



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 lfaciano@elkgroveparks.org

Teacher and/or Counselor Recommendations:

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:

1. Teacher Recommendation _____

2. Additional Recommendation _____
(2nd recommendation can be Teacher OR Counselor)

I certify that all information submitted on this application is true and complete. I also understand that filling out an application does not guarantee me a Junior Leader placement and that I must interview in order to be considered for the program.

(Applicant Signature) (Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

Thank you for applying! We are looking to schedule interviews in May and will be calling shortly before that to schedule times.

