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Walworth County 4-H Camp is set for June 19-22 at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells, WI, and we hope that you'll consider being a part of this year's camp by applying to serve as a camp counselor.

The 4-H staff is 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...

- 1) Served as counselors in 2024
- 2) Are currently completing grade 11, 12, or 13
- 3) Are able to attend the scheduled counselor trainings
- 4) Can meet regularly with the 4-H Staff to coordinate the trainings and camp week itself

Completed counselor applications must be in the Extension office by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 31. Postmark deadline is January 24.

Counselor interviews will occur on Tuesday evening, February 4 at the Extension office. A time will be assigned to you. You will be contacted with that time on or before February 3, with January 31 being the target.

Training content and expectations will be discussed more in-depth at the first meeting.



An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Be aware that if you miss multiple meetings, you may be asked to step off the team. Additionally, if you miss any meeting, it is <u>your</u> responsibility to set up a time with the Junior Director to go over missed material immediately afterwards.

Thank you for giving the camp counselor role your serious consideration. We look forward to a fantastic experience for our campers and counselors in 2025!

Thanks, also, to the Walworth County Junior & Senior Leaders' Associations which fully fund counselors' camp experience.

Best,

Devoie Harris

Debbie Harris 4-H Youth Development Educator

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:

Counselor Training Schedule '25		
March 4 (Tuesday)	6-8 p.m.	Walworth County Govt. Center
March 31 (Monday)	6-8 p.m.	Walworth County Govt. Center
April 10 (Thursday)	6-8 p.m.	Walworth County Govt. Center
May 15 (Thursday)	6-8 p.m.	Walworth County Govt. Center (includes "Meet-the-Counselor Night")
June 10 (Tuesday)	6-8 p.m.	Walworth County Govt. Center
June 19 (Thursday)	9:30-11:00 a.m.	First Day of Camp Meeting @ Check-in Location
June 19-22		Camp Week at Upham Woods