2027 CAMP KERN COUNSELOR APPLICATION PART II - THS

The application is a two-part process and must be completed in its entirety to be considered.

Part I (submitted online no later than January 28, 2027, at NOON):

- Go to this link https://www.foresthills.edu/resources/forms/, then look for Camp Kern.
- Complete the Camp Kern Counselor Application Part I and select **Submit** at the bottom of the page.

Part II (paper copies must be submitted to the counselor's office no later than January 28, 2027, at NOON):

- Carefully read the pledge at the bottom of this page. **Both you and your parent or guardian must sign this pledge.**
- Ask **four** teachers that you have had during the last two years to complete the attached recommendations. Teachers will turn in recommendations to the counselor's office no later than January 28th at noon. **Be sure to give teachers plenty of time to complete the recommendations.**
- Download the Camp Counselor Application Part II from the Forest Hills website, https://www.foresthills.edu/resources/forms/.
- Complete the online Camp Kern Counselor Application Part II.

Name _____**School** _____ **Grade** _____

PLEDGE:

You must agree to abide by the following guidelines to be a Camp Kern counselor:

1. I will live by example.
2. I will not discuss any topics or use any words that are inappropriate for children.
3. I will abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco (religious observances are excluded from this pledge).
4. I will maintain an acceptable scholastic standing.
5. I will attend the training sessions after school that will be held in the district before camp.
6. I will follow the school dress code while at camp.
7. I will live up to this contract from the time of application until my stay at Camp Kern is over.

I understand that I share the responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the program and that if I break this contract, I will be dropped from the program and am subject to the consequences outlined in the Forest Hills School District Student Code of Conduct.

The selection process for the position of Camp Kern counselor is competitive in nature. As such, the district is required to evaluate each applicant. Applicant evaluations will remain confidential and will not become a part of the student's file or educational record. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, applicant evaluations shall not be considered an educational record subject to disclosure to the applicant or his/her parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

I, _____ , do hereby agree to abide by the above rules.

Student Signature

I understand the guidelines listed above that my child would need to follow if selected as a Camp Kern counselor and also give permission for my child to attend the field trip to Camp Kern. Camp Kern, the Board, its employees, agents, and assigns are released from all liability for any injury to my child from participation in the Camp Kern Field Trip.

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Parent/Guardian Signature and Date (required for all applications)

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Criminal Records Check for Volunteers 18 Years or Older

The Forest Hills School District is proud and appreciative of our many volunteers' countless hours of support. Our high school student volunteers as Camp Kern counselors are invaluable to this important program.

Please be advised that for the protection of our students, the Ohio Legislature passed a law (Section 109.574 of the Revised Code of Ohio) that requires school districts to notify all volunteers that they may be required to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal records check may be conducted of a volunteer.

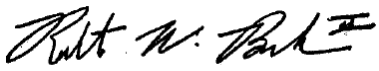
The Forest Hills School District requires volunteers 18 years old or older to comply with a fingerprint and criminal records check if in a supervisory position or working with students at any time without the supervision of a FHSD employee. **All selected counselors 18 years or older at the time of camp must go through this process. This must be completed by April 9th, 2027.**

Please do not come in for a background check until you have been notified that you have been selected and have committed to being a Camp Kern counselor. Social Security number is needed at the time of background check.

Forest Hills School District is confident that our history of volunteers is of the highest quality and is pleased that this legislation is designed to ensure that volunteers in all schools and other organizations are helpful, supportive, and positive models for children.

We thank you for your willingness to volunteer as a Camp Kern counselor and look forward to a long and positive relationship serving the students of Forest Hills.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Buck III
Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning

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2027 Camp Kern Counselor Selection Process

Nov. 16	**Counselor packets are available in the High School Guidance Office and Learning Commons.**
Jan. 28 @ Noon	**High School Guidance Office – Applications due to Guidance Office** ● Applications collected by the Guidance Administrative Assistant. ● Review applications to ensure they are complete, the Drug-Free Pledge form is signed by the student, and the parent has signed. ● Send completed applications to the Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning. ● The Teaching and Learning Administrative Assistant will send a list of student applicants to the guidance office to be posted.
Feb. 3	**Director, Elementary Teaching & Learning** ● The administrative assistant compiles a list of student applicants. ● A list of applicants is sent to the attendance office, high school principals, assistant principals, counselors, Director of Student Services, & Athletic Directors for review.
Feb. 8 – Feb. 12	**Attendance Office/Counselors/Principal/Assistant Principals/Athletic Directors/Director of Student Services** ● Screen list of applicants for attendance issues, academic and discipline concerns. ● Return the list to the Elementary Teaching & Learning Director by February 16.
Mar. 1 – Mar. 5	**Elementary Teaching & Learning Director** Evaluates essays and teacher recommendations.
March 18	**Camp Kern Directors Meeting** Directors evaluate recommendations and compile a list of recommended students.
March 19	**Elementary Teaching & Learning Director** Selects counselors.
March 22-26	**Elementary Teaching & Learning Director** Applicants are notified of selection status by March 22-26.
April	Mandatory High School Camp Kern Counselor meeting once accepted. Dates & Times TBD.

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2027 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

If you are selected to be a counselor, you must be at Camp for the entire session. It is your responsibility to ensure you have no scheduling conflicts during the session you will be at Camp. **Only choose a session or sessions when you will have NO conflicts.** When completing your application, please make sure you do NOT have band, orchestra, sports, AP exams, family, or other commitments you must honor during the camp session. The AP exam schedule is as follows:

	Morning Session	**Afternoon Session**
May 5	English Literature and Composition	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism Physics 1: Algebra Based
May 6	Physics 2: Algebra Based	Chemistry
May 7	United States History German Language and Culture	Macroeconomics

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CAMP KERN COUNSELOR TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM - THS
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Camp Kern Applicant's Name _____

Guidance Counselor's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

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1. Attitude & Cooperation	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Reservations
2. Responsibility	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Reservations
3. Attendance	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Reservations
4. Conduct	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Reservations
5. Positive Role Model	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Reservations

6. Recommendation (check one):

_____Yes, I highly recommend this student as an outstanding counselor candidate.

_____Yes, I recommend this student as an appropriate and adequate counselor candidate.

_____I recommend this student with hesitation. Please explain below.

_____No, I do not recommend this student to be a Camp Kern counselor. Please explain below.

7. If I had a 5th-grade child going to Camp Kern, I'd want the applicant to be my child's counselor

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_____ No

Explain:

(Optional) Additional Comments-

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