

Oswegatchie FFA Summer Camp

2022 Employment Application

www.oswegatchiecamp.com

In order to safeguard the well-being of youth served, the Oswegatchie Educational Center will investigate the accuracy of data provided in the application process for all applicants before appointment to the camp staff can be made. This investigation may include, but is not limited to, reference checks with past employers, the military, educational institutions, volunteer organizations, civic groups, and law enforcement agencies. All employees will be checked with the NYS Dept. of Social Services Sexual Offender Registry and the National Sexual Offender Registry.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Best Phone: _____

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Other Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Other Phones: _____ E-Mail: _____

How did you learn of this work opportunity? _____

In addition to this application, we require:

- **your RESUME**
- **a list of 4 references w/emails**
- **copies of current certifications including driver's license.**

Pick 1 to 3 positions & prioritize them 1 being highest and 3 being your lowest priority.

____ Female Counselor ____ Male Counselor ____ Lifeguard Certified / Counselor

____ Dishwasher ____ Food Service Assistant ____ Maintenance Assistant

____ Environmental Educator ____ Forestry & Firewood Worker

____ Office Assistant & Store Manager ____ Equine Director (21 or older preferred)

____ Waterfront Director (21 or older mandatory) ____ Health Director (RN, LPN, EMT, PA, MD)

____ FFA Leadership Training Coordinator

What makes you want to spend a summer at Oswegatchie?

Besides the ability to work with teenagers, what other skills do you have that would make you an asset to have at Oswegatchie? (Examples include databases, photography, mechanics, magic, music, chainsaws, etc.)

Do you have any physical condition that may limit your ability to perform work or duties? If Yes, Explain?

Have you been to Oswegatchie in the past? If Yes, for what? _____

Could you lead a Bike Trip? Yes or No? Are you a Swimmer? Yes or No? Do you Hike well? Yes or No?

Will you be able to help in the water if there was need for instruction while boating or emergencies? Yes or No?

Do you have the confidence to manage a group of youth safely through any needed activities? Yes or No?

I affirm that the information provided on this application is true. I understand that the Oswegatchie Educational Center will be checking my references and previous employers, plus my name and information will be checked with the NYS Dept. of Social Services Sex Offender Registry and the National Sexual Offender Registry.

(Signature)

(Date)

1. **Double check** the application to make sure you have filled it out completely and honestly.
 2. Name any computer files being sent via email with your name, year, and what it is. (Ex. "2022 John Doe Lifeguard Cert")
 3. Is your resume completed and submitted with the application?
 4. Did you add a list of references? Include their email when possible.
 5. Did you photocopy your drivers license and certifications useful for a summer camp?
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Please return this application with a copy of your resume postmarked by Monday, February 1st, 2022.

**Oswegatchie Educational Center
9340 Long Pond Road
Croghan, NY 13327**

Or electronically to wwaite@oswegatchie.org

Oswegatchie Staff Applicant Information Sheet

(DO NOT return this section with your application!)

The following information has been put together to answer any questions staff may have about summer employment at Oswegatchie. If you have any additional questions, please email wwaite@oswegatchie.org or call (315) 346-1222.

- Staff training covers 10 days in the beginning of summer. This timeframe may also include 2 conferences and possibly other groups. The other groups are crucial for covering staff training expenses. We pay for staff training.
- Our campers are mostly youth in-between the ages of 11 – 18. This age bracket is broken down into smaller brackets for most activities throughout the day. Campsites are also broken down into smaller age brackets and genders.
- Staff training varies for different staff positions. Food service will spend their time organizing and preparing food for whoever is at camp. Maintenance staff will work on the property. Counselors will be learning a wide variety of skills including bikes, boats, ropes, protocol, and leadership. Staff training schedules are different from camping weeks.
- A typical week of camping week starts on Sundays at 9 AM, and ends Friday at 12 Noon. You will have roughly 45 hours off for a weekend.
- Support Staff live in main camp cabins. This is where they will keep their stuff. Most staff will share buildings with another staffer. These building are small and rustic.
- Counseling staff also reside in main camp, but during camping weeks, they stay at campsites. Their main camp cabins are best described as a base of operations or where they keep their stuff.
- You will most likely be sharing a cabin with 4 other people.
- Staff should bring a wide variety of clothing for a summer. A wide variety of clothing is important for warm and cold weather, outdoor chores, athletics, and rain. You can bring other personal effects to camp such as bikes, books, movies, and electronics. Oswegatchie takes no responsibility for personal electronic equipment.
- No matter what your summer position will be at camp, we are a community that needs help in a variety of areas to make camp run smoothly. Be prepared to pitch in on tasks as the need arises. This could be supervising a campsite for a sick counselor, doing dishes, mopping floors, or hauling wood.
- The camp program repeats itself over the summer, this often leads to fatigue. Help yourself by getting rest when needed and bring excitement to each activity that you do. It may be your 100th time kayaking, but it may be the camper's 1st.
- Summer camp is a marathon and not a sprint. You need to be just as good on the last day as you were the first.
- 2019 to 2022 has been an important period of change, especially with renovations. Growth and changes are expected. Be prepared for the unexpected.
- Humans are complicated. You need to forgive campers and staff for their imperfections.
- Camp life is a fishbowl on a pedestal. You don't have much privacy. While it's a drawback, you will get way more from the experience than it takes. Luckily, its just 2 months of your life.
- Camp is a weird combination of personal and professional time. You are living life 24/7 at the camp. Working out the line between being a professional with campers and what is appropriate on free time can be challenging.
- Oswegatchie is a lifelong experience. You may be here for just 1 summer or 4, but opportunities will continue for your entire life. We meet people all the time that were campers here decades ago that still talk about this place.
- Make sure you go through our websites and social media to learn more about [Oswegatchie](#).