Camp Counselor Job Description/Parental Agreement

Responsibilities:

1. Group supervision of campers with attention to all of the following: program, health, happiness, discipline, cleanliness, safety, routine duties, character and skill development.

2. Be concerned for the social adjustment of EACH camper. Treat All campers the same. Respect differences.

3. Help campers plan, carry out and evaluate projects and activities.

4. Promote camper participation in ALL activities.

5. Assist campers with housekeeping chores. Be prompt for all meetings, meals and activities.

6. Take turns with other counselors for various responsibilities.

7. Teach or assist with camp programs and encourage camper participation.

8. Exhibit personal habits, health, dress, speech, table etiquette and relationships with other staff that serve as a beneficial model to campers.

9. Set a good example in ALL you do at camp. Keep a good spirit, cheerful, and positive attitude. Camp is a fun learning experience.

10. Work with the camp directors and other camp staff to iron out difficulties with facilities, programs and campers. Do not hesitate to ask an adult for advice or assistance in any situation.

11. Help develop, carry out and evaluate a camp program that reflects the goals of camping and the 4-H pledge.

12. Always keep the safety and well-being of the campers my first priority.

Counselor Rules and Regulations:
In order to have a safe, healthy camp that is a good experience for everyone, counselors will NOT:

1. Use objectionable language.

2. Engage in or permit verbal or non-verbal put-downs of others.

3. Permit destruction of nature in any form (breaking of branches on live trees, picking protected wildflowers/other plants, carving trees, killing or torturing animals, etc.).

4. Permit vandalism of property in any form.

5. Permit any kind of littering.

6. Engage in or permit excessive “horseplay” or physical “rough-housing” with campers.

7. Administer physical punishments.

8. Be under the influence of or in possession of any illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.

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9. Allow radios, cell phones, boom boxes, etc. to be played when they will distract from the camp program or the natural setting.

10. Make or permit inconsiderate noise and disturbance in the cabins after “lights out” and before wake up time.

11. Drink soda, eat snacks or have any special privileges in front of the campers when they are not allowed to have them.

12. Wear T-shirts, caps or clothing that advertise alcohol, tobacco or anything offensive.

Qualifications:

- Ages 13 & 14 for Day camp counselor, Ages 15 and older for Overnight camp counselor
- Ability to work as a team member with other counselors and adult staff members.
- Experience in working with children in a group setting.
- Responsible, friendly, enthusiastic, patient and willing to learn.
- Participation in counselor training, must obtain at least 24 hours of training plus CPR & First Aid

As a 4-H camp counselor, I agree to fulfill the responsibilities listed above, comply with the rules and regulations listed and meet the following behavior expectations:

1. Counselors are not to leave the camp without permission.
2. Counselors are to maintain the curfew designated by staff.
3. Counselors will stay with their campers at all times (day and night) unless otherwise assigned. (If you are missing, the police will be called!)
4. Counselors will not use inappropriate language. (If you have a question about “inappropriate language”, ask to discuss this at counselor training.)

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Signature                  Date

I agree to permit my son or daughter to participate as a camp counselor under the direction of the MSU Extension Staff. I understand that I will be notified by staff at the time of violation of these rules and that my son/daughter may be dismissed from counseling at that time.

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Parent Signature           Date