

Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo Junior Counselor Program 2025

The Junior Counselor initiative is a pre-counselor training program for youth ages 14-15 (as of June 1, 2025) which focuses upon gaining the skills necessary to become a camp counselor.

Why Be a Junior Counselor?

- Gain a behind-the-scenes experience of the camp community.
- Establish job and character references.
- Personal growth and expanded self-esteem through leadership opportunities.
- Ability to work with children and adults in a camp community.

Eligibility:

- Must be between the ages of 14-15 during the summer of 2025 by June 1, 2025.
- Must be energetic, motivated and willing to work with young children.
- Must have completed form/application.
- Must be committed to volunteer at least 6 weeks of Day Camp.

Application Procedure:

This packet contains all necessary information. It is available online at www.simsburyrec.com

There is an application process for this program to ensure the Junior Counselors have the desire to participate fully and be a positive role model during this program. In addition to the Application, a brief interview will be scheduled for each applicant.

- To be eligible for the program, interested participants must complete the application, reference, waiver forms and return them to the Simsbury Rec Dept. by **May 1, 2025**.
- Please email a copy to chuysman@simsbury-ct.gov, or return it to the Simsbury Farms office during open hours (M-F, 9 AM-4:30 PM).
- Position is not guaranteed until confirmed by the Recreation Director. The Simsbury Recreation Department reserves the right to reject an applicant or limit the number of applicants accepted into the program based on day camp program's needs.

Responsibilities:

- Campers Come First!!! Set a good example by being a positive role model.
- Assist Camp Counselors with daily activities, such as, crafts, games, hikes, experiments.
- Associate with campers **NOT** other junior counselors.
- Be punctual, attend and be an active part of all camp programming, participants must be able to attend **100%** of the sessions enrolled in.
- Abide by all rules, policies and procedures.
- Treat all campers equally, there should be no favorites
- Be cooperative with the camp counselors, your peers, and the campers.
- Be enthusiastic and have a positive attitude.

CAMP STUFF-TA-DOO
Junior Counselor Application 2025

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Camp Experience:

Have you ever been a camper at a Simsbury Recreation Dept. Summer Day Camp? Yes No

Have you attended other camps as a camper? Yes No

Camp Name: _____ Number of years: _____

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Have you ever been a Junior Counselor (JC) or Counselor in Training (CIT) before? Yes No

Camp Name: _____ Number of years: _____

Position: _____ Duties: _____

Please circle full weeks you are available (must be able to commit to **at least** 6 weeks, including 1 of the first 2)

June 16-June 20

June 23-June 27

June 30-July 3

July 7-July 11

July 14-July 18

July 21-July 25

July 28-Aug. 1

Aug. 4-Aug. 8

Please circle your t-shirt size: AS AM AL AXL

Please answer the following questions with a minimum of three sentences: (use separate sheet of paper if needed)

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Counselor (JC) at Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo (gr.1-5)?

2. If you are selected to be a JC, what personal qualities do you have that will make you a good JC?

3. Name someone that you know to be a leader, please describe the characteristics that make that person a good leader.

Participant Agreement

I the Parent/Guardian _____ approve this registration and certify that the junior counselor is capable of participating in all activities of the Summer Day Camp Program. The Simsbury Culture, Parks & Recreation Dept. is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal articles. I also authorize the Simsbury, Culture, Parks & Recreation Department to use photographs, recorded video of the junior counselor named on this registration, which may be needed for promotional purposes and website development.

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required)

Date

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
Applicant Information and Release of Liability

Disclosure:

The Town of Simsbury's Junior Counselor at Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo involves a variety of activities and challenges that include, by not limited to: games, initiatives, hiking, canoeing, use of the camp's recreation facilities and possibly off-site travel, which is provided by contracted bus companies. There is risk involved in all activities associated with participants and the participant of the program assumes the risk. It is the policy that all participants have health insurance coverage. Information on this coverage must be made known to the instructors of the program prior to the onset of all activities. All information will be kept confidential.

Applicant Information:

1. Name: _____
2. Full Address: _____
3. Daytime Phone Number: _____
4. Evening Phone Number: _____
5. Emergency Phone Number: _____
6. Date of Birth: _____
7. Name of Insurance Company: _____

Release of Liability:

I understand that the Junior Counselor Program with the Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation Department and the activities associated with being a Junior Counselor may be both physically and mentally demanding. I affirm that I am in good health and that I am not under any professional care for any condition that will limit my ability to safely participate with the guidelines. I recognize the inherent risk of injury that could result during activities, and off-site travel. I release the Town of Simsbury, Town Staff, Simsbury Summer Day Camp Staff, Volunteers, and Campers of liability for any injury that may occur to me during the Junior Counselor at the Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo programs.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**JUNIOR COUNSELOR
PARTICIPANT EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

General Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Grade In Fall: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone (Parent/Guardian): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Cell Phone (Parent/Guardian): _____

In the case of an emergency, please notify:

1.) Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

2.) Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

3.) Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

It is important for Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation Staff to be fully aware of allergies, chronic or recurring illnesses, or physical limitations of your child, as well as any medications your child is taking.

Please list and briefly explain the following:

Chronic or serious illness: _____

Allergies: _____

Current Medications: _____

Prior Injuries: _____

Has your child ever had a bee sting? YES NO Reaction: _____

If the Town of Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation Dept. staff determines that a medical emergency exists, our policy is to call 911 and then we will call the three emergency contacts. If the first emergency contact cannot be reached, the second will be tried, and then the third.

To the best of my knowledge, my child _____ is in good physical health and is able to fully participate in all Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo activities. I understand and give my consent to the medical procedures as described above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

CAMP STUFF-TA-DOO
Junior Counselor Reference Form 2025

Applicants

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Instructions:

Applicant: Please fill in your name above, and give a copy of this form to two (2) references. Please do not use family members.

Applicant's Reference: The above is volunteering for a position with the Simsbury Recreation Department's summer day camp program. As part of the camp community, it is important that each individual demonstrates a mature attitude toward leadership and a responsible concern for the safety and well being of the campers. Please rate this person accurately and as honestly as possible. Your responses will be kept confidential. Return both pages of the reference form to **Simsbury Recreation Department, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT, 06070 Attn. Junior Counselor Program**, by May 1, 2024. The form may be return by fax to 860-408-9283.

Thank You!

Personal Reference

Please rate individual on the items below:	Excel- lent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Info
Leadership: Easily take on a role of a leader and motivates others.						
Responsibility: Makes decisions that reflect good judgment.						
Dependability: Completes work with minimal supervision						
Integrity: Displays convictions to a positive set of values.						
Cooperative: Shows willingness to work as a team member.						
Maturity: Exhibits positive attitude when dealing with relationships.						

