



EAGLE'S NEST FOUNDATION

Experiential education for young people, promoting the natural world and the betterment of human character.

Dear Junior Counselor and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in returning to Eagle's Nest to be a Junior Counselor for the summer of 2010. As you are both aware, 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 once again 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, even for those of you who have been Junior Counselors in the past. As much as we wish we could take all returning JCs, we may not be able to do so.

JCs: When we review and begin selecting the Junior Counselors for the summer we look carefully at your answers to each of the questions. They 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 as a Junior Counselor last summer 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 that 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 into 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. This year we are also encouraging all JC applicants to participate in Hante. If a JC decides to do a Hante in addition to their session in camp as a JC, they will receive \$200.00 off of their tuition. 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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SECOND YEAR JUNIOR COUNSELOR PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

JC Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Parent completing this form: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Given his or her experience at Camp as a Junior Counselor last summer, what do you think your teen learned?
2. What were your teen's highlights from his or her JC experience last year and why does he or she want to be a JC again this year?
3. As your teen knows, Junior Counselors have many responsibilities at camp. Their days can be very long and challenging. What were the biggest challenges that your teen faced last summer and how will he or she respond to them this summer?
4. Do you have any concerns about your teen's ability to serve as a Junior Counselor (behavior issues at school or home, drug or alcohol use, etc.).
5. Additional comments?

Eagle's Nest Camp

SECOND YEAR JUNIOR COUNSELOR QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

What session were you a JC? _____ For which Cabin? _____

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 1 (14 days)	Session II (20 days)	Session III (20 days)	Session IV (8 days) <small>Returning JCs only</small>	Session I & II (34 days)	Session II & III (40 days)	Session III & IV (28 days) <small>Returning JCs only</small>
2nd Choice	Session 1 (14 days)	Session II (20 days)	Session III (20 days)	Session IV (8 days) <small>Returning JCs only</small>	Session I & II (34 days)	Session II & III (40 days)	Session III & IV (28 days) <small>Returning JCs only</small>

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 JC.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SECOND YEAR JUNIOR COUNSELOR QUESTIONNAIRE

These questions were developed to help us learn more about your previous experience as a JC and how you will continue to grow as 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. What did you most enjoy about being a Junior Counselor? Why would you like to be a Junior Counselor again this summer?
2. What surprised you about the JC role last summer?
3. What were some of the challenges you faced as a Junior Counselor?
4. What did you learn last summer that you will apply as a JC this summer?
5. What advice would you give to friends serving as JCs for the first time?
6. What do you feel was your biggest accomplishment last summer?
7. List 2 -3 goals that you have for this coming summer.
8. Please explain some situations that you encountered and handled last year that related to the following topics:
 - a. Caring for campers in need of support.
 - b. Conflicts and resolutions with other Junior Counselors or Counselors.
 - c. Teaching and leading others.
 - d. Fatigue or stress.
10. As you are aware, Eagle's Nest has a policy of zero tolerance in regards to drugs, alcohol and tobacco products. Do you understand the policy? Why is it important for our staff and JCs to follow this policy?