

Merced County 4-H Camp Staff Application 2026

Title: 4-H Camp Staff

Purpose:

To work with 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 directors to develop the specific implementation plan for activities.

Meetings - Attend planning meetings and training activities. Training sessions are essential. Lack of attendance may lead to member being replaced as staff member.

Pre-Camp - Must help load trailer at 4-H office prior to departure.

During camp:

Staff assignments - Camp staff members will be assigned a specific position and will be cross trained to assist in all areas.

Closing of Camp:

All Staff - will assist in the clean-up and closing of camp.

Work with:

Directors, Deans of Youth, Staff Members and Campers.

Support:

Training to develop activities to plan and provide a fun and educational experience for everyone. Assistance in gathering information, materials, and supplies for camp.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Completed ninth grade at time of camp.
- Must submit a completed application on time.
- Must be currently enrolled in 4-H at time of application. Applicants not enrolled will not be given an interview.
- Must attend in person interview, as well as second half interview/training day.
- Interest in camp activities.
- Attend and participate in all camp trainings.

YES, I would like to be a Staff Member for Merced County 4-H Summer Camp.

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Club Leader, if applicable (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Signatures will be verified.

Application Form - 2026 Merced County 4-H Camp Staff

1. To apply and for full consideration: Fill out application and submit by **Thursday, January 22, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.** to UC Cooperative Extension 4-H Office, 2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95341. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
2. Interviews for staff will be scheduled for **Saturday, January 31, 2026 and February 1, 2026** at the Merced 4-H office. **The second part of the staff interview will be a hands-on group training on February 22, 2026 from 1-4 p.m. at the 4-H office. This is mandatory for all staff applicants.**
3. **If selected for staff, trainings are March 15, 2026 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., April 12, 2026, and May 17, 2026 from 1-3 p.m.**
Pre-Camp Staff Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6-7 p.m.
Post-Camp Staff Meeting Thursday, July 9, 2026, 6 p.m.
4. 4-H Camp will be held Sunday, June 21, 2026 - Thursday, June 25, 2026 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest.

Camp Staff will arrive SATURDAY, June 20, 2026 at 3 p.m.

A.— Application for Camp Staff

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

If yes, where? _____

List position (s) held: _____

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

Crafty Crew____ Canoeing____ Explorers (Hikes)____ Ropes____ Angler____ Host/Hostess____

Recreation____ Bakery Fun____ Nature Fun____ Campfire____ Archery____

Deans of Youth____ Other _____

3. Why should you be considered for Camp Staff?

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.					

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit *two (2) Letters of Recommendation* from two adults (including one from your community club leader, if applicable). **Letters must be submitted with application.**

Reference #1

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone #: _____

I understand that being on the 4-H Camp 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. I will be required to complete registration and waiver forms as part of the normal UC and 4-H participation requirements. Questions about the Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program may be addressed by contacting Merced UCCE Office at (209) 385-7418.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____