

Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program Application Summer Camp 2010

Thank you for your interest in our Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program (JCA). The goal of this program is to foster leadership skills and offer practical work experience for teens entering grades 8-10.

For 12 to 18 hours each week, Junior Leaders work with Park District staff members, leading recreational activities at summer camp. JCA participants also gather for group meetings and activities twice a week, focusing on team building and developing job-related skills. Practical skills are also an important part of the program, including filling out employment applications, interview techniques and CPR/first aid.

Although JCA requires a significant commitment of time and energy from each participant, in return, Junior Apprentices gain valuable personal and work experience. Best of all, they'll get the inside scoop on summer fun at the Northbrook Park District!

The Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program is offered both first and second session. The registration fee is \$299 for residents and \$375 for non-residents *per session*.

If you would like to be considered for the program, please complete the attached application packet and **return to the Leisure Center no later than March 1st, 2010**. The packet includes:

1. **Junior Counselor Apprenticeship** application
2. A signed parent letter
3. A personal reference form (to be completed by a non-related adult, such as a teacher or coach who knows you well enough to describe your qualifications for the program). **Please write your name on the form before you pass it on to your reference person.**

Once we receive your completed application, a supervisor will contact you to schedule an interview. If you have any questions about the JCA program, please contact Dina Izenstark at (847)-291-2995 or dizenstark@nbparks.org.

NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT
Division of Leisure Services

Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program Application
Summer Camps 2010

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ M/F: _____

School Attending: _____ Entering Grade: _____

I am interested in JCA... SESSION I and/or SESSION II

1. What are some of your hobbies and interests?
2. Describe any experience you have had working with children.
3. Describe your participation in extracurricular activities.
4. Describe your participation in Northbrook Park District programs.
5. What qualities or skills do you think that you would bring to JCA?

6. What do you hope to get out of the Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program?
Please state at least 3 goals for the summer?

i.

ii.

iii.

7. Please indicate your areas of interest in order of preference (1, 2, 3...). Use an "X" to indicate any areas where you would prefer not to work:

___ Kids Korner Camp (3-4 year olds / Half Day Camp)

___ Camp Curiosity (4-6 year olds / Half Day Camp)

___ Kaleidoscope Kids (K-2 graders / Full Day Camp)

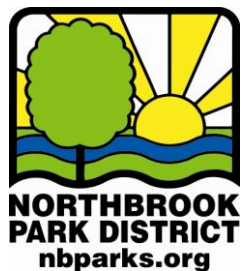
___ Mighty Mites Sports Camp (1-2 graders / Full Day Camp)

___ Artistic Adventures (3-6 graders / Full Day Camp)

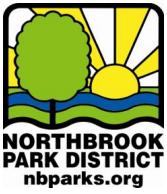
___ Junior Sports Camp (3-4 graders/ Full Day Camp)

___ Camp Challenge Rookies (3-4 graders/ Full Day Camp)

Please return your completed application and your signed parent letter to:



Dina Izenstark
Leisure Services Supervisor
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Northbrook, IL 60062
dizenstark@nbparks.org
Fax: (847) 291-0218



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your teen has expressed interest in the Northbrook Park District's Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program. This program has been developed for individuals interested in gaining both leadership training and practical work experience while enjoying their summer with the Park District. JCA is open to students entering grades 8-10 in the fall and allows participants the opportunity to work in a Park District summer camp. Twice a week, the JCA group will focus on building job-related skills such as filling out an employment application, interview techniques and team-building exercises.

The JCA program runs both first and second session of the Northbrook Park District summer camp program, and the registration fee is \$299 per session for residents and \$375 per session for non-residents. In order to be considered for this program, each applicant must complete and return:

- 1) JCA Application
- 2) A signed parent letter (this form)
- 3) A personal reference form

Return application packets to the Northbrook Leisure Center no later than **March 1st, 2010**. Interviews are scheduled once all application materials are complete. The main site for this program is announced with the rest of the summer camp locations, in May.

Please indicate whether or not your child is available to participate in our Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program.

___ My teen is available to participate in the JCA from 9am - 1pm each day.

___ My teen is available to participate in the JCA from 9am – 3pm each day.

___ My teen is NOT available to participate in all aspects of JCA.

(Please sign Waiver and Release of All Claims & Assumptions of Risk on next page)

WAIVER & RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in the above programs/ activities, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor/ ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with said programs/activities (including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided).

The Northbrook Park District (herein collectively referred to as “the District) is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The District continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions designed to protect the participant’s safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minor must recognize there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational activities/programs.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, suffers from an underlying medical condition, or has recently suffered an illness, injury, or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

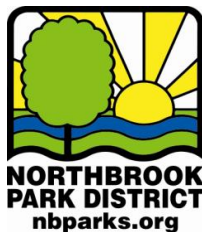
I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in these programs/activities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ ward) as a result of participating in these programs/ activities against the District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees.

I have read and fully understand the warning of risk, assumption of risk, waiver and release of all claims, refund and photo policies. If registering online or via fax, my online or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Participants Name (please print)_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

[PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED if the signature of an adult participant or parent/guardian and date are not on this waiver.]



*Questions regarding JCA should be directed to
Dina Izenstark at (847) 291-2995 or dizenstark@nbparks.org.*

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Personal Reference Form
Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program

_____ is applying to the Northbrook Park District's summer Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program. This innovative program combines a broad-based leadership curriculum with hands-on work experience. JCAs work not only with fellow Junior Apprentices and participating children, but also with Northbrook Park District staff. This program includes hands on work experience in camps and weekly classes in leadership development, job-related skills and team building exercises.

The Junior Counselor Apprenticeship Program can only accommodate a limited number of participants. Therefore, the Northbrook Park District is selecting Junior Apprentices based on student applications, adult references and individual interviews. We would appreciate your confidential responses to the questions below. If you need additional space, please attach another sheet of paper.

Your Name: _____ (Please Print)

A Contact Number or Email Address: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? Please describe your relationship with the applicant.

2. What talents, personal qualities or skills will the applicant bring to the program?

3. Do you know of any reason why this applicant should not be considered for the program? If so, please explain.

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your assistance. Please fax or mail this completed form to:

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