



Dear Prospective Operation: Military Kids Camp Counselor:

Do you want to be part of providing the “experience of a lifetime” for youth who have a family member serving in the military? Then consider volunteering to serve as a camp counselor for Ohio Operation: Military Kids (OMK).

We are interested in recruiting outstanding young people who are interested in making a difference by serving as a volunteer counselor for our 2010 Operation: Military Kids Camps. Working with military youth in OMK programs can bring you immense satisfaction as you help them to grow, learn, and succeed. Additionally, volunteering as a camp counselor provides you with an opportunity to meet new friends from across the state while also gaining new skills that employers value. We hope that you recognize the tremendous benefits of volunteering and will decide to submit your application for our camping opportunities.

What you need to know to become an OMK Camp Counselor for 2010:

- **Camp Dates:** There are two residential camp opportunities.
 - Youth Symposium and Leadership Camp – held at Camp Joy (Clarksville, OH) , April 9-11, 2010
 - Camp Kelleys Island (Kelleys Island, OH) – August 8 - 13, 2010
- **Age:** We will be accepting applications from those who are at least 15 years old by the start date of the camp that you are applying for. We welcome applications from college students and young adults.
- **Cost:** There is no cost to you to attend camp. All of your registration fees for camp are paid. You may need to provide your own transportation to training and meeting sites.
- **Responsibilities:** These are residential camps where counselors stay in cabins with a group of campers and another counselor. Other responsibilities are detailed in the attached position description.
- **Selection Process:** All interested individuals will complete and submit the attached application. After receiving your application, you will be contacted to set up a time for an interview with the camp directors. Selection decisions will be made on an on-going basis.
- **Training:** We follow American Camp Association and Ohio 4-H guidelines that specify 24 hours of training for camp counselors. These hours can be accumulated in a variety of ways, and once your application is accepted, one of our staff members will contact you to set up a training plan that is customized for you.
- **Other Requirements:** Those 18 years or older must complete a fingerprint and background check prior to camp.

Ohio Operation: Military Kids camps are considered among the best in the country. We need many counselors to staff our expanding camping program. If you are interested, do not delay! Because we are accepting applications on an on-going basis this year, please return the completed application **as soon as possible** so you do not miss out on this great opportunity.

We look forward to working with you! If you have any questions, please contact us.

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