

Junior Counselor Program

The Junior Counselor (JC) program is for high school students who have completed at least one year of high school. The goal of the JC program is to provide leadership and job-related training and experience.



Please read the following information carefully.

The application deadline is May 1, 2018. All parts of the application including one reference letter from a non-family member is due by this date. Applications can be submitted in person or by mail to the Yvonne Richardson Community Center (240 E Rock St; Fayetteville, AR) or by email to slivengood@fayetteville-ar.gov. Applications submitted after deadline will only be considered if positions are still available. We hope to complete placements by May 15th, 2018.

REFERENCE LETTER: If reference is sent via email it must be from a school or business-related email account. References from gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc. will not be accepted. Hand written reference letters must be in a sealed envelope with reference's signature across envelope's seal.

INTERVIEWS: The YRCC Program Coordinator and/or Director will conduct interviews, if necessary, to determine if applicant is a good fit for the Junior Counselor program.

ORIENTATION: All students placed in program will be required to attend orientation as part of their leadership training. Orientation will be May 31- June 1 from 10am-3pm each day. Lunch and snack will be provided. Junior Counselors who have attended training the year before will only be required to come to training on June 1.

Placement in program is based on professionalism and enthusiasm, and at the discretion of YRCC staff. Junior Counselors are not required to be at camp for all seven sessions, unless they so desire. However, we expect a commitment to the weeks they have chosen to participate in the JC program barring any illness or emergency.

2018 Summer Fun for Kids/Teens Camp Dates (9:30am-4:30pm)

Week 1: Marvelous Makers (June 11-15)

Week 5: Terrific Teamwork (July 9-13)

Week 2: Fantastic Fayetteville (June 18-22)

Week 6: Going Global (July 16-20)

Week 3: Outstanding Outdoors (June 25-29)

Week 7: Wonderful Water II (July 23-27)

Week 4: Wonderful Water I (July 2-6; closed July 4)

Week 8: Mini SF4K (July 30-Aug 3)

Junior Counselor Program
Junior Counselor and Parent Agreement

I agree to the following Code of Conduct, and understand that breaking this agreement may result in a suspension or expulsion from the program:

- Remember that I represent the Yvonne Richardson Community Center and that my behavior should be appropriate and follow the YRCC Code of Conduct always:
 - Respect each other, YRCC staff and volunteers.
 - Keep building and outside grounds clean, and return equipment to the proper place.
 - No obscene gestures, profanity or disrespectful language.
 - No horseplay, roughhousing, bullying or fighting.
 - No soliciting, loitering, or gambling.
 - No smoking or tobacco use anywhere on YRCC property.
 - No misuse of the facility and equipment.
 - No alcohol or drugs of any kind.
 - No removal of YRCC or other patron's property.
 - No inappropriate clothing or public displays of affection.
- I will be sensitive to the needs of each camper, staff, or volunteer
- I will respect the places and people with whom I come in contact.
- I will be responsible for my personal belonging and will not hold the Yvonne Richardson Community Center or City of Fayetteville for their loss or damage.
- I will treat all equipment provided for my use with care. I understand that I will be assessed for damages to any equipment in the event that my use of such equipment is negligent or abusive.
- I will use all required safety equipment and follow safety rules and procedures.
- I understand that if I am sent home early due to misconduct, it will be my parent's or guardian's responsibility to pick me up if I am not providing my own transportation. I will have to meet with my parents or guardians and the Camp Director if I would like to be readmitted to the program.
- I understand that in order to receive community service recognition that I will need to keep appropriate documentation and evaluation of my experience.
- I understand that I cannot drive any camper during camp hours or to and from camp.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Junior Counselor Applicant)

I have read the application and materials and give my child permission to participate in the JC program. I understand and agree with the above responsibilities of my daughter.

Signed _____ Date _____

(parent/guardian)

APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR COUNSELOR

Qualifications:

- Must have completed one year of high school by June 2017.
- 14 years of age or older
- Have a real interest in the progress and welfare of younger children.
- Demonstrate a willingness to accept all people and work with them, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background.

Instructions

- Please type or print clearly.
- Return to Sarah Livengood, Program Coordinator, Yvonne Richardson Community Center; 240 E Rock St.; Fayetteville, AR 72701 or slivengood@fayetteville-ar.gov by **May 1st, 2018 at 11:59pm.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Attending _____ Grade completing (spring 2018) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship to JC _____

The following info is for office use only

Ethnicity

- White
- Black/African American
- Asian
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islands
- Black/African American & White
- Other MultiRacial

Hispanic YES NO

Single Parent Household YES NO

Number of Individuals in Household: _____

Annual Gross Household Income

- <\$12,000
- \$12,000-\$19,999
- \$20,000-\$24,999
- \$25,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$39,999
- \$40,000-44,999
- \$45,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$54,999
- \$55,000-\$59,999
- \$60,000-\$65,000
- >\$65,000

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TRAINING (not required)

Do you have current first aid certificate? If so, please list course and list expiration date:

First Aid (Date of expiration _____) Title of Course _____

CPR (Date of expiration _____)

OTHER TRAINING COURSES (not required)

Title of Course: _____ Type of Certification: _____

Training Organization: _____ Date of expiration: _____

SKILLS INVENTORY

The following is a list of some activities that are offered at camp. Please check the **L** for those activities you are able to *lead*, **A** for those activities that you are able to assist, and **I** for those activities that interest you.

L A I

Recreation

- Group Games
- Basketball
- Team Building
- Hiking
- Archery
- Mountain Biking
- Dance

L A I

STEM

- Simple Experiments
- Computer Time
- Engineering-related activities

L A I

Arts and Crafts

- Painting
- Drawing
- Crafts
- Jewelry

L A I

Other

- Cooking
- Gardening
- Crafts
- Jewelry
- Drama
- Music
- Animals/Birds

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Describe any previous day-camp or overnight camp experience as a camper and/or in a leadership position.

Describe your experience (if any) working with children. Include experience gained through camps, babysitting, volunteering, scouts, etc.

Why do you want to be a Junior Counselor?

What skills do you have that will help you be a successful Junior Counselor?

What do you hope to gain from the Junior Counselor program? Why?

Give an example of a situation where you had a take a leadership role, and how it influenced your leadership skills.

What age level of children do you most enjoy working with? Why?

Session available (please indicate which sessions you are interested in)

____ June 11-15 (Marvelous Makers)

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REFERENCE

One non-family member reference required. Please have them submit a letter of reference following criteria mentioned on first page. Please include their contact information below:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

I certify that all information provided on this application is true and complete. I understand that falsification or significant omissions of any information may be considered justification for release from the Junior Counselor program if discovered at a later date.

Signature

Date