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Dear Potential Camp Counselor:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a camp counselor for the 2020 Clermont / Hamilton County 4-H Camp! This year's camp will be held June 5-9, at 4-H Camp Graham. Camp counseling can be a very rewarding experience. As a counselor you will work as a member of a team to plan and conduct a high-quality, safe and fun overnight program for young people. At the same time, you will be developing your own skills and forming lifelong friendships.

Being a 4-H camp counselor requires a lot of time, dedication and responsibility. Camp counselor candidates must be 15 years of age as of January 1, 2020, and be a 4-H member in good standing in either Clermont or Hamilton County. Counselors are selected based on their fulfillment and completion of an application, participation in the assessment event and feedback provided on recommendation forms. Applicants are required to provide the contact information of three people to complete a reference form on their behalf.

Additionally, teens are required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of training. All camp counselors are expected to attend the Multi-County Camp Counselor Training on March 6-7, at Camp Lebanon. Counselors will pay his/her own registration fee (approximately \$40) when they submit their registration forms. This cost will be in addition to their camp counselor fee of \$50. Optional training opportunities are available, but arrangements should be made ahead of time to receive training hours. Optional trainings are paid at the applicant's expense.

This year we have a unique opportunity for conducting the camp counselor assessment. Clermont County 4-H was awarded a grant to host an Ugly Holiday Sweater Decorating Party. Camp Counselor applicants will be responsible for planning and teaching a station at the event. This process will allow adult staff to assess counselors' ability to interact with peers, youth and parents, as well as, their decision making, communication and teamwork skills. It will also give counselors an opportunity to practice these skills in a similar setting as camp. While this is a quick turn-around, we believe it will be a valuable experience. Training hours will be awarded for the event on Saturday, November 23. Below are the important dates for completing the camp counselor application process:

Important Dates / Checklist for Counselor Applicants:

1. Online Application Due

Thursday, November 21, 2019, by 11:59 p.m.

All interested candidates must complete the online application.

2. Camp Counselor Assessment Set-Up

Friday, November 22, 2019, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

All camp counselor applicants are required to attend. There will be an orientation, station planning, teaching and event set-up.

3. Camp Counselor Assessment Event

Saturday, November 23, 2019, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

All camp counselor applicants are required to attend. Applicants will participate in an, teaching activity and an interview.

4. Selection Notification Emails Sent

Friday, December 6, 2019

All applicants will receive an email notification.

It is the applicant's responsibility to complete all trainings and communicate with Kelly and Tony regarding meetings and requirements. Training dates for the 2020 camp season will be determined after the assessment/interviews. It is expected that camp counselor obligations are at the top of your priority list. Failure to attend training or the counselor overnight could prohibit you from counseling. Absences must be pre-approved. Notify your 4-H Educator at least 48 hours in advance so we can discuss your options for continuing the counselor selection process.

We wish you the best throughout your camp counselor selection process. If you have questions about the selection process, counselor meetings or other concerns, please contact Kelly Royalty (royalty.9@osu.edu) or Tony Staubach (staubach.9@osu.edu).

Sincerely,



Kelly Royalty
4-H Youth Development Educator
OSU Extension, Clermont County



Tony Staubach
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Optional Training Opportunities

*Arrangements must be made ahead of time to receive training hours

- MXC at the Ohio 4-H Center, February 22-23; Registration due January 31
- Ohio 4-H Conference in Columbus. March 14, Registration due February 14
- Buckeye Leadership Workshop, March 25-29, Registration due February 20 (see www.buckeyeleadership.org for more information including scholarship info and registration).