

Idaho National Guard Child & Youth Program
Teen Counselor Application

Thank you for your interest in the Teen Counselor program. It is our goal to provide teens with the opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills while producing future camp chaperones, facilitators and mentors.

Becoming a Teen Counselor is very different in its expectations than that of a camper. All Teen Counselors are expected to:

- Undergo “staff training” with the goal of providing Teen Counselors with the tools needed to work with campers and adult chaperones.
- Present themselves as role models to staff, campers and adult chaperones and exemplify the Six Pillars of Character. (*Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship*)
- Be willing to participate FULLY in all camp programs and activities and be a positive influence on the camp environment.
- Work cooperatively with the camp staff and adult chaperones to provide the best possible outcomes for you, your fellow teen counselors and the campers.
- Take part in an immersive effort to integrate with campers, understand their needs and goals and help them in meeting both.
- Submission of any portion of the application process DOES NOT indicate an acceptance into the Teen Counselor Program.
- Previous involvement in the Teen Counselor Program does not guarantee selection for this or future camps.
- *This is an application form and should not be confused with a registration form for camp. All youth attending camp between the ages of 10-18 are required to register for camp regardless of any other status.*
- **New applicants for the Teen Counselor program will submit a full application. Returning teen counselor applicants will complete the teen counselor portion of the event form and conduct the phone interview portion.**
- **A phone interview will be required for all teen counselors.** Camp staff will contact applicants for phone interview. It is the applicants responsibility to respond to efforts made to communicate during the process.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES CAMP REGISTRATION FORM+EVENT FORM AND \$35 DEPOSIT.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

GRADE:

MALE

FEMALE

Please Respond to the Questions Below to the Best of Your Ability

Why are you interested in becoming a teen counselor?

How do you think your example/performance as a teen counselor affects the campers individually and as a whole?

In **one sentence**, what does being part of the Idaho National Guard Child & Youth Program mean to you?

How will you use this opportunity if selected to bring about a better experience for campers while at camp?

What do you want to learn and/or strengthen about your skill set if you are selected as a teen counselor?

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What is the best day/time to interview you?

What is your preferred method of communications? Call Cell Call Home Text Email

REMINDERS:

- *Teen Counselors are not guaranteed a position, whether new or returning. Each position at camp must be earned.*
- *Camp Directors are looking for growth in each T.C. from one camp to the next.*
- *Teen Counselor positions are limited and the process of selection will be very selective.*
- *We have high expectations for the participants.*

Please read and consider the following before submitting this application:

- *We have reserved these slots for campers who truly show leadership potential and have a desire to excel in the camp setting. This is demonstrated through previous camp, youth group, or teen retreat experience and performance (if applicable), the application, and the formal interview.*
- *All communication and forms should be the work of the teen applicant not the parent/guardian.*
- *There are a limited number of spots in the Teen Counselor Program at each event.*
- *Submission of an application does not indicate an acceptance into the Teen Counselor Program.*
- *The Teen Counselor application process starts at the submission of their application and ends at camp.*
- *Teen counselor applicants not displaying leadership efforts (communication, organization, responsibility) during the process can have their status revoked before camp.*
- *Acceptance in the Teen Counselor Program does not guarantee future acceptance.*
- *The Child & Youth Program staff are here to help guide you and support you; however they will not do "your job".*

A complete camp packet registration is required by the deadline(program registration, event registration and \$35 check fee) to be eligible to continue on in the teen counselor application process.

If you and your parent/guardian agree and understand these terms, please sign below:

Applicant signature:

Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

Parent/guardian signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

(REQUIRED):