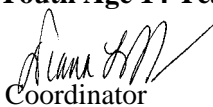




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TO: Manatee County 4-H Youth Age 14 Years Old as of June 1, 2009

FROM: Diana L. Smith, Ph.D.  Kate Smith
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RE: March 14-15, 2009 Camp Counselor Training ~ DaySpring, Ellenton
April 11, 2009 Cloverleaf Camp Restoration ~ 4-H Camp Cloverleaf
June 8-12, 2009 Junior Residential 4-H Camp ~ 4-H Camp Cloverleaf



This **Camp Restoration** and **Camp Counselor Training** Registration packet, **Camp Counselor** Application, and the **Adult/Teen Agreement** are being mailed to you because you have turned 14 or will be 14 by June 1, 2009.

Please review the **Camp Restoration** and **Counselor Training** Registration Form. As you can see we are *strongly* encouraging you to attend the Counselor Training scheduled for March 14 & 15, 2009 at DaySpring in Ellenton. It goes without saying that *you* need to take advantage of this training in order to provide yourself with the necessary knowledge to become one of Manatee County's selected counselors for the 2009 summer camping program. The pre-registration form and fee of \$25 are due **to the 4-H Office by Monday, March 9.**

We are also asking that you and your family make an investment in the 4-H camping program by attending the **4-H Camp Cloverleaf Restoration** activity on April 11. Again, pre-registration is necessary in order to accommodate everyone for meals and lodging (if you plan to spend the night Friday). Because camp restoration is a service project, the camp is offering RV hook-ups on site at no charge. The Youth Council will be providing your meals on Saturday April 11th; breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and lunch around noon. If you come over on Friday the 10th, you are on your own for dinner that evening. Your \$10 registration fee will help defray the cost of Saturday's meals and break refreshments. As always, with any registration fees, the Foundation's reimbursement policy does apply.

Junior Residential Camp will be held June 8-12, 2009 at 4-H Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid where we will need 30 counselors to provide a safe and successful camping program. On the application you will notice a place for you to designate if you are interested in serving as Key Counselor or Counselor for the Leadership Track. The completed Counselor Application packet is also due **to the 4-H Office by March 9, 2009**; don't forget the essay and your reference letters. Please review the program dates listed on the application, complete your application, and the Adult/Teen Agreement, and the Participation Form (if we do not have a current copy on file) then submit them by the March 9th deadline. Interviews will be conducted on Sunday, March 15th at the end of the Camp Counselor training. Interviews are NOT optional! Counselor selection will take place on Monday, March 16th.

If you need additional information about the camping program, please call Ms. Kate at the 4-H Office.

c: Selected Organizational & Co-Leaders

Enclosures

