

Welcome to Counselor College

Being a Camp Counselor is a great honor and comes with a lot of responsibility. You will be making a difference in the lives of countless youth and helping your self in your personal development. Counselor College has been established to help you meet these challenges successfully. In many respects for a lot of you this is your first job, we expect you to treat it as such and with the responsibility that comes with it. In future years you will be looking for people that know you and your abilities to write reference letters for you for college, other jobs, and scholarship opportunities. Please remember that you will have educators from several different counties that you will be making an impression on, who want you to succeed in this first working experience, and would happily write a good recommendation for a good counselor.

Counselor College has been established for a couple of reasons. This is a training program, not a goof off weekend at Camp. We all love camp and have a good time while we are here, but this is a weekend of learning so we can have successful camps this summer. There are high expectations for each and every one of you. You are not Camp Counselors yet, this is still part of the selection process. In addition, there is some information that every counselor must have a firm grasp of; this is why there are required sessions at Counselor College. We also understand that you need to be challenged and offered other opportunities as you continue your camp counseling careers. This is why elective classes have been added by experience level. We have also added the degree program to continue to challenge and reward you for your efforts. This year you are either entering as a Associate Degree candidate (first year counseling) or a Bachelor Degree candidate (completed at least one year). Your t-shirt color will indicate which track you are on. As you progress through the degree program, you will have the opportunity to earn degrees and change your shirt color. We hope all of you will step up to the challenge and benefit yourself, other counselors, campers, and camp by choosing to work towards the higher degrees. We as Educators, Volunteers, and Camp Staff are looking forward to helping you succeed and make Canter's Cave the greatest camp in Ohio.

Sincerely

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Degree Requirements and Progression of Counselor College Program

Associate Degree – Shirt: Kelly Green

- First Year Counselor
- Complete Counselor College and additional required 10 hours: Total 24 hours training
- Complete at least one residential camp as a counselor in good standing

Bachelor's Degree – Shirt: Royal Blue

- At least a Second Year Counselor
- Complete Counselor College and additional training hours required for your county.
- Complete 2 residential camps (min) over 2 years in good standing

Master's Degree

- At least a Third Year Counselor
- Complete Counselor College and additional training hours required for your county.
- Complete at least 3 residential camps (min) over 3 years in good standing
- Attend and complete an additional training in addition to your required hours approved by your Educator: for example: CPR, First Aid, Teen Conference
- Complete 5 hours of service to camp
- Plan and teach (either as an individual or team of counselors) a session for youth at Camp (Spring or Summer programs). – A lesson plan must be submitted and approved by your educator.
- Serve as a mentor to a first year Counselor

PhD of Camp Counseling

- At least a 4th or 5th year Counselor
- Complete Counselor College and additional training hours required for your county.
- Completed at least 4 camps (min) over 4 years successfully and in good standing.
- Serve as a mentor to a first year Counselor
- Develop and teach a session for other counselors either in your home county, Counselor College, or Teen Conference – A lesson plan must be submitted to your educator to receive credit.
- Plan and conduct a Service Project at Camp that takes at least 8 hours. (May be done as a team effort). – An action plan for the project must be submitted and approved by your Educator and the Camp Manager (Anita).