

Merced County 4-H Summer Camp Staff Application 2027

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 jobs 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. Training sessions are essential. Lack of attendance may lead to member being replaced as a staff member.

Pre-Camp - Members who are not showing at Merced Fair must help load trailer at 4-H Office prior to departure to camp.

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. Unload trailer at the 4-H office upon arrival in Merced.

Work with:

- Directors, Deans, Staff Members, and Campers.

Support:

- Training to develop activities to plan and provide a fun and educational experience for everyone. Youth will gather information materials and supplies for camp.

Qualifications:

- Completed ninth grade at time of camp
- Must submit a completed application on time (11.9.2026 by 4:00 pm)
- **Must be Currently enrolled in 4-H. Applicants not enrolled will not be given an interview.**
- Must attend in person interview, as well as second half interview/training day.
- Attend and participate in all camp trainings and meeting.

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

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

***Required**

Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

***Required**

Application Form - 2027 - Merced County 4-H Summer Camp Staff

1. To apply and for full consideration: Fill out application and submit by **Monday, November 9, 2026 by 4:00pm** 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, November 21, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Make up day will take place on Sunday, November 22, 2026 at noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Merced 4-H office. This is mandatory for all staff applicants. The second part of the staff interview will be a hands on group training on Sunday, December 20, 2026 from 1- 4 pm at the 4-H Office**
3. **If selected for staff trainings are January 17, 2027 1:00 -3:00 p.m., February 28, 2027 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., March 14, 2027 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., April 18, 2027 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Pre Camp Staff Meeting May 16, 2027 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Post Camp Staff Meeting June 29, 2027 6:00 p.m.**
4. 4-H Camp will be held Sunday, June 13, 2027 - Friday, June 18, 2027.

Camp Staff NOT showing at Merced Fair will arrive Sunday, June 13, 2027 at 3:00 pm.

Camp Staff showing at Merced Fair will arrive Monday, June 14, 2027 by 9:00 am.

A.— Application for Teen Leadership

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 two positions you would like to be considered for:

Arts & Crafts___ Canoes___ Hikes___ Ropes___ Fishing___ Kitchen Crew___

Recreation___ Learning Session___ Deans of Youth___ Campfire___ Archery___

3. Write a short essay telling us why would you like to be part of 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.					

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

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit a *Letter of Recommendation* from your club leader or 4-H adult mentor in good standing.
Letter must be submitted with application.

Recommendation

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 at (209) 385-7418.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____