

# North Shore Youth Council

## 2018 Summer Buddies Recreation - Junior Counselor Program

North Shore Youth Council offers a Junior Counselor Program for those students that have completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and have not yet reached 16 years of age. This program offers a positive alternative to our young people during the summer. As a volunteer with a local non-profit charitable agency, the time spent with us may be used to meet the requirements of community service hours for the honor society, scouting, religious instruction, etc. Counselors are provided with a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

The Junior Counselor program is designed to offer qualified young people an opportunity to prepare for positions as possible Senior Counselors. Emphasis in this program is placed upon developing leadership skills, sensitivity to children, and program skills.

Participation in the Junior Counselor program is by selection. Those interested in the program must complete an application process, which includes an application, references, and an interview.

To be a Junior Counselor, applicants must be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in September of 2018. Applicants must possess a genuine interest in youth development and in working with younger children and be willing to commit the required energy, enthusiasm and cooperation in all aspects of the program. A positive and cooperative attitude and pleasant disposition are critical personal attributes for the position.

Applicants should ask themselves the following questions:

- Do I have a sincere desire to work with children?
- Would I like the opportunity to develop and improve my leadership ability?
- Am I ready to become a role model for younger children?
- Can I handle the responsibility of being a junior counselor?
- Do I have the ability to work well with others in a variety of situations?

If the applicant answered yes to the above questions, the Junior Counselor program may be an opportunity to gain valuable experience in a fun-filled environment.

**YOU MUST RETURN THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH YOUR LETTER OF INTEREST, LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, AND \$100 REGISTRATION FEE, TO THE NORTH SHORE YOUTH COUNCIL NO LATER THAN MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE APPLICANT AND THE PARENT/GUARDIAN. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.**

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## 2018 Junior Recreation Counselor Application

Junior counselors are provided with a certificate of completion at the end of the program. Hours spent volunteering with this program may be used to meet the requirements of community service hours for the honor society, scouts, religious instruction, etc. There will be a mandatory orientation and mentoring training for those selected as junior counselors.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_ What grade are you currently in? \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Days and times you are available: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Have you participated in our program in the past? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you been a junior counselor in our program before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like to be put on our babysitter list for parents? YES [ ] NO [ ]  
Indicate tee-shirt size: Adult S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout the course of the summer, North Shore Youth Council takes photographs of the program to include in our newsletter and or post on our website. Please indicate if you DO NOT give your permission for us to publish pictures of your child.

[ ] I do not give permission for publication of my child's picture.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_