

# Celo Helpers

Celo helpers are a group of young people for whom the experience of camp means so much that they are willing to come and help in exchange for the privilege of being part of the Celo family.

Celo helpers assist in the kitchen with meal preparations and clean-up and also assist the counselors with camper activities and at bedtime. You will not be expected to lead a group of campers alone.

Being a helper is a full time job. You will generally have 2 to 3 kitchen jobs each day. At other times you are expected to join in the camper activities or games or help with work projects on the farm or in the garden. **You should come prepared to work hard.** A few experienced helpers will have paid jobs such as packing for hikes and campouts, caring for sick children, or maintenance work in addition to their other responsibilities. Most helpers work in exchange for the opportunity to to be at Celo.

The days work begins at 7:30 am with wake-up and ends after the children's bedtime and evening sing at about 10:00 pm. You will have one hour off each day and one day off each week. Your day off ends at the children's bedtime.

Over the course of the summer we develop a strong sense of teamwork and community within the helper group. In order to encourage this we need a core group of experienced helpers who can stay all summer. For first time helpers it is often best to just come for one or two sessions to get a feel for the job. It is also important to come for the pre-camp orientation. The application deadline is February 15th. Final decisions on applicants will be made in mid-March.

Lifeguard training is a valuable skill at camp and \$200 is paid to those who have this certification and stay all summer.

Please indicate on your application if you have a preference for working with the younger or older age group of campers.

# Celo Helper Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

If school address is different from home please give both.

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**A.** I can work for the entire camp season.

**B.** I can work for **1st, 2nd** and/or **3rd** sessions. (circle those that apply)

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1. Are you willing and able to take responsibility, report for work on time, and do your best to do your job well?
2. Are you a tidy enough person to keep yourself and your belongings clean and in reasonable order?
3. Can you be counted on to use good judgment in going to bed at a reasonable hour even though there is not an adult checking up on you?
4. Are you willing to refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs for the camp season?
5. Are you willing to abstain from intimate sexual relationships for the camp season?

If your answer to any of these questions is no it would be best not to apply.

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**Please answer the following questions on a separate page.**

6. Why do you want to spend the summer at Celo?
7. What jobs do you do regularly at home? Elsewhere?
8. Do you enjoy children? Tell what experience you have had with them.
9. What activities would you like to do with children?
10. What are your interests? What do you do in your spare time?
11. Do you have lifeguard training? If not can you get it?
12. Do you prefer to work in Jr. camp (7-10 year olds) or Sr. camp (11-12 year olds)?

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Give the full name, address (including zip code), phone number and email address of two references, preferably people who are not relatives and have seen you in a relationship with children. If you have held a job give an employer. Be sure to ask permission of those you give as references.

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Return this form to: Camp Celo 775 Hannah Branch Rd. Burnsville NC 28714

## Skill & Interest Indicator

Please indicate your level of skill and interest in each area by circling;

**A.** I have knowledge and experience and feel confident taking leadership.

**B.** My experience is limited but I would like to learn by taking leadership responsibility.

**C.** I would like to learn by assisting someone with more experience.

Swimming	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Hiking	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Games other than conventional team sports	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Singing	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Musical instrument (specify)	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Other musical activity such as jug band	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Folk Dancing	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Telling stories to children	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Dramatics with children	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Horseback riding	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Milking cow or goat	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Caring for chickens, guinea pigs or rabbits	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Gardening	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Cooking	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Carpentry (repairs and maintenance)	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Wood shop (helping children with use of simple tools)	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Arts & Crafts	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Nature appreciation	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Camp craft (fire building, campout cooking, tarp setup)	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Sketching & Painting	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Creative writing	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Other (specify)	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>