

Junior Counselor Leadership Program

Camp Buckeye 2019



PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Junior Counselor Leadership Program (JCLP) is a counselor-in-training program for campers ages 13 to 16 years old. The training involves many facets of Camp Buckeye with real-life leadership experience assisting camp counselors. We welcome the summer fun Camp Buckeye can provide, while offering participants the opportunity to adapt new skills and obtain stronger levels of responsibility. We help our JCLP participants set and achieve personal goals. Upon completion of the JCLP program each JC will earn a certificate stating the completion of the program and the amount of hours they completed.

WHAT: Junior counselors will learn leadership skills through hands-on assistance to Camp Buckeye counselors and campers. Participants will gain a meaningful sense of responsibility through connecting with individual campers and learning how to be a supervisor, role model, and friend.

WHEN: Junior counselor participants must commit to one full week of camp (**daily prorating is not an option**). Junior counselor participants are encouraged, upon acceptance, to sign up for several weeks of this leadership experience.

Once accepted, there is an entry fee of \$50 per week which includes JCLP, t-shirt, snacks most days, and JCLP orientation each Monday of camp. Field trip days are an additional cost.

JCLP 2019 Program Dates:

Week 1: June 17-21

Week 2: June 24-28

Week 3: July 1-5

Week 4: July 8-12

Week 5: July 15-19

Week 6: July 22-26

Week 7: July 29- August 2

JCLP QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ages 13 to 16 years old
- Genuine interest in working with campers as a positive role model.
- Ability to model values of Camp Buckeye: assist in a nurturing, safe, and fun environment for campers.
- Evident ability to be active for long periods of time.
- Must be able to respectfully accept guidance and supervision.
- Must be able to follow rules and policies.
- Completion of the Junior Counselor Application.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend JCLP meetings.
- Assist camp staff with supervision of campers.
- Assist camp staff with camp activities (including set up and take down of said activities).
- Occasionally lead hikes, games and activities.

- Be present to accompany campers during drop-off and pick-up.
- Organize and distribute camp supplies.
- Help camp staff maintain a clean and sanitary facility.
- Provide nurturing and positive experiences for campers.
- Model a positive, flexible attitude and show initiative where needed.
- Assist camp staff with supervision and organization of campers on field trips.

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Rules and Policies

1. **DRESS CODE:** JCLP dress code requires active shorts or pants suitable for an average camp day. Gym shorts or pants with T-shirt are recommended. Shorts and pants must be appropriate length and appropriate size.
2. **BELONGINGS POLICY:** JCLP participants are responsible for his/her own belongings. Camp Buckeye staff will accept no responsibility for lost or damaged items. Items of value should be left at home. Please only bring items necessary for the camp day.
3. **RESPECTFUL USE OF CAMP ROOMS, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT:** The use of camp rooms, supplies, and equipment for reasons other than camp staff instructions is prohibited; unless directly instructed with noted permission from a camp director.
4. **LUNCH/DINING POLICY:** JCLP participants must bring a packed lunch. Snacks will be provided most days. JCLP participants must eat lunch with campers to help camp staff monitor campers.
5. **CELL PHONE POLICY:** Cell phones are allowed in case of emergencies but should remain out of sight. Phones must be put away and never an inconvenience to duties. If phones appear to cause distractions, they will be taken and held in the Camp Director's office and parent/guardian must pick it up after camp.
6. **EXPECTATIONS:**
 1. Be a good role model for all campers; if you follow the rules, the campers will too.
 2. Participate in **ALL** games and activities; if the campers see you playing, they will play.
 3. Keep your hands to yourself; no hugging/hand-holding/lap-sitting/hitting with campers or fellow JCs.
 4. Interact and assist campers instead of socializing with your fellow JCs
 5. If you see that something is wrong or campers are misbehaving, let a counselor know so they can handle the situation.

To Apply:

Please go to our website <https://beechrecreation.recdesk.com>, create an account, go to programs, register for your preferred week(s) of camp, and fill out the JCLP application. If you have any questions about the program or application process please contact Marisa at msedlak@townofbeechmountain.com or call 828-387-3003

If accepted into the JCLP program, you will be notified via email by Marisa prior to camp beginning.