

Summer 4-H Camp Counselors needed...

DATE: January 8, 2025

TO: All 4-H Members 13-19 Years Old by January 1, 2025

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RE: 2025 Summer 4-H Camp Counselor Application/Selection Process

Do you enjoy both the "great outdoors" and working with younger 4-H members? Then 4-H has a great opportunity for you! Summer 4-H Camp is set for **June 9-11, 2025** at Amigo Centre in Sturgis, and we're looking for qualified 4-H teens to serve as **Camp Counselors!**

New for 2025: Introducing 4-H camp counselors-in-training, also known as CITs! CITs are 13-15 year olds who are interested in becoming 4-H camp counselors. They will shadow camp counselors and serve to assist them through the entire counselor process, from selection to training and planning to implementing games and activities at camp!

The following are the qualifications for serving as a **4-H camp counselor-in-training (CIT):**

- ◆ Must be a currently enrolled Branch, Cass, or St. Joseph County 4-H member.
- ◆ Must be 13-15 years old by January 1, 2025.
- ◆ Prior experience working with youth 8-12 years of age is desired, but not required.
- ◆ Must be available to attend the overnight training on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10 at Amigo Centre in Sturgis. If there is a conflict, please note that on your application.
- ◆ Must be available to work full-time at Summer 4-H Camp. This includes participation in camp set-up starting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, and continuing through the release of campers at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11.
Note: Summer 4-H Camp officially starts on Monday, June 9 at 9:00 a.m. with registration of campers.

The following are the qualifications for serving as a **4-H camp counselor:**

- ◆ Must be a currently enrolled Branch, Cass, or St. Joseph County 4-H member.
- ◆ Must be 16-19 years old by January 1, 2025.
- ◆ Prior experience working with youth 8-12 years of age is desired, but not required.
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4-H Camp Counselor Interviews will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2025**, in 10-minute intervals starting at 9:00 a.m. at the **St. Joseph County MSU Extension office** in Centreville (612 E. Main St., Centreville, MI 49032), and will be conducted by a three-person team.

Camp Counselor Application/Interview Process: Please complete the application and return it to your local MSU Extension office (Branch, Cass, or St. Joseph) no later than **Friday, February 14, 2025**, if you are interested in applying for a 4-H camp counselor or counselor-in-training position. If you mail your application, make sure to send it early enough so it arrives at the MSU Extension office by this deadline! The St. Joseph County MSU Extension office will call you to schedule your interview starting Monday, February 17.

Notification of Results of Application/Interview Process: Applicants will receive a letter indicating the outcome of the selection process following the interviews.

Please do not hesitate to call Kayla at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office, 269-467-5511, if you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter or on the Camp Counselor/CIT Application Form.