

IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp Mission Statement:

Developing authentic leaders with a foundation of confidence and integrity to make a positive impact.



2023 JC Expectations:

The following list of expectations are things that you need to commit to. If there is anything on this list that you will be unable to fulfill, then perhaps the role of Leadership Camp JC is not for you.

We expect that ALL JCs will

- Create a cabin theme and arrive at camp with completed décor ready to decorate the cabin.
- Arrive at camp for staff development on Friday, June 16th, 2023 at 1 PM and remain on site until the completion of the camp program (approximately 12 PM on June 24th).
- Manage and control a group of 7-9 delegates in a cabin with mutual respect and positive relationships.
- Fulfill all of their assigned jobs and duties within the camp program including but not limited to acting in skits, singing and managing council activities.
- Maintain and model good health by getting a full night's sleep, eating well, and staying hydrated.
- Be in cabins after lights out. The only reason to leave will be to use the bathroom or to take a delegate to the bathroom or nurse.
- Behave in a manner appropriate of a leader toward all delegates, fellow JCs and senior staff members.

January 3, 2023

Dear Prospective JC,

I am delighted that you have a desire to return to Leadership Camp in a role model capacity. JCs are a vital part of the total camp program. The success of camp, as you know, depends a great deal on how well the JCs **accept their responsibilities** and **work with the camp delegates**. Are you willing to accept this challenge and the responsibilities that go along with it? I would like to emphasize the following points to each of you:

- Make sure you take the time to **think** about all your answers to the questions on the application. It is important that you present yourself well. Take the time to convince us that you really want to be on camp staff and that you are the best person for the job. There will be many applicants for a few positions.
- Applying for a JC position means that you are willing to lead a drug-free lifestyle. The Drug Free Pledge that you will sign is not just a piece of paper, it is a promise to accept this most important **year-round** JC responsibility. Your actions must reflect your words.
- Your application **must** be completed and entered into the online form by March 1st. Your references along with the parent permission form and the academic/citizenship statement needs to be postmarked by March 1st. You can ask your two references to return their letters in a sealed envelope to you and then mail everything at the same time. Choose dependable references who are not related to you. **References received after the deadline will result in the applicant not being considered for the job of JC.**
- Check your calendar and your family's calendar **before** you apply to be a JC to make sure that camp dates are clear.
- **Camp dates for staff are Friday June 16th, 2022 – Saturday June 24th, 2023**

Just a reminder that being a JC before does not guarantee you a spot so you must reapply every year. If you do not get chosen this year, you are eligible to reapply next year. Applicants will be informed by April 24th as to whether or not they were selected. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

Sincerely,
Leanne Rohn
IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp Director

Mail ALL forms postmarked by March 1st to: Mrs. Leanne Rohn
375 W. Dayton St.
Galesburg, IL 61401

Questions can be directed to Leanne Rohn at campdirector@iajhsc.org

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCILS

Questions/Answers about IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp Staff

How do I become a Junior Counselor (JC)?

JCs are selected annually from those who apply for the position. All seriously interested in becoming a JC should retrieve the appropriate application packet from IAJHSC.ORG after the January IAJHSC board meeting of the year that they want to apply. Applications must be completed and submitted online on or before March 1st. All references must be mailed together along with the parent permission form and the academic/citizenship statement to the camp director postmarked on or before March 1st. If you choose to do the video interview instead of the questionnaire, it must be shared with the camp director via Google drive or an email link to view on Youtube on or before March 1st. **Videos must not exceed 4 minutes in length!**

What is considered in choosing JCs?

There are several factors that are taken into consideration when selecting JCs.

They include:

- Recommendations of Camp Staff personnel from the year in which the individual applying was a delegate
- Recommendations from those who have observed the applicant in leadership roles in his/her school/community
- JC evaluations from previous years (for returning JCs)
- Quality of responses to questionnaire section of the JC application or video interview
- Good academic and citizenship standing
- Current female/male openings on JC staff
- Geographic location mix (within Illinois) of the current JC staff

How old do I have to be to apply to be a JC?

In order to apply to become a JC, applicants must presently be in the 9th grade or older. All JCs must be in high school and may continue to be selected as JCs through the summer following their senior year, but they do have to reapply each year.

Please refer to the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp Staff Handbook or email the Camp Director with any other questions.

In all cases, the selection of camp staff is the final decision of the Camp Director. As soon as the selection of camp staff is final, all who have applied will be notified by email. Please use an email address that you will check regularly.

We will notify everyone by April 24th.

Checklist - All Applicants Must Complete the Following:

- _____ 1. **Online** Junior Counselor Application
- _____ 2. **Online** Questionnaire with uploaded photo or Video Interview (Must not exceed 4 minutes)
- _____ 3. Parent Permission Form - print, fill out and return
- _____ 4. Academic and Discipline Statement from your school - print, fill out and return
- _____ 5. Two References - print, fill out, return **IN SEALED ENVELOPE**

**IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp
Junior Counselor Application**

Name: _____
Please Print

Address: _____
street # and name

_____ city _____ state _____ zip code

Home or Cell Phone Number: (_____) - _____

e-mail address: _____

Birth date: _____
month day year

Circle your current grade in school: 9 10 11 12

School currently attending: _____
name

_____ street address

_____ city _____ state _____ zip code

School Phone Number: (_____) - _____

Adult T-Shirt size: _____ small _____ medium _____ large _____ x-large _____ xx-large

Junior High School Attended: _____

IAJHSC District _____

Junior High School Student Council Advisor: _____

Please list below the names of the individuals who will be writing your letters of recommendation:

*(May **NOT** be your Junior High/Middle School Advisor, Camp Staff Member, or a relative)*

Reference #1

Name: _____

Position or Relationship to applicant: _____

Length of time reference has known applicant: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Position or Relationship to applicant: _____

Length of time reference has known applicant: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCILS
SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM**

TO: The parent(s)/guardian of an applicant for the position of junior counselor.

Parental Permission is required in order for your child to become a junior counselor. The schedule for our week at camp is very full. Staff members must be in good physical and mental health.

Please read the following statement and sign this form. Your child must return this with his/her application.

I give permission for _____
Applicant's Name

to serve as a junior counselor at the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp at Memorial Camp in Allerton Park, Monticello, IL, from Friday, June 16th , 2023 through Saturday, June 24th, 2023. I will arrange for transportation to and from camp in the event that he/she is selected.

I also attest to the fact that _____ is in good physical and
Applicant's Name

mental health. He/she has no illness or disability that would affect his/her performance at camp.

I have read through the expectations of a junior counselor and understand that failure to meet those expectations will lead to their dismissal. I also understand that selection is not guaranteed for subsequent years and they will have to reapply.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils

Summer Leadership Camp

Academic and Citizenship Statement

_____ has applied for the position of junior counselor at the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp. Please check those statements below which are appropriate for this student. Please return this to the student. Their applications must be postmarked by March 1st.

_____ This student is in good academic standing.

_____ This student is NOT in good academic standing.

_____ This student has not been involved in any situation during this school year which has resulted in administrative disciplinary action.

_____ This student HAS BEEN INVOLVED in a situation during this school year which has resulted in administrative disciplinary action.

Signature: _____

Position: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

Return this form to the student to send in with the rest of their completed forms.

Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils
Summer Leadership Camp
Junior Counselor Recommendation

_____ has applied for a position as a Junior Counselor for the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp. As a member of this camp staff, he/she would be closely involved in teaching junior high school students leadership skills. In addition, he/she would be supervising up to 9 campers in a cabin. Please attach this to a letter explaining what qualities you have seen in this applicant that would lead you to recommend him/her for this position. Please return this to the student in a sealed envelope in time for them to include it in their application. Their applications must be postmarked by March 1st.

Signature: _____

Position: _____

School/Organization: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

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Signature: _____

Position: _____

School/Organization: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils Summer Leadership Camp Questionnaire

The following questions must be answered in writing in the online form or with a video interview. This can be used as a brainstorming sheet before you enter the answers online or in your video. **You do NOT need to send this with your application.** If you choose the video interview, please make sure that ALL of the questions are answered and the video is shared with the camp director on or before March 1st. Videos should be shared to iajhsc_camp@outlook.com via Google drive or Youtube.

1. What extracurricular activities have you been involved in this school year?
2. What have you done in your community to be a leader this year?
3. What is your most important accomplishment this year? How did it involve leadership?
4. What do you remember most about camp? Be specific.

5. Which JC do you remember the most, and why do you remember this JC?

6. What does being a role model mean to you?

7. What does it mean to be a leader at camp? How is this different from the last question?

8. What part of the HEART acronym (Honesty, Empathy, Awareness, Responsibility, and Teamwork) do you consider your strength and why? Which do you find the most challenging and how will you overcome that challenge?

9. Tell us what would be the perfect way to decorate your cabin at camp. Also, tell us why you think it is important to decorate cabins.

10. Is there anything else you want us to know about you?