



# Junior Counselor Questionnaire

## Part 1: General Information

In this packet, you will find a General Information form and a set of Essay Questions. Junior Counselor applications are not complete until we have received the completed Parts 1 and 2 of the Junior Counselor Questionnaire as well as the completed Camp Application, and completed Parent/Guardian Questionnaire. These are all due to by October 15th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to be a JC before?  Yes  No Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have siblings attending camp/Hante this summer?  Yes  No What session(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

-What are their names and ages? \_\_\_\_\_

### SESSION PREFERENCE

(Please check the box beside your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices\*. For date and fee information, please see our website.)

1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice
<input type="checkbox"/> Session I (15 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session I (15 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session I (15 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> Session II (21 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session II (21 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session II (21 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> Session III (21 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session III (21 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session III (21 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> Session IV (8 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session IV (8 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Session IV (8 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions I & II (36 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions I & II (36 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions I & II (36 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions II & III (42 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions II & III (42 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions II & III (42 days)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions III & IV (29 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions III & IV (29 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sessions III & IV (29 days)

\* If you are only able to attend your 1<sup>st</sup> choice, do not select a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

We may select some JCs for more than one session. Are you willing to be a JC for 2 sessions?  Yes  No

If you are not selected to be a JC, would you like to participate in a Hante?

Back Up Hante: \_\_\_\_\_ or...  I do not wish to participate in Hante

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

Please list any Added Adventure(s) or Hante(s) in which you've participated:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a student at the Outdoor Academy?  Yes  No If yes, 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 the policies of Eagle's Nest Foundation and 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part 2: Essay Questions

*New Junior Counselor applicants*—please answer the questions in Sections A and B only! *Returning Junior Counselor applicants*—please answer the questions in Section C only! When we review and begin selecting the Junior Counselors for the summer we look carefully at your answers to each of the questions as they help us to measure your level of maturity, your commitment to teaching, and your capacity to be a caregiver to the campers at Eagle’s Nest. Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer the sections of questions that apply to you. Please put serious thought into your answers. We want to know what you truly think and believe.

### Section A: (for applicants who have not served as Junior Counselors)

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Counselor?
2. As you know, JC’s are asked to take on many duties and tasks at camp. Realizing that most of your time is spent in service to the community, which includes caring for children, table setters, dish and pot washing, and other duties that require a good deal of time and effort, how will you balance your work and play times at camp if selected as a JC? How will you find time to enjoy the company and support of your JC friends?
3. What challenges do you expect to face as a JC? What things really stress you out?
4. Why do you think you’ll be a good JC?
5. What experience do you have working with and/or teaching children, and serving in leadership positions?
6. Tell us a little about the type of care and attention that you will need to provide to the campers in the cabin age group with which you’d like to work.
7. 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? What would you do if you found out that one of the JCs was not upholding this policy?

### Section B: (for applicants who have not served as Junior Counselors)

1. What do you expect this new role to be like?
2. 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 night. 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. During your night on cabin duty, one of the campers tells you that he or she has an eating disorder. How would you handle this situation?

### Section C: (for applicants who have served as Junior Counselors)

1. What were some of the challenges you faced as a Junior Counselor? How do you feel more prepared to face those challenges this summer?
2. What did you learn and how did you grow as a result of being a Junior Counselor?
3. Coming into the role of a Junior Counselor for a second year, you have the benefit of experience behind you. Given your experience, what do you plan to bring to the job this summer? How will you do things differently? What will you continue to do in the same way?
4. Please explain one situation you encountered and handled last year that related to one of 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.
5. Why are you interested in returning to be a JC again this summer and what strengths will you bring to the program?

Thank you! Your portion of the questionnaire is complete.

Please print your questionnaire and essay answers, sign it where indicated, and upload these to CampDoc.com, or email these to the Camp Registrar at [register@enf.org](mailto:register@enf.org).