



# Step Up to Leadership

## Camp Counselor Leadership

### Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist

Member's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Serving as a Camp Counselor in any youth camping program is one way you can develop and practice leaderships skills. The following are suggested skills for different age/skill levels. Have your leader initial and date each skill as completed.

#### Counselor in Training Level 1

	Date Completed	Approved By
1. Attend training for beginning camp counselors.	_____	_____
2. Attend additional training that relates to working with youth.	_____	_____
3. Attend planning sessions as required by Camp Director.	_____	_____
4. Choose two of the following:	_____	_____
a. Assist with teaching a class at a youth camp.	_____	_____
b. Assist with conducting a camp activity (games, songs, campfire).	_____	_____
c. Serve as an individual or cabin counselor.	_____	_____
d. Recruit youth to attend the camp.	_____	_____
5. Camp counseling skills	_____	_____
a. Describe the responsibilities of a camp counselor.	_____	_____
b. Describe the importance of safety in a camping program.	_____	_____
6. Completed evaluation with Camp Director.	_____	_____

#### Junior Counselor

#### Level 2 – Complete Level 1 before proceeding to level 2

	Date Completed	Approved By
1. Attend and participate in two trainings of your choice.	_____	_____
a. Counselor retreat or similar.	_____	_____
b. Youth or leadership related (list: _____).	_____	_____
2. Attend planning sessions as required by Camp Director.	_____	_____
3. Choose three of the following:	_____	_____
a. Take a major responsibility for one camp activity. Example: Song leader, games, talent show, campfire, ceremonies.	_____	_____
b. Serve as a mentor to a new counselor.	_____	_____
c. Assist with teaching a class at a youth camp.	_____	_____
d. Serve as a Cabin or Youth advisor at camp.	_____	_____

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| e. Help develop promotional materials for 4-H camp.<br>Promote camp through local media. | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Camp counseling skills:   |       |       |
| a. Describe the importance of planning for a camping program.                            | _____ | _____ |
| b. Demonstrate your ability to plan age appropriate activities for youth.                | _____ | _____ |

**Senior Counselor**

**Level 3 – Complete Level 2 before proceeding to level 3**

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| 1. Attend planning sessions as required by Camp Director.     | _____                 | _____              |
| 2. Attend a youth or leadership related training.             | _____                 | _____              |
| 3. Assist with training of new camp counselors.               | _____                 | _____              |
| 4. Serve as a mentor to a new camp counselor.                 | _____                 | _____              |
| 5. Teach a workshop or class to youth at camp.                | _____                 | _____              |
| 6. Take major responsibility for a camp activity              | _____                 | _____              |
| 7. Assist with program evaluation of camp.                    | _____                 | _____              |
| 8. Camp counseling skills:                                    |                       |                    |
| a. Demonstrate problem solving in a camping program situation | _____                 | _____              |
| b. Describe how to support teamwork in a camping program.     | _____                 | _____              |

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