

Dear 4-H Member,

Would you like to interact with other 4-H teens from the area, have three fun-filled days camping, and be a positive role model to younger 4-H members? Apply to be a Southern Indiana Camp Counselor! Using the QR Code below you will find a Southern Indiana 4-H Camp Counselor and Junior Camp Director Application for 2026, specific job responsibilities for these positions and a bio sheet. We will once again be camping at Country Lake Christian Retreat, located near Henryville. Camp dates for 2026 will be May 29th-31st. There are thirteen counties camping together from Southern Indiana – Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Scott, Washington, Dubois, Martin and Perry.

“2026 Camp Theme: Under the Sea”

We will be conducting interviews again! Once you submit your counselor application, **you will be provided with a link to sign up for your interview time via Jot Form.** Again, this year we will be completing all interviews via Zoom to help you prepare for future interviews, which are more likely to be hosted on a web platform in the current hiring process. **Interviews are mandatory to be considered for a Camp Counselor or Junior Camp Director position.**

2026 Camp Counselor Interview Schedule via Zoom:

- February 23, 24,25: 4 pm- 6 pm (15 Minute Intervals)
- You can sign up for any of these days, and they will be on a first-come, first-serve basis

Counselors are expected to attend the following trainings to prepare for their role:

Overnight retreat May 2nd and 3rd at Country Lake Retreat

- **May 1st – Jr. Director Training**
- **May 2nd – arrival 9:30 a.m.- 10:00am**
- **May 3rd – depart in afternoon**

May 28th 2026 at County Lake Retreat Center

- **Arrive at 4:30pm and depart at conclusion of camp on May 31st**

***You are responsible for your own transportation to the retreat and camp.**

Camp Counselors and the Junior Camp Directors will be chosen from the completed applications, as well as interviews. These applications are due back to the Extension office or uploaded via 4HOnline by **February 2, 2026**. Applications will be reviewed by the entire Southern Indiana planning team. Competition for Junior Director and Counselor will be tough, so please fill out the applications seriously and completely. We will only be accepting a certain number of counselors this year. Counselors will only be selected if they qualify based on the following criteria:

All Counselors: Application Details, Interview, Leadership Potential

New Counselors: Educator Recommendations

Returning Counselors: Past Performance, Initiative, Appropriate Behavior

The entire application process will be completed in 4HOnline. If you have questions or need assistance with this, please contact your local Extension Office. Once you submit your application, you will receive an email to sign-up for an interview time.

If you have any questions about camp, responsibilities of being a counselor or junior director please contact your 4-H educator.



Sincerely,
Southern Indiana 4-H Educators

