January 31, 2017

Dear 4-H Teen:

You are invited to apply to be a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor for the 2017 AIO 4-H Summer Camp. This camp is hosted by Arenac, Iosco, and Ogemaw 4-H and will be held June 14-16, 2017 at Camp Nissokone in Oscoda, MI.

4-H Summer Camp Counselors must be 15 years old or older (as of 1/1/17), submit a complete application by **February 17, 2017**, attend an overview orientation on **February 22, 2017**, be selected by 4-H Camp Staff, and attend all required 4-H Counselor Trainings as outlined below.

As a counselor, you can practice your leadership skills, help young 4-H members have a great camp experience, and have fun yourself. We are looking for 12 counselors who would like to share three days of their summer vacation working with 4-H’ers ages 8-12 from various counties. We welcome returning teens; however, returning teens need to apply again.

Each of the counties will be inviting teens to come to the orientation on **February 22, 2017**. Please see the enclosed flyer for complete details and information. From the group of young people present, we will choose up to six female and six male counselors, with the goal of having counselors from each county. All participants will be notified in a letter whether or not they were selected.

**What would my responsibilities be as a Camp Counselor?**

- Model positive behavior management techniques and not use any form of physical or emotional abuse.
- Assume the responsibility for one or more assigned areas:
  - Cabin Counselor, Program Coordinator, and/or Activities Coordinator
- Be directly responsible to the Extension Staff in charge of camp and perform duties as requested.
- Work cooperatively with all other camp personnel whether permanent staff, summer staff, volunteer, or teen counselor.
- Know camp rules, abide by them, and enforce them with all persons in camp.
- Recognize that counselors are at camp for the camper’s benefit and only secondarily for their own development and enjoyment.
- Arrive on time for assigned responsibilities
- Exercise mature, good judgment in assuming responsibility for and working with youth.

**Required Counselor Trainings Dates**

- February 22, 2017 at Ogemaw MSU Extension Office, West Branch, MI, **5:30-7:30 PM**
- April 22-23, 2017 at Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center, Hale, MI
- June 14, 2017 at Camp Nissokone, **9:30-11:30 AM**

If you would like to be considered for one of the 2017 4-H Camp Counselor positions, please complete the enclosed application form and return by **Friday, February 17, 2017 to the MSU Extension Office**.

Please contact me by email at raukelli@anr.msu.edu or by phone at 989-362-3449 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelli Rau
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