



# Grays Harbor County

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a Grays Harbor County 4-H camp counselor this year! This letter is intended to provide you with some additional information that will be helpful in planning your busy schedules and prepare you for this exciting process.

If you are in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above, you are encouraged to apply to become a 4-H camp counselor (youth team member) for the 2019 session. This year, camp is being scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>. Counselors must arrive by July 13<sup>th</sup> no later than 7pm to set up and are required to be present the entire week until departure on July 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.

To become a youth staff member for the Grays Harbor County 4-H Youth Development Program, you will need to complete the steps outlined below. Please contact us using the information below if we can help to guide you through the process.

**Review and complete the steps in this letter** (at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/camping/>)

- A. **Step 1: Complete the annual 4-H enrollment process by Nov. 30.** Visit <https://www.4honline.com/> or find links and step-by-step guides at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>
- B. **Step 2: Complete the "Camp Counselor Registration,"** in 4HOnline, including participant health forms. \*\*\* make sure to update participant health forms if any changes occur during the year \*\*\*
- C. **Step 3: Complete the attached "4-H Camp Youth Application" and submit the completed documents to the WSU Extension Office on or before November 30<sup>th</sup>** at the WSU Extension Office in Elma. Forms can be addressed to PO Box 3018, Elma, WA 98541. Please note that this includes:
  - > **One simple letter of recommendation** describing how you are qualified to be a camp counselor. This letter should be from an adult who is not in your family, but who knows you personally and knows about your accomplishments. Examples include 4-H leaders, teachers, coaches, employers, etc.
- D. **Step 4: Register for a ten-minute youth interview** for one of the following afternoons: Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, or Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Contact Taylor by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at (360)470-4870 or [tsample1993@gmail.com](mailto:tsample1993@gmail.com) to sign up for a time on a first-come, first served basis.
- E. **Attend the staff training and informational meetings that are scheduled to take place throughout the year.** Make sure to save the following dates in order to meet the statewide 4-H requirement for counselor training hours; either 32 hours of training for new counselors, or 16 hours of training for returning counselors.
  - > **Friday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm through Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at noon (Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp),**
  - > **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm through Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon (Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp),**
  - > For more info, contact volunteer camp director, Rhonda Borden, at [nooperdoo@aol.com](mailto:nooperdoo@aol.com) or Taylor Sample [tsample1993@gmail.com](mailto:tsample1993@gmail.com)

Once you have completed the application and interview process, you will be notified if you have been selected as a counselor. We are looking forward to working with you to prepare to mentor the youth in our community! As always, feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions about the volunteer process or 4-H in general. Thank you!

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*4-H teaches life skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of our society.*

*Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office*

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4-H CAMP YOUTH STAFF APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been coming to 4-H camp? \_\_\_\_\_ as a counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other camps you have attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be chosen as a staff member? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which of your personal qualities make you a good staff member? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you like working with children? \_\_\_\_\_

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What other activities have you worked with younger children? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the difference between being a staff member and being a camper? \_\_\_\_\_

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(More questions on the other side)

What kind of leadership skills do you have? (Give examples from your 4-H club, church, school, other groups or teams) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What other outside activities or organizations are you involved in? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who was someone that you looked up to as a mentor or role model when you were a child? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What kind of hobbies do you enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you have any special talents or skills that you would like to teach at camp? (Other than our regular classes, ex. dancing, cheerleading, fly tying, painting, drawing, biking, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you envision when you think of a summer camp counselor? (Give examples) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What could you do to make camp fun for your campers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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