

**Coloma Outdoor Discovery School**  
*Adventure Camp Counselor Application*



**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name		Phone
Address		
E-mail		
Age	D.O.B.	SSN#

Are you available for an interview?    Yes  No

If applicable, list any dates that you *will not* be available from June 1-August 1:

**EDUCATION**

High School	
GPA	Expected graduation date:
If graduating this spring, do you plan on attending college in the fall: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Where?	Major

**EMPLOYMENT**

Dates	Employer	Responsibilities	Supervisor/Title	Phone #

May we contact your supervisor(s)? Yes  No

## REFERENCES

Please provide contact information for three individuals, not related to you, who you have known for at least one year. References should be able to attest to your personal character, leadership skills, academic performance, and/or general work ethic.

Name	Relationship	Phone #	Years Known

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Driver's License number and state issued: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a criminal offense, or are you at present, the subject of a criminal investigation? Yes  No  (If yes, please attach a detailed explanation)
- Have you ever been charged with or convicted of sexual abuse or molestation? Yes  No  (If yes, please attach a detailed explanation)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Have you ever attended camp? Yes  No  Years \_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you hold any additional training/certifications such as Life Guard, CPR, First Aid?  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever received any awards or special recognition? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Activities/organizations in which you participate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Interests/hobbies:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have experience leading songs or skits? Yes  No  Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Do you play any musical instruments? \_\_\_\_\_

- List adjectives that describe yourself:

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- Describe your experience working with children: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Why do you want to work at *Adventure Camp*? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CAMPER EXPECTATIONS

In order to create a fun, safe environment for everyone, the Coloma Outdoor Discovery School has created the Full Value Contract, an agreement to value oneself, community members and the learning experience. All Adventure Camp participants model these values:

**Encouragement:**

Because Adventure Camp stretches individuals beyond their physical and emotional comfort zones, being supportive to others is essential. Each individual is responsible for using positive language and gestures.

**Personal Responsibility:**

Individual choices and actions can make or break a team. Always come for activities on time, prepared (water bottles full and bladders empty) and dressed appropriately. Drink plenty of water, eat, and sleep to replenish your body during the active days at Camp.

**Conflict Resolution:**

Working as a team can be challenging! Feelings of frustration are sometimes created by challenge activities. Facilitators will teach you ways to think about, express, and overcome your feelings in a respectful manner.

**Commitment:**

Be prepared to give 100%! You have unique qualities and skills to contribute to the group. Set an example for your peers by being involved and following directions.

**Self-Empowerment:**

You can go beyond your perceived limits! While at Adventure Camp, facilitators will encourage you to challenge yourself. For some people, this might be completing a trust walk, for others, performing the "Leap of Faith"! Whatever the task, it is important to not underestimate the abilities of yourself or others.

## COUNSELOR EXPECTATIONS

Everyone at the Coloma Outdoor Discovery School (CODS) works as a team: CODS Facilitators, Counselors, Administrators, the kitchen and maintenance staff, and campers too! You will be busy, but your responsibilities will be manageable. We are confident that you will find your role as Camp Counselor both fun and rewarding. In order to maintain the professionalism of CODS, and to ensure a safe and positive environment for all participants, we ask you to honor the following guidelines:

- ★ Model Camper Expectations
- ★ Follow the pack list do's and don'ts
- ★ Tobacco, drugs and alcohol are not permitted
- ★ Use positive and appropriate language and gestures
- ★ Promote safety at all times
- ★ Avoid conversations related to personal or controversial topics
- ★ Respect the campers' modesty and privacy in the bunkhouse
- ★ Limit physical contact with campers—aside from general assistance and supervised activities (this is for everyone's protection)
- ★ Avoid being alone with a camper—travel in groups of three
- ★ Ensure that your assigned campers are supervised at all times
- ★ This is a six-day commitment. For the consistency of our program, we will not honor any requests to leave for any duration of time

If selected as a Camp Counselor, I will conduct myself in a courteous and respectful manner, and be a positive role model for all youth. By signing below, I am verifying that I have read and am willing to abide by the Camp Counselor expectations. I understand that if the Administrators of the Coloma Outdoor Discovery School determine that I have failed to meet these expectations, that I am responsible for providing my own transportation home, upon being dismissed from my responsibilities.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under the age of 18)

- ★ Completed applications may be faxed to (530) 621-4960, or mailed to:  
CODS, Attn: Kindra, P.O. Box 484, Coloma, CA 95613.  
Applications must be received no later than June 1!

For more information, please contact:  
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