

Volunteer Position Description

4-H Camp Teen Leader

Objectives: To serve as a teen leader at 4-H camp or conferences, adhering to the camp guidelines, participating in camp leader training, and keeping in mind the top four priorities of the camp experience: Safety, Health, Education, and Fun.

Qualifications: Experience as a camper or teen leader.

Supervisor: Experience as a camper or teen leader.

Responsibilities:

- Commit to the dates and times of the camp.
- Participate in camp leader training.
- Along with the adult volunteer leaders, reside in a cabin with campers. A teen must never be alone with campers while in the cabin. An adult must always be present when in the cabins.
- Assist in orienting campers to the camp and program.
- Serve as a leader in co-ed groups throughout the camp.
- Assume teaching responsibilities where needed, for example, in activity centers.
- Assist with special events as needed (i.e., vespers, flag programs, song leading, etc.).
- Work as a team with adult volunteer leaders, Extension, and camp staff.
- Counsel campers through encouragement and role modeling.
- Be on the lookout for homesickness and other issues.
- Report daily on issues, problems, and successes to county 4-H Agent.
- Help create a positive attitude of campers in the cabin.
- Promote camper participation in activities.
- Maintain order in the cabin or group.
- Have a “quiet cabin” after the lights are out.
- Ensure campers are awake and ready for the day.
- Assist campers with housekeeping responsibilities, such as cleaning cabins, bathrooms, and dining hall
- Request training help or other assistance as needed.
- Assist camp staff, adults, and 4-H Agents in managing emergency events such as severe weather, missing campers, etc.
- Conduct should model the Six Pillars of Character, *trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.*

Time Commitment:

- Junior Camp is a Monday-Friday overnight camp, departing early on Monday morning and returning on Friday at midday.
- Consult your 4-H Agent for details regarding dates and other camping opportunities Flexible, dependent on the event, activity or project group.

Steps to becoming a 4-H Camp Teen Leader:

- Contact Elizabeth Hobbs to discuss your interest.
- Complete 4-H Teen Leader Application Process
 - 4-H Enrollment Form
 - Teen Leader Application
 - Teen Leader Statement of Principle document
 - TN Law on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse
 - Teen Leader training and orientation programs.
- Submit completed forms to Hamblen County 4-H Agent – Elizabeth Hobbs.

Questions:

Contact the UT Hamblen County 4-H Office at 423-586-6111 or edoan@utk.edu