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4-H Teen Leadership Opportunity – Applications Available Now

The Westmoreland/Richmond County 4-H program is now recruiting teens who are interested in serving in a leadership role at 2017 4-H camp. Youth interested in serving as Teen Leaders must be at least 14 years old by 1/1/17 to be eligible to apply and also must be available to serve for the Westmoreland and Richmond County's camping week – July 24-28, 2017.

Teen leaders serve a critical role while at camp. They are responsible for supervising children during the camping session, providing for the safety and well-being of each camp participant; assisting with camp classes, programs, and activities and being on-time and present for all assigned activities. Teen leaders should be able and willing to treat each camper, staff person, and their peers with respect and dignity at all times and should show a genuine concern for children by communicating, advising, assisting, and establishing a warm, friendly relationship with them. Teens must demonstrate a willingness to work as a member of a team with other staff persons, teens and adults, summer camp staff, and under the supervision, guidance, direction, and leadership of the Extension staff in charge of the 4-H camping program. Teens should be able and willing to accept and perform leadership roles (being a "leader") as a 4-H camp teen counselor, and being able and willing work as a member of the team when others are in the leadership position (being a "follower").

Applications and reference forms are available now at the Extension Office or electronically by request. Deadline for application and references is February 24, 2017. Application does not guarantee selection. Training is required and provided by Extension Staff. Please contact Wendy Herdman if you have any questions or concerns.

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation, please notify the Westmoreland Extension Office at 804-493-8924/TDD* or the Richmond County Extension Office at 804-333-3420/TDD* during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5p.m. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.