










CAMP ORKILA COUNSELOR APPLICATION

TIMELINE:











Tuesday, March 31	Application Deadline (Applications should be turned into Ms. Dean in Room 2301 by 3:00pm.)
Wednesday, April 8	Counselor List posted online (by end of day)
Wednesday, April 22	Counselor Training @ IHS, 2301 9:00-10:00 am
Monday, May 4	Counselor Training (with parent chaperones) @ Sunset Elementary Library, 4:00-6:30
TBD	Counselor Work Party
Monday, May 11	Pre-Camp Check-In @ IHS, 2301 2:55-3:30pm
Tuesday, May 12	Luggage Drop-Off @ Sunset Elementary, 4:30-6:00pm
Wed-Fri., May 13-15	Camp Orkila on Orcas Island (arrive at Sunset Elementary by 7:00 am)

All the above meetings are required – absolutely no exceptions will be made.

Counselor Responsibilities

-  Be a junior or senior in good academic standing.
-  Attend all counselor training sessions. Arrive on time.
-  Maintain a good attitude and focused attention throughout training and camp.
-  Supervise students at all times. Remember that the campers' safety and experience are your first priorities.
-  Set clear expectations.
-  Communicate effectively with teachers, parent volunteers and Orkila staff.
-  Ask for help when you need it.
-  Lead by example. You are the most important role model at all times.
-  Always be on time.

Characteristics of a Good Counselor

-  Has a good sense of humor.
-  Is optimistic, cheerful, outgoing, understanding and patient.
-  Is never sarcastic or threatening.
-  Is considerate of campers' needs and feelings, and puts campers at ease.
-  Is courteous, has good manners, and sets a good example.
-  Is enthusiastic about campers, camp and activities.
-  Is honest, sincere and consistent.
-  Respects all participants.
-  Plans and works out activities in advance.
-  Makes activities interesting.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Teacher who knows me well: _____

CAMP ORKILA COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION & AGREEMENTS

TEACHERS: This student must be passing your class, and be able to miss Wednesday, May 13-Friday, May 15. Sign below if you feel the student can attend camp while still being successful in class. Please contact me directly with additional comments or concerns. Thanks, Keri Dean

Prd.	Teacher	Curr. Grade	Comments
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2			
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PARENTS: If your student is selected, there are **3 mandatory** training sessions (see the attached schedule) that counselors are **required** to attend. The camp is on Orcas Island from May 13-15.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENTS: Please sign below if you agree to abide by the following:

1. If selected to be a camp counselor, I will attend all training sessions (attached).
2. During Camp, I will not possess, use, transfer, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, tobacco products, or other drugs (unless prescribed for you by your doctor).
3. I understand that my responsibility is to be a positive role model for the campers in my group, ensure each camper's safety, and make sure each camper has the best experience possible.

Are you involved in a Spring sport? YES NO Which sport? _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you participate in a Spring sport, your coach needs to sign below confirming you can attend Camp.

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper. A letter of recommendation from an employer or person who has watched you work with children is helpful, but not mandatory.

1. Why do you want to be a fifth grade camp counselor?
2. What experience do you have working with kids? Include specific examples of your experiences.
3. What skills do you have that would help you be a good counselor? Consider discussing leadership experience and certifications (First Aid, CPR, etc.).
4. What ideas do you have that would help your campers enjoy camp? Consider how you would help them unite as a cabin group, overcome homesickness, and have an enjoyable experience.
5. How would you handle conflict within campers in your cabin group? Campers not listening to or following instructions?