

Technology and Operation: Military Kids



Hello Prospective Teen Counselors—*Please share this letter with your parent(s):*

I am writing to you because you have participated in a 4-H or *Operation: Military Kids* (OMK) event or have expressed interest in learning more about becoming a 4-H Camp Counselor.

Camp planning is quickly approaching and I want you to have the first opportunity to volunteer to be a Camp Counselor at one or more of the University of Idaho's 4-H Military Family Camps. These camps are sponsored by *Operation: Military Kids* and will be held at the Central District 4-H Camp near Ketchum. A new Military Family Camp for Northern Idaho families will be held in June Coeur d'Alene. There are lots of fun activities to plan and be a part of to support our military families at all these camps.

Please return the enclosed *Counselor Application* as soon as possible to have the best chance for selection! Indicate which camp/s interests you. It is recommended that counselors attend both training dates and mandatory to attend at least one. There is a \$10 fee for counselor training. Although we need some *very* experienced counselors, we also have openings for counselors who have never been at Camp before or who would mainly like to be babysitters or perform as a counselor trainee. If you like children, want to learn new skills, and are positive in your outlook, you will probably make a terrific counselor!

Our schedule varies dependant on the camp but we generally leave on Friday late afternoon and return early evening Sunday. Again, dependant on the particular camp, we may provide a commercial bus or arrange carpools for teens and could use parents' help in transporting you and other counselors. Room and board will be provided.

If your parent(s) could drive or would like to attend Camp, there may be a role for them as a Helper or Adult Volunteer. We will schedule an *Adult Orientation* during counselor training and make assignments (including new activities) based on individual interests and skills.

If your parent(s) are interested, please ask them to request and submit an *Adult Volunteer Application*. Please feel free to call me (and invite your parent(s) to call) on my cell phone with any suggestions or questions! I am usually in the office Monday-Thursday and look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Linda Gerber, Program Coordinator

Operation: Military Kids, in partnership with 4-H, Boys & Girls Club of America, Military Child Education Coalition, American Legion, Idaho Elks, and US Army Child & Youth Services

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