

Volunteer Opening
ISU Extension and Outreach 2024 Tri-County 4-H Camp Adult Volunteer

- Position:** Tri-County 4-H Camp Adult Volunteer. Two to three positions available. Support camp coordinator in carrying out camping program for 4th-6th grade 4-H members and non-4-H youth from Boone, Grundy, Hardin, Marshall, Story, and Tama Counties in cooperation with Y Camp staff and teen counselors.
- Locations:** Camp coordination is based out of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Boone Office, Boone, IA. Camp Location: Y Camp, 1192 166th Drive, Boone, IA 50036
- Appointment:** August 6-9, 2024, including 3 overnights (or other agreed upon amount of time). August 6 is counselor and adult training. Campers are August 7-9, 2024.
- Conditions:** Volunteer - no financial compensation. Room, board, and lots of fun with youth in a camp setting provided. Successfully complete Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Child Safety and Protection application process. Complete training in-person or other means determined by camp coordinator.

Essential Position Functions:

1. Assist in the direction, supervision, and organization of campers in their cabins, during activities and throughout the camp to meet the intended camper outcomes.
 - ♦ Apply basic youth development principles while working with campers which include communication, relationship development, respect for diversity, and involvement and empowerment of youth.
 - ♦ Be aware of and implement safety guidelines. Follow Y Camp and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach objectives, rules, policies and guidelines.
 - ♦ Assure campers are properly supervised at all times.
2. Participate in the implementation of program activities for campers.
 - ♦ Assist in leading and teaching camp theme activities.
 - ♦ Assist as directed during activities led by camping center program staff such as canoeing, swimming, teambuilding, zip line, archery, climbing wall, etc.
3. Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff to maintain a physically and emotionally safe environment.
 - ♦ Ensure campers treat each other with respect. Report any bullying or behavior concerns to camp coordinator.
 - ♦ Help ensure that campers receive their medications as directed from camp coordinator or designee. Do not provide any medication not approved by parents.
 - ♦ Be alert to camper and staff needs and assist them with personal and/or health problems and discuss with camp coordinator and health aide when appropriate.
 - ♦ Be alert to equipment and facilities to ensure utilization, proper care, and maintenance is adhered to; report repairs needed promptly to camp coordinator.
 - ♦ Be alert to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to activities.
 - ♦ Be prepared to assist should emergency situations arise.
 - ♦ Assist with completion of Incident/Injury Report forms when needed.

- ♦ Help ensure, if there are any, COVID related best practices are followed.
- 4. Be a role model for campers and teen counselors through your attitude and behavior.
 - ♦ Follow and uphold all safety and security rules and procedures.
 - ♦ Set a good example to campers and counselors regarding general camp procedures and practices including sanitation, schedule, and sportsmanship.
 - ♦ Work to ensure that all youth are comfortable, safe, and included.
 - ♦ Be observant for bullying behavior and address immediately.
 - ♦ Prevent campers from planning or attempting pranks. Pranks are not allowed.
 - ♦ Assist with appropriate behavior-management techniques as needed.
 - ♦ Be an adult cabin chaperone at night.
- 5. Contribute to verbal and written evaluations and communication as requested.
- 6. Have fun!!

Qualifications:

- At least 20 years of age by time of camp.
- Successfully complete Child Protection and Safety Program Screening Process
- Past residential camping or camp counselor experience is beneficial, but not required.
- Understanding of developmental abilities and skills of youth 9-13 years old and teens.
- Ability to relate to youth and adults in a positive manner -- outgoing and personable nature, professional, respectful, and positive attitude.
- Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. First Aid/CPR certification beneficial, but not required.
- Physical ability and strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers. Some physical requirements may include endurance including prolonged standing, some bending, stooping, walking long distances, hiking, climbing, and stretching; requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity to manipulate outdoor equipment and camp activities; requires normal range of hearing and eyesight to record, prepare, and communicate appropriate camper activities/programs and the ability to lift up to 50 lbs.; willing to live in a camp setting with daily exposure to the sun, heat, and animals (potentially bugs, spiders, etc.). Cabins are air conditioned.

Benefits of Position: Have fun interacting with 4-H youth. Enhance personal leadership skills.

Accountability and Relationships:

1. Supervised by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Youth Development Specialist.
2. Work in a team relationship with extension staff, Y camp staff, and other volunteers.

Application Procedure: Application at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/youth-outreach>

Send application, including 2 non-related references to:

Annette Brown at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Boone County,
1327 SE Marshall Street, Boone, IA 50036, 515-432-3882 Ext. 6, annbrown@iastate.edu

Application Deadline: June 1, 2024

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