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2016 GLENN COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP LOOKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH COUNSELORS

The Glenn County 4-H Youth Development Program sponsors a resident youth summer camp every year for youth 4th-9th grades (current 4-H membership is not required). The camp facility is located at Camp Tehama in Lassen National Forest near Mill Creek, California. The average participation is about 100 campers each year. The camp is staffed by 4-H personnel, volunteer adult leaders and high school age camp counselors. The 4-H Camp is a rustic camp with the philosophy of providing an exciting outdoor educational experience to as many youth as possible. The goal of the Glenn County 4-H camp program is to provide youth an opportunity for growth and development in mental, physical, social and leadership skills.

We are in need of teen and adult volunteers; each year there are about 15 high school age boys and 15 high school age girls that serve as camp youth counselors. There are a few high school Juniors and Seniors who serve as Youth Directors and extensively help plan camp. The camp youth counselor's experience is intended to be a positive leadership development activity for high school youth. Adults are needed to assist with activities and to serve as advisors.

Camp Youth Counselor Qualifications: Youth counselors will need to complete the ninth grade by July 1, 2016; prior camp experience and 4-H membership is not required. Non 4-H members will have to pay an additional \$40.00 to cover enrollment costs (insurance, curriculum and scholarship fees). You are required to attend four of the six planning meetings. Your major responsibilities as a counselor will be to serve the needs of the campers. You will be expected to provide an enjoyable educational experience for younger youth campers: willing

to serve as a "Big Brother/Sister" to six or seven campers; stay in the cabins with the campers and go to bed at the scheduled curfew; participate in all planned camp activities with your assigned campers; and provide leadership and assistance in program areas and other activities. We need youth who can exert a positive influence on younger campers through close contact with them. You will be expected to set a good example through enthusiasm, excitement, positive human development attitudes and time commitment at camp. Contact the Cooperative Extension Office at 865-1107, or visit our website at http://ceglenn.ucanr.edu/Glenn County 4-H Program 286/ for an application. The total fee to participate as a counselor will be approximately \$50.00, plus \$40.00 for the 4-H enrollment fee, if not a current 4-H member. Fees do not cover transportation to and from camp; you will be required to make your own arrangements. Applications are due back to the Cooperative Extension Office on Thursday, March 3, 2016. The interviews will be held on Sunday, March 6th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Call the Cooperative Extension Office to schedule your interview time.

For more information about camp youth counselors and adult volunteer positions, please contact the 4-H Office at 865-1107.

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