



EAGLE'S NEST FOUNDATION

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Dear Junior Counselor Candidate and Parent,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Junior Counselor for the summer of 2010. As the name suggests, the Junior Counselor program is designed to help campers learn more about becoming counselors at Eagle's Nest. Many of our counselors grew up as campers and successful Junior Counselors at Eagle's Nest. This program is important to us in that it provides us with quality teachers and counselors who have grown up in the Eagle's Nest tradition. Junior Counselors spend much of their time in service to the Eagle's Nest Camp community through teaching, caring for children, and performing many chores. We are pleased that you are interested in taking on these challenges and seeking the rewards.

Attached, you will find a Junior Counselor Questionnaire and a Parent Questionnaire. The competition for Junior Counselor spots is very tough. We take many things into consideration when making selections. As much as we wish we could take all applicants, we will not be able to do so. By no means does that reflect on our feelings of your worth at Eagle's Nest.

JC Applicants: When we review and begin selecting the Junior Counselors for the summer we look carefully at your answers to each of the questions. Your answers help us to measure your level of maturity and your commitment to teaching, as well as your capacity to be a caregiver and friend to the campers at Eagle's Nest. They also give us insight into your experiences at Eagle's Nest and how you will use those experiences in your work this coming summer. Please put serious thought into your answers to these questions. We want to know what you truly think and believe.

Parents: Your responses to the questions posed on the Parent Questionnaire give us valuable insight into your child's potential to be a strong JC. They also help us understand the challenges your child may face. All of this information is helpful as we mentor your child. Please answer these questions honestly and thoughtfully.

The completed JC Questionnaire Packet (JC Application with answers to essays attached and Parent Questionnaire) is due back to the Winston-Salem office no later than **October 15th**. A committee of camp administrators will review the applications. We will inform you of our decision within three weeks of the selection deadline. **We will not consider you as a candidate if we do not have the completed JC Questionnaire, Parent Questionnaire, Camp Application, and \$450 deposit by the deadline of October 15th.** If you are not selected we will return your deposit.

We encourage you to apply for a Hante as a back up in case you are not selected. Applicants not accepted to be JCs will receive \$150.00 off their Hante tuition.

Again, thank you for your love of Eagle's Nest and for your willingness to apply for this important work. If you have any questions or if there is anything with which we can help you, please give us a call at 336-761-1040.

Sincerely,


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Eagle's Nest Camp

JUNIOR COUNSELOR QUESTIONNAIRE

*Your application is complete when we have received your Camp Application, your deposit fee, Parent Questionnaire, and Junior Counselor Questionnaire. All materials due by **October 15.***

Name: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Have you applied to be a JC before?

Do you have siblings that will be attending camp this summer?

What session(s)? _____

What are their names and how old are they? _____

SESSION PREFERENCE (PLEASE CIRCLE)

1st Choice	Session I (14 days)	Session II (20 days)	Session III (20 days)	Session I & II (34 days)	Session II & III (40 days)
2nd Choice	Session I (14 days)	Session II (20 days)	Session III (20 days)	Session I & II (34 days)	Session II & III (40 days)

If you are only able to attend your session of preference, do not circle a second choice. **Because of the number of applications, we may select you to be a JC in the session of your second choice.*

Please explain your reasons for your session choice: _____

There are very limited spaces for multi session positions. If you selected a multi session what is your individual session preference? _____

We encourage you to apply for a Hante as a backup to being a JC. We will register you for this Hante and will confirm you in that spot after review of the Hante supplemental application if you are not selected to be a JC.

Please choose one Hante only.

Backup Hante: _____

I do not wish to participate in Hante

What age group would you like to work in a cabin with and why? _____

Please list any Added Adventure(s) or Hante(s) in which you have participated: _____

Have you been a student at the OA?

Which Semester? _____

I understand that if I become a Junior Counselor I will be accepting a high level of responsibility. I will attend the JC orientation and I will stay for the entire session. I agree to abide by all policies of the Eagle's Nest Foundation and to follow the guidelines set up for me in the Junior Counselor Manual and by the Junior Counselor Coordinators and other camp administrators. I am looking forward to being a positive role model, hard worker and friend during my time as a Junior Counselor.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

JUNIOR COUNSELOR QUESTIONNAIRE

These questions were developed to help us learn more about you and how you might fit into the role of a Junior Counselor. Please answer all of these questions on a separate sheet of paper and then attach it to the application. Please answer sincerely and candidly.

1. Why do you want to become a Junior Counselor and what do you expect from the role?
2. What challenges do you expect to face if selected as a Junior Counselor? What things really stress you out?
3. JCs are asked to take on many duties and tasks at camp. It is important to realize that most of your time is spent in service to the community which includes caring for children, maintenance, dish and pot washing, cleaning bathrooms and other duties which require a good deal of time and effort. How will you balance your work and play times at camp if selected as a JC?
4. One of the most difficult aspects of being a JC is the solitary nature of the position. Unlike your cabin or Hante groups in the past, JCs spend most of their time in their assigned cabin or activity with younger campers, away from their peers. How do you think you will handle this change?
5. What strength or talent do you feel you can offer to Eagle's Nest as a Junior Counselor and how will the community and you benefit from this?
6. Do you feel prepared to be a good role model and teacher to children who are not much younger than you? Please explain why and how you will do this.
7. Please describe some of your past leadership and teaching experiences including experiences working with and caring for children.
8. If you are selected as a Junior Counselor, you will have the opportunity to help teach classes. What do you think you'll need to do to be a good teacher?
9. Tell us a little bit about the type of care and attention that you will need to provide to the campers in the cabin age group you'd like to work with.
9. Please describe how you would handle the following scenarios:
 - a. One of the campers in your cabin just called another camper a name. What would you do?
 - b. One of the campers in your cabin has been homesick since the beginning of camp. Camp has now been going on for 5 days and the camper still cries every morning. How would you deal with this situation?
 - c. You've spent the last week working very hard as a JC and you're feeling very tired. It's rest period and one of the more needy campers in your cabin is asking for your help with something. You have very little patience at the moment. What would you do?
 - d. Two of the other JCs in your group aren't quite living up to the expectations set up for them; they spend most of their time together rather than in their cabin, they do not actively participate in class and you just heard that one of them was talking about inappropriate things with a group of campers. What would you do?
 - e. During your night on cabin duty the campers play truth or dare during which a couple of the campers reveal information about their experiences with sex. They ask you about your experiences with sex and drugs. How would you handle this situation?
10. Are you aware of Eagle's Nest's zero tolerance policy regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco products? Why do you think it's important that counselors and JCs are expected to uphold this policy?