.

Cooperate with other staff, chaperones, and campers.

Requirements:

Must have completed ninth grade at time of camp.

Interest in camping activities, leadership, and responsibility.

Complete 4-H membership, insurance, waiver and fee requirements.

A.— Application for Teen Leadership

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐ College ☐

Meeting Dates 6:00 PM

Merced 4-H Office

January 25 April 24

February 28 May 22

March 27

1. Have you ever been on “any” camp staff before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where? _____

List position (s) held: _____

All Staff Training Day

June 13, 2024 9am –2:30 pm

2. Rank the three positions you would like to be considered for:

Arts & Crafts____ Canoes____ Hikes____ Ropes____ Fishing____ Kitchen Crew____

Free Time____ Learning Session____ Games____ Campfire____ Archery____

3. Why would you like to be part of camp staff?

4. List any special abilities, knowledge, or qualifications that may benefit the camp program (CPR, first aid, craft courses, school classes, etc.).

Please rate yourself on the following statements. 1 being the lowest - 5 being the highest	1	2	3	4	5
I am committed to and follow-through with my responsibilities					
My ability to plan and organize.					
My ability to be a team player.					
My ability to lead and teach.					
Public speaking experience.					

Please use a separate sheet of paper if you wish to give further information or comments.

B. Interview

Interviews for support staff will be scheduled for Saturday December 9, 2023, at the 4-H Office beginning at 8:00 am. You will be contacted with your interview time. If you have questions please contact the 4-H Office at 209-385-7418. If you are unable to attend the interview on December 9, you will be re-scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023 between 5:00 pm – 6:00 p.m.

If you have interview time preference, mark below, committee **will try** to accommodate.

Early schedule: _____ Noon time: _____ Afternoon: _____

Please dress in interview appropriate attire to your interview.

C. Letters of Recommendation

Please submit *4-H Camp Youth Staff Letters of Recommendation* from two adults (teacher, coach, 4-H leader, etc.). **Letters must be submitted with application.**

Reference #1

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone #: _____

D. Selection [Office Use Only]

Selection for staff is based on:

1 - Application 2 - Interview 3 - References 4 - Past Performance (if applicable)

I understand that being on the 4-H Camp Youth Staff is part of the University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development program. As a participant, I understand that I will be subject to policies, procedures and guidelines of the California 4-H Youth Development Program. If selected, I will be required to complete registration and waiver forms as part of the normal UC and 4-H participation requirements. ***If you are not currently enrolled in 4-H, an enrollment fee of \$70 will be collected for accident insurance coverage.*** Current 4-H participants will have already completed these requirements. Questions about the Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program may be addressed by contacting Merced UCCE at (209) 385-7418.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____