

2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor Application

Experience the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, Wisconsin

Participate in the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp program by applying to become a member of the State Fair Camp Counselor Team. Explore the fascinating fun and fast-paced inner workings of State Fair while developing and demonstrating leadership, organizational, communication and mentoring skills.

Selection Procedure: Youth (9th to 13th grade) are invited to apply for a leadership role on the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor Team. Applications including a reference must be submitted to Wisconsin State Fair by June 24, 2017. Fair Camp Management will select up to twenty-four (24) counselors (12 male and 12 female). Preference will be given to youth who have previously served as Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselors. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by late June.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Entering 9th through 13th grade.
2. Complete and submit the application to Wisconsin State Fair no later than **June 9, 2017**.
3. Possess strong verbal communication, leadership skills and enjoy small group interaction.
4. Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp or other Camp Counselor experience.

Roles/Duties - Day Camp Counselors are required to:

1. Participate in a mandatory face-to-face counselor training workshop on Thursday, **August 3, 2017** from 3 to 7 pm.
2. Participate in both Wisconsin State Fair Day Camps: **Friday, August 4** and **Saturday, August 5, 2017**.
3. Plan and lead at least one icebreaker/game per camp.
4. Supervise and be a mentoring resource for assigned campers (2nd – 5th grade) through the day's activities.
5. Form an adult/youth partnership with Day Camp Coordinator to assist with the program.

Program Details: Selected counselors will provide leadership and perform duties for the Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp, during the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis, WI. There are no fees required; complimentary lodging (same gender rooms with bunk beds) will be provided for Thursday and Friday nights. Counselors will also receive meals in the Youth Center Thursday evening through Saturday evening. Counselors will work alongside similar-aged youth to assist day campers with a memorable Wisconsin State Fair Camp experience. Counselors will spend most of their time under the direct supervision of Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Staff, adult 4-H volunteers and other Fair Camp supporters. Camp activities will include a: visit to Exploration Park, tour of Discovery Barnyard and a Giant Slide ride. Activities may also include large group games, crafting, public speaking, and performing camp songs. For additional information about Wisconsin State Fair Day Camps or other Fair fun visit <http://www.wistatefair.com/>.

Parents/Guardians: Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program. If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this program, activity, or service, please contact Brian Bolan, Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture and Youth Programs Director via email at brian.bolan@wistatefair.com.

For additional information contact: faircamp@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7050

Applications with educator references should be sent by June 9th to:

Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp
640 South 84th Street
West Allis, WI 53214
faircamp@wistatefair.com

2017 WISCONSIN STATE FAIR DAY CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

(Please neatly print in ink or type)

Name _____ Gender _____ Male _____ Female

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

County or School participation is with _____

T-shirt size: (Adult Sizes) _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ 2X-Large

Calendar Year(s) of prior WI State Fair participation (Example – 2016): _____

Why do you wish to become a WI State Fair Day Camp Counselor? _____

What skills qualify you for this position? _____

Briefly describe a recent leadership/teaching/mentor role you have held: _____

Please cite an example of how you have effectively worked in a team situation: _____

What benefits do you hope to gain from your experience as a WI State Fair Day Camp Counselor? _____

Interpersonal Relations: in your relationship to other people, would you say you are usually:

		Comments
Cooperative?	___ yes ___ no	_____
Looked to for guidance?	___ yes ___ no	_____
Respected?	___ yes ___ no	_____
Outgoing?	___ yes ___ no	_____
Sensitive toward others?	___ yes ___ no	_____
Willing to try new things?	___ yes ___ no	_____
Accept people who are different from me?	___ yes ___ no	_____

How would you rate yourself in the following areas?

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Top 10%
Get along with others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
Enthusiasm & energy	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-confidence	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaching experience	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organizational skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Problem-solving skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willingness to take guidance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public speaking	_____	_____	_____	_____

Other Fair Camp Counselor Opportunities:

Please mark other Fair Camp Dates that you'd be willing to serve as a camp counselor.

_____ Performer Fantasy Camp, August 8th

_____ Animal Career Camp, August 10th

_____ Group Day, August 12th

If offered an opportunity to be a 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor, I agree to abide by the following:

1. I will make arrangements to attend the training workshop.
2. I understand all Day Camp Counselor activities/responsibilities will be supervised by State Fair Day Camp Program Staff.
3. I will be an outstanding representative of Wisconsin State Fair and understand all attendees including Camp counselors must follow camp guidelines. Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselors are expected to *lead by example and will be held to higher standards* than camp participants.
4. I understand if I do not meet these expectations, I may be removed from the WI State Fair Day Camp Counselor position.

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete:

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

Please return this Application to Wisconsin State Fair by **June 9, 2017**

Original or scanned/e-mailed applications are acceptable.

Please send to: Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp, 640 S. 84th Street, West Allis, WI 53214 or
faircamp@wistatefair.com

EDUCATOR REFERENCE (Confidential – Please submit directly to Wisconsin State Fair)

Camp Counselor Applicant's Name _____

The above named individual is applying to be a Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor for the Wisconsin State Fair Day Camps in West Allis, WI **August 3-5, 2017**. Your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's leadership capability and ability to work well as a team is appreciated. All information is confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

1. Interpersonal Relations: As you observe this applicant in relationship to peers and adult leaders, is the applicant usually:

	Yes	No	Comments
Cooperative?	___	___	_____
Looked to for guidance?	___	___	_____
Respected?	___	___	_____
Outgoing?	___	___	_____
Sensitive toward others?	___	___	_____
Willing to try new things?	___	___	_____

2. Do you think this applicant will be a good mentor/leader for campers? Does he/she work well in team situations?

3. In comparison with other youth you have worked with, how would you rate this applicant in the following areas?

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Top 10%	Have Not Observed
Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Enthusiasm and energy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-confidence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaching experience	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organizational skills	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Problem-solving skills	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willingness to take guidance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public speaking	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Do you recommend this applicant be selected as a Wisconsin State Fair Day Camp Counselor? ___ yes ___no

Why or why not? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____ Telephone (____) _____

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