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CAMP WINNEBAGO

Apprentice Counselor Application

WE LOVE OUR APPRENTICE COUNSELORS! This is why we are dedicated to a high quality program for our teens and for all. We look forward to receiving your application!

- Read through the entire Apprentice Counselor Information Packet before filling out your application.
- Complete your application, essay, and obtain references
- Submit your completed application via email to
 - campwinnebago@rockriverymca.org
 - Alternatively, you may drop your application off in person at Camp, Mon-Fri, between 8:00am-4:00pm
- **DUE DATE:** Applications and supporting materials must be received by April 29th, 2023.

Please keep in mind that applying for the Apprentice Counselor Program does not guarantee acceptance. You will be notified about your application by May 5th, 2023.

An acceptance celebration at camp will be held on May 6th, 2023.

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Apprentice Counselor Program Application

Participant Information			
First Name:	Last Name:	Birth Date:	
Address:			Apt.:
City:	State:	Zip:	
Cell Phone:		Home Phone:	
Email:			
High School:		Grade (Fall 2023):	
Please check the number of summers you have been in the Apprentice Counselor program at Camp?		<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Summers
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Summer	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Summers

Parent/Guardian 1 Contact Information		
First Name:	Last Name:	Relation:
Cell Phone:		Home Phone:
Email:		
Parent/Guardian 2 Contact Information		
First Name:	Last Name:	Relation:
Cell Phone:		Home Phone:
Email:		

The Apprentice Counselor has parent/guardian permission to transport themselves to and from Camp each day. Parent/guardian signature below confirms this authorization.

- Yes
 No

By completing and signing below you and your Parent/Guardian agree to the following statements:

- I have read through the Apprentice Counselor Information Packet
- I have read through and agree to the terms listed in the Information Packet including but not limited to; program expectations, behavior, cell phone, and character development policies

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

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Application Essay Questions

Choose and respond to at least 2 of the 3 writing prompts listed under your corresponding Apprentice Counselor year. Responses should be a minimum of 1 paragraph each:

1st year Apprentice Counselor (your *first summer* in the AC program):

- What do you hope to gain by joining the Apprentice Counselor program?

- In your opinion, what makes you a good leader?

- Choose at least 1 of the 5 YMCA Values (Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, & Faith), and describe what that value means to you.

2nd year Apprentice Counselor:

- Describe an experience that occurred last summer and how it impacted you. This could be something positive or negative.

- Choose at least 1 of the 5 YMCA Values (Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, & Faith), and describe what that value means to you.

- How would you describe your ability to work as a team member?

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Choose and respond to at least 2 of the 3 writing prompts listed under your corresponding Apprentice Counselor year. Responses should be a minimum of 1 paragraph each:

3rd year Apprentice Counselor:

- Describe a recent challenge you faced or a mistake you have made. How did you solve or overcome it?
- Consider Camp Winnebago's 3 Pillars: Achievement, Friendship, and Belonging. Describe what each of these values mean to you personally and professionally. How can you display each of them while volunteering at camp this summer?
- How would you describe your ability to work as a team member?

4th year Apprentice Counselor:

- Describe what you hope to accomplish during your final year in the Apprentice Counselor program in preparation for what is to come. This may include becoming a counselor, finding a job, or going to college.
- Write about a time you had to adapt to a situation that was out of your control. Describe what you did and how you felt/reacted to the situation. Try to use an example from camp.

- How do you plan on being a positive role model for younger Apprentice Counselors?

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Application Essay Question Response Sheet

Responses may be typed or handwritten. You may use this blank piece of paper as a space to write your responses to the questions. Please write the question before you write your response.

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Apprentice Counselor Reference Form

As a part of your application to the Apprentice Counselor Program, you will need to submit **2** reference forms with your application.

It will be your responsibility, as an applicant to the program, to include your references when sending in your application.

Please limit references from family members to *one*.

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Apprentice Counselor Reference Form 1

Reference's Name _____

Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

Relation to Applicant _____

Instructions: Rate the applicant's characteristics from 1 (low) to 4 (high) in each of the categories listed. Circle the appropriate number.

Character

Honesty	1	2	3	4
Trustworthy	1	2	3	4
Leadership	1	2	3	4
Initiative	1	2	3	4
Motivation	1	2	3	4

Comments:

Peer Relations

Cooperation	1	2	3	4
Independence	1	2	3	4
Collaboration	1	2	3	4
Self-control	1	2	3	4

Comments:

Work Habits

Follows directions	1	2	3	4
Displays dedication to a task	1	2	3	4
Works hard at completing tasks	1	2	3	4

Comments:

Please add any comments that you would like to share about the applicants as relates to the position of being an Apprentice Counselor for summer camp.

If we may contact you for additional details, please include your phone number or email address. (We will not use this contact information for any other reason.)

Phone # _____ Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Apprentice Counselor Reference Form 2

Reference's Name _____

Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

Relation to Applicant _____

Instructions: Rate the applicant's characteristics from 1 (low) to 4 (high) in each of the categories listed. Circle the appropriate number.

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Honesty	1	2	3	4
Trustworthy	1	2	3	4
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Comments:

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Comments:

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