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Thank you for your interest in becoming a 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 9th grade or above, you are encouraged to apply to become a 4-H camp counselor (youth team member) for the 2022 session. Camp is currently scheduled for July 10 through July 15th. Counselors must arrive by July 9 to set up, and are required to be present the entire week until departure on the evening of July 15th.

To become a youth staff member for the Grays Harbor & Mason County 4-H Youth Development Programs, 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 as soon as possible and before attending your first training session.** Visit <https://v2.4honline.com/> or find links to step-by-step guides at <http://extension.wsu.edu/graysharbor/4-h/forms/>. If you are returning to 4-H, you'll be able to update your existing profile, or you can create a profile if this is your first 4-H experience.
- B. **Step 2: Complete the "4-H Camp Counselor Training Series," Event** in 4-H Online. A video guide is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28py3W0ltvo>
- C. **Attend the staff training and informational meetings 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. The initial sessions will be held at the WSU Extension office in Elma from 10:00 to 4:30 on the following dates:
> **Saturday, January 15th, February 26th, March 19th, April 16th, and May 21st**

For more information, please contact 4-H Volunteer Camp Director, Taylor Sample, at panhandlecamp@gmail.com or 4-H Program Coordinator, Tracie Hanson at tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

These events will follow all current COVID guidelines in place from Washington State, Grays Harbor County, and Washington State University, including masking and social distancing protocols.

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!

Tracie Hanson, 4-H Program Coordinator / WSU Extension / Grays Harbor County <http://graysharbor.wsu.edu> tracie.hanson@wsu.edu

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