

## Junior Counselor Apprenticeship 2 Program Application

Summer Camp 2010

Thank you for your interest in the **Junior Counselor Apprenticeship 2** Program (formerly Junior Leadership 2 Program). The goal of this program is to expand on the experiences offered to you as Junior Leaders; to offer more practical work experience; and to give you the opportunity to mentor our newest Junior Apprentices.

For 16 to 30 hours each week, Junior Apprentices work with Park District staff members, leading a variety of recreational activities at different summer camps. JCA2s also gather once a week for group meetings and activities, focusing on team building and evaluating your experiences as JCA2s and JCA mentors.

Although being a JCA2 requires a significant commitment of time and energy from each participant, in return, JCA2s gain valuable personal and work experience. Best of all, they get the inside scoop on summer fun at the Northbrook Park District!

The JCA2 Program is offered both first and second session. The registration fee is \$275 for residents and \$345 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. **JCA2** Program 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 JCA2 program, please contact Dina Izenstark at (847)-291-2995 and/or [dizenstark@nbparks.org](mailto:dizenstark@nbparks.org).

NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT  
Division of Leisure Services

**JCA2 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 JCA2...      SESSION I      and/or      SESSION II

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1. What are some of your hobbies and interests?
2. Describe your experience working as a Junior Leader last summer.
3. What did you learn in your experience in the JLP?
4. What kind of assistance/advice would you offer to the new JCA participants?
5. Describe your participation in extracurricular activities.

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6. What qualities or skills do you think that you would bring to JCA2?

7. Please state at least 3 goals for your summer as a JCA2?

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iii.

8. 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)

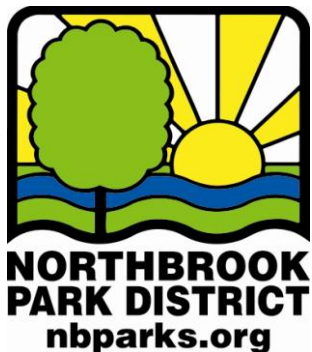
\_\_\_ Artistic Adventures (3-6 graders / Full Day Camp)

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

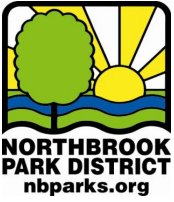
\_\_\_ Camp Challenge Rookies (3-4 graders/ Full Day Camp)

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



Dina Izenstark  
Leisure Services Supervisor  
Northbrook Park District  
3323 Walters Ave.  
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 JCA2 Program. This new program has been developed for individuals interested in gaining both leadership training and practical work experience while enjoying their summer with the Park District. The JCA2 is open to students entering grades 9-10 in the fall and allows participants the opportunity to work in a variety of Park District summer camps. JCA2s are placed with Park District staff to work in settings to demonstrate the skills acquired as a Junior Apprentice. Once each week the JCA2s gather for group meetings and activities, focusing on team building and evaluating their experiences as JCA2s and JCA mentors.

The JCA2 program runs both first and second session of the Northbrook Park District summer camp program, and the registration fee is \$275 per session for residents and \$345 for non-residents. In order to be considered for this program, each applicant must complete and return:

- 1) JCA2 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**. Interviews are scheduled with applicants 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 JCA2 Program.*

\_\_\_\_ My teen is available to participate in the JCA2 from 9am - 1pm each day.

\_\_\_\_ My teen is available to participate in the JCA2 from 9am – 3pm each day.

\_\_\_\_ My teen is NOT be available to participate in all aspects of JCA2.

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(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.

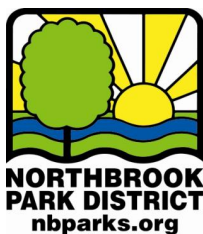
I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in these programs/activities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. 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 JCA2 should be directed to  
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**Personal Reference Form**  
**Junior Counselor Apprenticeship 2 Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to the Northbrook Park District's summer Junior Counselor Apprenticeship 2 Program. This innovative program combines a broad-based leadership curriculum with hands-on work experience in one or more Park District program areas. JCA2s work not only with fellow Junior Apprentices and participating children, but also with Northbrook Park District staff.

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 very much appreciate your confidential responses to the questions below. If you need additional space, please attach another sheet of paper.

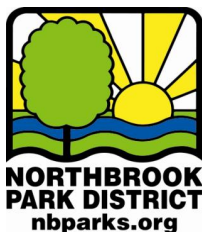
Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

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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