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Dear 4-Her:

Walworth County 4-H Camp is set for June 14-17 at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Walworth County Extension is now accepting applications for 2020 4-H Camp Counselor positions. We are looking for responsible, energetic, enthusiastic teens to serve as outstanding role models for this year's campers. Whether you've served as a counselor in the past, or are giving this idea brand new consideration, you are welcome and encouraged to submit your application! Three counselor roles are available: *Junior Director, Cabin Counselor, and Resource Counselor.*

The positions of *Cabin Counselor* and *Resource Counselor* are open to youth in grades 9-13, who will be at least 15 years old by camp. *Cabin Counselors* work primarily with a small group of campers for the duration of camp week. *Resource Counselors* are largely responsible for planning and conducting the fun workshops and activities campers participate in on a daily basis. All counselors will enjoy sleeping in the camp cabins and have shared responsibility for campers overnight.

The role of *Junior Director* is open to candidates who served as counselors in 2019, are presently in grades 11-13, and are able to attend all of the scheduled counselor trainings (next page) and regularly meet with the Extension staff (between February and June) to coordinate the trainings and camp week itself.

Completed counselor applications must be in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27 (or turned in during the Junior/Senior Leaders'

Association meetings that night). Postmark deadline is January 22. Applications must be supported by one reference letter. This reference letter will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on February 5. Simply ask your reference to follow the submission information on the form itself. A completed reference form must be on file for you in order for you to interview. So, please ask someone to complete your reference form right away and then follow-up to make sure that they had a chance to do it a few days before the February 5 deadline.

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Counselor <u>interviews will occur on Wednesday evening</u>, <u>February 5</u> at the Extension Office. A time will be assigned to you. You will be contacted with that time by Friday, January 31.

Camp counselor trainings are on the dates that follow. <u>It is important that you attend all trainings.</u> Your service as a camp counselor is a very IMPORTANT job. Please respect the fact that campers' parents would appreciate you being as prepared for the camp experience as you possibly can. Training dates are:

Day	Date	Time	Location	Tentative Activity
Tues	March 3, 2020	5-8 p.m.	County Government Center	Training Overview Theme Choice
Tues	April 21, 2020	5-8 p.m.	County Government Center	Training
Thurs	May 7, 2020	5-8 p.m.	County Government Center	Training
Wed	May 27, 2020	5-8 p.m.	County Government Center	Work Night Chaperone Training Meet-the-Counselor Night
Tues	June 9, 2020	5-8 p.m.	Walworth County Fairgrounds 4-H Picnic Shelter Rain plan = Activity Center	Training, Skit Practice Schedule Review

Training content and expectations will be discussed more in-depth at the March 3 meeting. Be aware that if you miss multiple meetings, you may be asked to step off the team. Additionally, if you miss a meeting, it is <u>your</u> responsibility to set up a time with the Junior Director to go over missed material immediately after the miss.

Thank you for giving the camp counselor role your serious consideration. We look forward to a fantastic experience for our campers and counselors this year!

Thanks, also, to the Walworth County Senior Leaders' Association for their support of the 4-H Camp program and intentions of paying all counselor registration fees again this year!

Sincerely,

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