

Junior Leader Program Packet

Summer Camp 2024

Dear Junior Leader Applicants and Parent(s),

Thank you for your interest in the **Junior Leader Program**. The goal of this program is to foster leadership skills and offer practical work experience for youths ages 13-15.

Under the guidance of Park District Staff, Junior Leaders participate using a team approach with camp counselors to supervise campers and plan activities. Junior Leaders develop skills in leadership, teambuilding and professionalism. Four days per week Junior Leaders work with campers at their designated camp site, and one day per week they attend leadership training,

The Junior Leader program requires a significant commitment of time and energy from each participant. In return, Junior Leaders gain valuable personal and professional experience. The Junior Leader Program is offered a first and second season. Participants have the option of signing up for one or both sessions.

Registration Fees				
		Resident	Non-Resident	
Session 1	June 3-July 3	\$500	\$600	
Session 2	July 8- Aug 9	\$500	\$600	

Typical Camp Week (example)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Junior Leader Training 9-1 Camp Site 1-3	Camp Site 9-3pm	Camp Site 9-3pm	Camp Site 9-3pm	Camp Site 9-3pm

Interested applicants should complete the attached application packet and return to Irene Faciano no later than May 1, 2024. Please note: Not all applicants will be selected.

The completed packet must include:

- 1. Junior Leader Application
- 2. Signed Parent Letter
- 3. Two Personal Recommendations
 - The first recommendation must come from a current teacher. The second additional recommendation can come from a past teacher or counselor.

You can expect an interview date and further program information in early May. Required training dates will be included in the confirmation letter. If you have any questions about the Junior Leader Program, please contact: **Irene Faciano**, Youth Manager at 847-228-3518 or <u>Ifaciano@elkgroveparks.org</u>

Junior Leader Application

Please print in ink and return this completed application to: Elk Grove Park District, 1000 Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, Attn: Youth Manager Please return by: May 1, 2024 Date____/___ Name____ Last Address No. Street City State Zip Home Phone (_______ Birth Date_____ / ____ / ____ Age____ Current School____ Current Grade I am interested in the Junior Leader Program (circle one): Session 1 Session 2 Session 1 and 2 1. What Elk Grove Park District programs have you been involved with in the past? 2. What are some outside activities and/or hobbies you enjoy? 3. Do you have experience working with kids? If yes, please explain. 4. Why do you want to be a Junior Leader?

Teacher and/or Counselor Recommendations:

that to schedule times.

Each Junior Leader must provide two (2) written recommendations along with your Junior Leader application. *At least one of these written recommendations must be from a teacher.* All recommendations coming from a teacher must be in a sealed envelope. If you choose to use a Counselor for your additional recommendation, you can simply list the name of the Counselor – and we will contact them for a written recommendation. Attached to the application you will find the forms that should be used for a Teacher Recommendation.

Please provide the names of your Recommendations below:	
Teacher Recommendation	
2. Additional Recommendation	
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I certify that all information submitted on this application is true and complete. filling out an application does not guarantee me a Junior Leader placement an order to be considered for the program.	
Applicant Signature)	(Date)
(Parent/Guardian Signature)	(Date)
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Junior Leader Written Recommendation

Applicant Name:		
Teacher Name:		

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This program is an application based program. All those interested must fill out an application, provide written recommendations, and even interview in order to secure a position. Please take a moment to fill out the following questions regarding your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Irene Faciano at (847)228-3518.		

1. What type of personality does he/she have?		
2. How does he/she behave and/or perform in the classroom?		
3. How does he/she deal with direction?		
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