

January 01, 2010

Dear Prospective JC,

I'm delighted that you have a desire to return to Leadership Camp in a role model capacity. JC's are a vital part of the total camp program. The success of camp, as you know, depends a great deal on how well the JC's accept their responsibilities and work with the camp delegates. Are you willing to accept this challenge?

I emphasize the following points to each of you:

- Make sure you take the time to **think** about all your answers to the questions on the application. It is important that you **present** yourself well. Take the time to convince me that you really want to be on camp staff and that you are the best person for the job. There will be many applicants for few positions.
- Applying for a JC position means that you are willing to lead a drug-free life-style. The Drug Free Pledge that you will sign is not just a piece of paper, it is a promise to accept this most important **year-round** JC responsibility. Your actions must reflect your words.
- Your application **must** be postmarked by March 1. Make sure the **entire application arrives on time**. **You can ask your two references to return their letters in a sealed envelope to you and then mail everything to me at the same time.** Choose dependable references. **Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**
- Check your calendar and your family's calendar **before** you apply to be a JC to make sure that camp dates are clear.
- **Camp dates are Friday June 18th – Saturday June 26th, 2009**

There are very few positions open this summer. If you do not get chosen this year, you are eligible to re-apply next year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,

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ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCILS

Questions/Answers about IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp Staff

How do I become a Junior Counselor (JC)?

JC's are selected annually from those who apply for the position. All seriously interested in becoming a JC should retrieve the appropriate application packet from IAJHSC.ORG after January 10th of the year that they want to apply. Completed applications must be returned to the Camp Director by March 1st of the year in which individuals are applying to be on camp staff. An individual may apply two times for a camp staff position.

What is considered in choosing JC's?

There are several factors that are taken into consideration when selecting JC's. They include:

- Recommendations of Camp Staff personnel from the year in which the individual applying was a delegate
- Recommendations from those who have observed the applicant in leadership roles in his/her school/community
- Quality of responses to questionnaire section of the JC application
- Good academic and citizenship standing
- Current female/male openings on JC staff
- Geographic location mix (within Illinois) of the current JC staff

How old do I have to be to apply to be a JC?

In order to apply to become a JC, applicants must presently be in the 9th grade or older. All JC's must be in high school and may continue to be selected as JC's through the summer following their senior year.

In all cases, the selection of camp staff is the final decision of the Camp Director. As soon as the selection of camp staff is final, all who have applied will be notified by email. I hope to notify everyone by April 30th, but that date is not a guarantee.

Must be postmarked by March 1st!!!

**IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp
Junior Counselor Application**

Name: _____

Please Print!

Please attach a recent photo here.
This is optional.

Address: _____

street # and name

city

state

zip code

Home Phone Number: (_____) - _____ e-mail address: _____

Birth date: _____

month day year

Grade in school next September: _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ HS Grad

School currently attending: _____

name

street address

city

state

zip code

School Phone Number: (_____) - _____

Adult T-Shirt size: _____ small _____ medium _____ large _____ x-large _____ xx-large

Junior High School Attended: _____

IAJHSC District _____

Phone Number: (_____) - _____

Junior High School Student Council Advisor: _____

Checklist - All Applications Must Include the Following:

- _____ 1. Junior Counselor Application (**photo optional**)
- _____ 2. Questionnaire
- _____ 3. Parent Permission Form
- _____ 4. Drug Free Pledge
- _____ 5. Academic and Discipline Statement
- _____ 6. Two teacher Recommendations

Please list below the names of the individuals who will be writing your letters of recommendation: *(May NOT be your Junior High/Middle School Advisor or Camp Staff Member)*

1. Name: _____ 2. Name: _____

Position: _____ Position: _____

Phone Number: (_____) - _____ Phone Number: (_____) - _____

9. Is there anything else you want me to know about you?

10. Tell me what would be the perfect way to decorate your cabin at camp. Also, tell me why you think it is important to decorate cabins.

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SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

TO: The parent(s)/guardian of an applicant for the position of junior counselor.

Parental Permission is required in order for your child to become a junior counselor.

The schedule for our week at camp is very full. Staff members must be in good physical health.

Please read the following statement and sign this form. Your child must return this with his/her application.

I give permission for _____

Applicant's Name

to serve as a junior counselor at the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp at Memorial Camp in Allerton Park, Monticello, IL, from Friday, June 18th, 2010 through Saturday, June 26th, 2010. I will arrange for transportation to and from camp in event that he/she is selected.

I also attest to the fact that _____ is in good physical

Applicant's Name

health. He/she has no illness or disability that would affect his/her performance at camp.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils
Summer Leadership Camp
Drug Free Pledge

I, _____, as an applicant for the position of junior counselor, understand the importance of being a positive role model for the camp delegates. I also understand that my actions should reflect the message delegates receive at camp about the behavior expectations of leaders. I therefore pledge not to use tobacco, drugs, or alcohol while serving as a junior counselor at Summer Leadership Camp and while participating in the functions identified as being attended by IAJHSC Camp Staff members. I further pledge to refrain from the above activities during my 4 year JC eligibility.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Summer Leadership Camp

Academic and Citizenship Statement

_____ has applied for the position of junior counselor at the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp. Please check those statements below which are appropriate for this student. Please return this to the Camp Director by March 1st.

_____ This student is in good academic standing.

_____ This student is NOT in good academic standing.

_____ This student has not been involved in any situation during this school year which has resulted in administrative disciplinary action.

_____ This student **HAS BEEN INVOLVED** in a situation during this school year which has resulted in administrative disciplinary action.

Signature: _____

Position: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

Student should return this completed form to:

David Nenn
IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp Director

Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils
Summer Leadership Camp
Junior Counselor Recommendation

_____ has applied for a position as a Junior Counselor for the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp. As a member of this camp staff, he/she would be closely involved in teaching junior high school students leadership skills. In addition, he/she would be supervising up to 9 campers in a cabin. Please indicate in the space below what qualities you have seen in this applicant that would lead you to recommend him/her for this position. Please return this to the student in a sealed envelope in time for them to include it in their application. Their applications must be postmarked by March 1st.

Signature: _____
Position: _____
School/Organization: _____
Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

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1st Year