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**ADVENTURE CAMP
Junior Counselor Application
WHATCOM FAMILY YMCA**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Birth date: _____
Address _____ Grade in Fall of 2019 _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Camp Name: _____
(if returning)
Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____ Work Phone: _____
Father's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____ Work Phone: _____
Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

List your experience working with children 5-12.

List your previous camp experience.

Please check all the week(s) you will be available to volunteer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. June 24-28* | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. July 15-19* | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Aug 5-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. July 1-3 ** | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. July 22-26 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Aug 12-16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. July 8-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. July 29-Aug 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Aug. 19-23 |

* Denotes weeks where there is a Thursday night Camp-out scheduled. **No camp on 4th or 5th of July

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Why are you interested in being a Junior Counselor for Adventure Camp? _____

Describe the role you see a Junior Counselor playing, and the most important responsibility they have.

Describe your strong and weak points as they would relate to working with children in a camp setting?

Describe what rule you feel is most important in a camp setting, and explain why. _____

Discuss what you would do if you saw a child do something that was against camp rules.

What special skills can you bring to camp? List any certifications you may have. _____

The required training will be on June 19th. Do you have any conflicts that will not allow you to attend? _____

Please return application and Code of Conduct to Whatcom Family YMCA by May 31st.

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**ADVENTURE CAMP
Junior Counselor Code of Conduct
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I, _____, hereby agree to the following Code of Conduct:

All individuals involved with Adventure Camp Junior Counselor program are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects well upon themselves, Adventure Camp, and the Whatcom Family YMCA. This Code of Conduct must be signed and followed by all participants and their parents/guardians.

Youth will

1. Show respect to themselves, other Jr. Counselors, Counselors, and Directors, as well as campers.
2. Conduct himself/herself in a responsible manner regarding YMCA facilities, and any other camp facilities we utilize and do their best to keep it clean.
3. Complete an on-line Child Abuse Prevention Training for Volunteers. (this will be done as group at the training)
4. Not use or possess any tobacco products at any time.
5. Not use or possess any weapons, alcoholic beverages, or illicit drugs.
6. Not use cell phones, or any other electronic equipment while volunteering with the kids.

During camp, Jr. Counselors will be assigned a counselor to work with. They will be there to assist the counselor, but are not expected to fulfill the role of a counselor. On the overnights, they must stay with their counselor and group the entire night.

Further, participant understands that the penalty for violating the Code of Conduct or any additional rules established by either Camp Director or YMCA Staff will result in consequences determined by the staff. Any serious violation may result in the participant's immediate dismissal from Adventure Camp and notification of her/his parents/guardians. It will be the responsibility of the parents/guardians to make all necessary arrangements for the participants to be picked up.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Jr. Counselor Signature

Date

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**Position: Junior Counselor
Reports to: Camp Director/ Camp Counselor
Status: Volunteer**

General Function: To provide a fun, beneficial experience for Adventure Camp campers in cooperation with the Adventure Camp Staff. Responsibilities include building positive relationships, modeling and teaching YMCA core values (honesty, respect, caring, and responsibility), demonstrating and enforcing excellent safety and risk management, and assisting in camp activities.

Qualifications:

1. Must be at least entering the 9th grade, or successfully completed the Leaders in Training Course (LIT).
2. Must have a desire to learn leadership and teaching skills.
3. Must have some leadership ability, demonstrated through participation in other activities at school or in the community.
4. Must be able to make mature decisions.
5. Must be of high moral character.

Major Responsibilities:

1. Participate in all camp activities.
2. Provide a positive role model for campers.
3. Follow and uphold all camp and bus rules.
4. Assist in supervision of campers on field trips.
5. Assist in supervision of campers on hikes, nature activities, sports and games, crafts, and other camp activities.
6. Assist in preparation of drinks, snacks and meals.
7. Help keep the camp, YMCA, and bus in clean condition and encourage campers to do likewise.
8. Help keep arts and crafts supplies, sports equipment and other supplies clean, organized, and in good condition.
9. Keep appointments with director, attend training sessions, and inform director of absences or change in plans.
10. Be at assigned drop-off locations on time.
11. Remain motivated and enthusiastic about working with Adventure Camp.

Goals:

1. Develop leadership and teaching skills.
2. Develop creativity and self-reliance.
3. Develop communication skills in working with children and adults.
4. Develop a sense of maturity and responsibility.

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