



TO: Multi-County 4-H Camp County Extension Offices
FROM: Campbell Barrett – MSU Extension, Missoula County
DATE: January 18, 2023
RE: 2023 Multi-County 4-H Camp Counselor Applications

Application Deadline: February 15th, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Campbell Barrett'.

Please pass this information along to your 4-H teens. **Applicants must be 13 years of age as of October 1, 2022.** Please include this cover letter with applications distributed, so applicants are aware of the expectations.

**Missoula County
Extension Office**

Camp Dates: We are excited to begin planning for **2023 Multi-County 4-H Camp!** Attached is the Camp Counselor Application for this year's camp, which will be held June 19-24, 2023, at the Darrel E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake.

Application: Since we do not conduct face-to-face interviews for Camp Counselors, please consider this application to be in place of an interview – that's why it's so long. Please be sure to answer all questions on the Application form.

Counselor Trainings: Camp Planning / Training Meetings will be held at the MSU Extension Office in Ronan, MT, on **Sunday, March 26th**, 10am-3pm; **Sunday, April 16th**, 10am-3pm and **Sunday, May 7th**, from 10am-3pm. Attendance at these meetings is expected. It is very important for everyone, regardless of previous camp experience, to attend. There is no charge for Counselors to attend Camp or trainings. Lunch and snacks will be provided at all Counselor Trainings.

Counselor Selection: Eleven Cabin pairs of Counselors will be selected for this year's camp. We will pair first-year Counselors with experienced Counselors whenever possible. We will accept **applications through February 15th** and will **announce the list of Camp Counselors selected by Friday, February 24th**.

Arrival times/dates for Counselors vs. Campers: As in the past, Staff will arrive for a pre-Camp day to prepare for camper arrival, and will stay for a post-Camp day of evaluation, relaxation and recreation, after the campers leave. **Camp Counselors will arrive** after 3pm on **Monday, June 19th**, for camp set-up; **Campers will arrive** after 1pm on **Tuesday, June 20th**, and leave at 11am on Friday, June 23rd. Camp Counselors will remain until 11am on Saturday, June 24th.

I look forward to working with all of you as we prepare another outstanding camping experience for the youth in our counties. It is your leadership, enthusiasm and spirit that make this such a positive, often life-changing experience for the Campers.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions. Information is in the margin to the left. My cell phone number is 544-4768.

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2023 Multi-County 4-H Camp Counselor Application



Due Date: February 15, 2023 (Return to your local Extension Office)

Camp Dates: June 19-24, 2023

Name: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell phone: _____

Can you receive texts regarding Camp? _____ How often do you check email? Daily Weekly Monthly

If you are on Facebook, please "Like" facebook.com/mc4hcamp. We will post updates there in addition to emails.

Age on Oct. 1, 2022 _____ Current grade in School _____ Gender: _____

[Must be at least 13 on 10/1/22 to apply.]

How many years have you been involved in 4-H? (including Cloverbuds) _____

Are you a Teen Leader or Project Helper in your Club? (list project areas) _____

***** All Questions must be Completed *****

Why do you want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor? _____

We have many applicants each year for the Camp Counselor positions that are filled. Why should we select you over someone of a similar age and experience level? _____

Describe the character traits and personal qualities of the "perfect" Camp Counselor. _____

If you have been to any camp before in any role, what is your most memorable Camp experience, and why? _____

What one accomplishment in your life you are most proud of, and why? _____

Describe your most meaningful leadership experience. _____

What other leadership experiences you have had? _____

Describe your experience(s) working with youth ages 9-12? _____

As a Camp Counselor you will be expected to work effectively as a team member with the other counselors. Describe your experiences working as a member of a team. _____

As a Camp Counselor you will be expected to be a positive role model. Describe how you have been a role model to youth your age or younger. _____

Please review the following dates with your schedule – attendance at all trainings is expected.

- **Camp Planning & Training Dates:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 (10am-3pm)
Sunday, April 16, 2023 (10am-3pm)
Sunday, May 7, 2023 (10am-3pm)
- **Camp Dates:** June 19-24, 2023*
- **Location:** Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake near Ferndale, MT

***Note Arrival and Departure Times:**

- **Camp Staff** arrive after 3pm on Monday, June 20 to prepare for camper arrival on Tuesday
- **Camp Staff** will leave by 11 am on Saturday, June 25
- Campers will arrive after 1 pm on Tuesday, June 21
- Campers will leave by 11 am on Friday, June 24 – Remaining time will be for camp staff evaluation & recreation.

Can you attend the planning/training dates (times listed on page 3, locations to be announced later)?

Sun. Mar 26th __ Y / __ N Sun. Apr 16th __ Y / __ N Sun. May 7th __ Y / __ N

Can you fully attend 4-H Camp (including pre-Camp setup and post-Camp evaluation)? __ Yes __ No

If No, please explain: _____

Multi-County 4-H Camp Code of Conduct (In addition to Montana 4-H Code of Conduct for 4-H Members):

1. No one is permitted at the lake except during water time or with adult supervision.
2. You must be on time and attend all workshops and activities.
3. Respect quiet time from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am
4. Remain in camp boundaries.
5. Respect other staff, campers and their property.
6. No boys in girl's cabins or vice-versa at any time.
7. No all-night parties.
8. Once camp starts, there will not be any separate events or parties that do not include the entire camp.

I agree to comply with the code of conduct for Western Montana Multi-County 4-H Camp. In addition, I agree to perform to the best of my ability all activities providing a meaningful camping experience for the campers attending the camp for which I am selected as a Counselor.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Previous 4-H Camp Counselors: Please answer the following questions:

Would you like to be considered for the Junior Camp Director position? ___ Yes ___ No

What are some areas for improvement that we can focus on during Camp trainings and planning sessions? _____

What ideas or suggestions do you have for workshops for Multi-County camp? [star (*) any you would be willing/able to teach] _____

What have you Learned in counselor trainings and/or by serving as a counselor? (things like Knowledge, Attitudes, Skills, Opinions, Aspirations, Motivations, etc.) _____

What Actions have you taken (how has being a Camp Counselor impacted the things you Do)? (things like Behavior, Decision-making, Social Action, etc.) _____

How have you Changed (how has being a Camp Counselor impacted your life)? (things like Social or Economic status, Civic engagement, etc.) _____
