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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](mailto: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 **May 3, 2024.**

Please keep in mind that applying for the Apprentice Counselor Program does not guarantee acceptance. You will be notified about your application by May 8th, 2024.

An acceptance celebration at camp will be held on May 11th, 2024.

# YMCA CAMP WINNEBAGO

## 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 2024):	
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 drive 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 must be written by the applicant. **Responses should each be a minimum of 1 paragraph of at least 4 sentences:**

### **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 a good leader?
- Choose at least one of the five 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 one of the five YMCA Values (Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, & Faith), and describe what that value means to you.
- Describe your ability to work as a team member.

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### **3rd year Apprentice Counselor:**

- Describe a recent challenge you faced or a mistake you 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 Winnebago 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?

## **YMCA CAMP WINNEBAGO**

### 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.

# **YMCA CAMP WINNEBAGO**

## Apprentice Counselor Reference Form

As a part of your application to the Apprentice Counselor Program, you will need to submit **TWO** 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.

**Only ONE reference may be a family member.**

# YMCA CAMP WINNEBAGO

## 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
Trustworthiness	1	2	3	4
Leadership	1	2	3	4
Initiative	1	2	3	4
Motivation	1	2	3	4

Comments:

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### Peer Relations

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

Comments:

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**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:

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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.

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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.

## Character

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