



# 4-H Aggie Adventures for Kids

Summer 2011

## Youth Counselor Application

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional communication options:

Facebook email address: \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a Facebook account

Your Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a personal cell phone

Is it okay to receive texts on your cell phone?  Yes  No

The number of weeks each counselor serves depends on the number of counselors selected. However, we want each counselor to serve at least for three weeks (20 hours per week).

Can you volunteer for at least three weeks?  Yes  No

Giving a choice, would you prefer? (please check one)  3 weeks  4 weeks

Please list (in order) your top four camp choices (camp name/camp dates):

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

4th Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list dates you are NOT available to serve as a counselor. Consider 4-H events, family vacations, fair, camps you are attending, sports, etc.. Discuss your summer schedule carefully with your parents.

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A mandatory counselor orientation will be held on Monday, May 16, 4-7 p.m., Extension office. Dinner is included. If selected as a counselor, will you be able to attend this training?  Yes  No

**On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to each of the following questions:**

1. Why are you interested in becoming a 4-H Aggie Adventures youth counselor?
2. What do you hope to gain from being a 4-H Aggie Adventures youth counselor?
3. What experiences have you had that you feel are relevant to a youth counselor position?
4. In what ways do you believe you could contribute to the 4-H Aggie Adventures camps?

**Mail, bring or fax your application to the Weber County 4-H office by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2010.**

**We will contact you to schedule an appointment for an interview.**

**READ & SIGN BACK**

## What is a 4-H Aggie Adventures Youth Counselor?

Utah State University Extension and Weber County 4-H is seeking youth between the ages of 14—17 to volunteer as camp counselors for children’s educational summer camps. Camps are week-long day camps held at the Weber County USU Extension office and the Ogden Botanical Gardens. The camps emphasize hands-on learning, and explore a variety of different science based themes including robotics, history, chemistry, and GPS.

## Why Become a Youth Counselor?

Volunteer service is helpful to have when you’re applying for scholarships, putting together a portfolio and building a resume. Volunteer service with 4-H Aggie Adventures gives you valuable teaching and leadership experience and also offers great incentives. Upon completion of a minimum of 60 volunteer hours (3 camps) and completing a 4-H portfolio, you will receive a Life Skill Incentive of your choice such as a ski pass, guitar lessons, horseback riding lessons, digital camera, or another Life Skill incentive of your choosing.

## How Do Life Skills Incentives Work?

Counselors who fulfill their commitments (serve for at least three full weeks and submit a completed portfolio on or before October 1) will earn \$180 Life Skills Incentive (\$60 extra for each week beyond three camps). Once the camp season is over and the finished portfolio is turned in, counselors need to decide what Life Skills Incentive they want. Lessons, equipment, etc. are generally approved. iPods, cell phones, etc. will **NOT** be approved. Counselors should contact the 4-H office in advance if they want an item to be approved that is outside the norm of lessons & activities.

Once counselors decide of their incentive, they should contact Wendy Rees (399-8202) with the information. If it can be purchased online or bought locally, she will make the purchase arrangements. Other items may require the counselor to buy the item and submit an **original receipt** for reimbursement. The reimbursement from the University will take a couple of weeks. Often a counselor will want an item that costs more than the amount he or she has earned. In this situation, the counselor should purchase the item, turn in the receipt for the full purchase price, and the counselor will be reimbursed up to the amount earned (again, talk to Wendy to get prior approval for items beyond lessons, etc.).

## What Would My Commitment be as a Youth Counselor?

- Submit an application and participate in an interview
- If selected, attend orientation
- Serve as a youth counselor for at least 60 volunteer hours (3 full camps)
- Submit a 4-H portfolio to the 4-H office by October 1

## What Does a Youth Counselor Do?

As a counselor, you would be helping out with many aspects of the summer camps including assisting campers with their projects, answering questions, playing games, supervising campers, and helping with set up and clean up.

## What If I Get Sick on an Assigned Camp Date?

**It is important that counselors attend on the days they are assigned; otherwise the success of the camp is jeopardized. However, occasional scheduling conflicts may arise or a counselor may be ill. If this occurs, it is the counselor’s duty to find a substitute counselor; no substitutions should be arranged without the approval of the Camp Director.**

## How Do I Apply?

You can bring your application in person to the Weber County 4-H office, or you can fax it to (801) 399-8205; email it to wendy.rees@usu.edu; or mail it to: 4-H Aggie Adventures for Kids, 1181 N. Fairgrounds Drive, Ogden, UT 84404

**I have read the information above and feel I can fulfill the commitments as a 4-H Aggie Adventure Camp Counselor. I have listed scheduling conflicts for the summer and provided my preferred camp choices. I understand that once the counselor schedules have been prepared, I am expected to attend at the assigned date and times. I have transportation available to and from the camps.**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_