

Merced County 4-H Camp Staff

Title: 4-H Camp Staff

Purpose:

To work with adult camp directors and others to offer an outdoor educational program to youth.

To provide opportunities for older youth to grow and develop by learning and practicing organizational, leadership, and group skills.

Responsibilities:

Before camp:

Personal preparation - Take an active role to prepare for assigned roles and tasks at camp.

Planning - Work with the camp committee to develop the specific implementation plan for sessions.

Meetings - Attend planning meetings and training activities. Must attend 100% of meetings/ trainings. Training sessions are mandatory

Pre-Camp - Help load trailer prior to departure, travel with staff and directors to camp. Unload all supplies, store supplies and prep sessions for next day camper arrival.

During camp:

Cabin team supervision - Camp staff members will be assigned to a camper cabin to provide support, and encouragement to campers. (Adult volunteer chaperones are assigned to cabins and work as a team.)

Activity presenters - Approx. 2 staff members per session will be assigned to a theme topic in which they will become the expert and lead during activity times.

Activity assistants - Cabin chaperones will rotate with cabin groups to the different activity sessions and participate in the activity.

Other specific duties - Staff members will be assigned other duties either on a permanent or rotating basis as needed. These duties may include the following and other topics: flags, campfire, rally/theme activity, crafts, snack/food service, free choice activities.

Closing of Camp:

Wrap up - Staff will assist in the closing of camp at the end of the camp program. This includes clean up of campgrounds, sorting materials, taking inventory, packing for storage, loading items for return, unloading and putting away at the 4-H office.

Work with:

Director, Teen Directors, Camp Committee, Cabin Leaders, Staff Members, Campers and others.

Support:

Meetings with Adult Mentors to share common direction of the camp program.

Training to develop materials and gather information, materials, and supplies for camp.

Qualifications:

- Completed ninth grade at time of camp -Currently enrolled in 4-H
- Interest in camping activities, leadership and responsibility -Must be at camp on Saturday to prepare for campers
- Be interviewed, selected, and able to attend both of the camp trainings

YES, I would like to be a Staff Member for Merced County 4-H Science and Adventure Camp. I will complete the responsibilities listed above.

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Appointment by Camp Director _____ Date _____

Application Form - 2025 - Merced County 4-H Teen Staff

1. To apply and for full consideration: Fill out application and submit by **Friday, January 24, 2025 by 5:00pm** to UC Cooperative Extension 4-H Office, 2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95341. **Late applications will not be accepted**
2. Interviews for staff will be scheduled for **Saturday, February 2, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Merced 4-H office. Training is mandatory for the full day. Training for staff will be scheduled for **Sunday, February 23, 2025 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
3. 4-H Camp will be held Sunday June 22, 2025 - Thursday June 26, 2025 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest.

Camp Staff will arrive SATURDAY, June 21, 2025 one day before campers

Includes:

Opportunity to Learn & Practice

- Organizational Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Responsibility Skills
- Teaching and Inquiry Skills

Work with Younger Youth & Adults

Recognition at 4-H Camp

Duties:

Attend camp planning and subcommittee meetings

Participate in staff orientation and training sessions.

Carry out assigned duties at camp.

Cooperate with other staff, chaperones, and campers.

Requirements:

Must have completed ninth grade at time of camp.

Interest in camping activities, leadership, and responsibility.

4-H membership, insurance, waiver and fee requirements.

A.— Application for Teen Leadership

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade 9th 10th 11th 12th College

1. Have you ever been on "any" camp staff before? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

List position (s) held: _____

2. Rank the three positions you would like to be considered for:

Arts & Crafts ___ Canoes ___ Hikes ___ Ropes ___ Fishing ___ Kitchen Crew ___

Recreation ___ Learning Session ___ Teen Director ___ Campfire ___ Archery ___

3. Why would you like to be part of camp staff?

4. List any special abilities, knowledge, or qualifications that may benefit the camp program (CPR, first aid, craft courses, school classes, etc.).

Please rate yourself on the following statements. 1 being the lowest - 5 being the highest	1	2	3	4	5
I am committed to and follow-through with my responsibilities					
My ability to plan and organize.					
My ability to be a team player.					
My ability to lead and teach.					
Public speaking experience.					

Please use a separate sheet of paper if you wish to give further information or comments.

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit *4-H Camp Youth Staff Letters of Recommendation* from two adults (teacher, coach, 4-H leader, etc.). **Letters must be submitted with application.**

Reference #1
 Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Reference #2
 Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Selection [Office Use Only]

Selection for staff is based on:

1 - Application 2 - Interview 3 - References 4 - Past Performance (if applicable)

I understand that being on the 4-H Camp Youth Staff is part of the University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development program. As a participant, I understand that I will be subject to policies, procedures and guidelines of the California 4-H Youth Development Program. I will be required to complete registration and waiver forms as part of the normal UC and 4-H participation requirements. Questions about the Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program may be addressed by contacting Merced UCCE at (209) 385-7418.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____