

Look what we learned!



Adding Meaning to the 4-H Camp Counselor Experience

Over the past few years, the Youth Educators in LaPorte and Porter counties have successfully shifted the focus of the annual 4-H Camp from adult-driven to youth-driven planning and implementation. By actively involving the camp counselors in the planning and decision-making process, they became more creative and motivated, took on additional responsibilities, related better to campers, learned to solve problems without adult intervention, and most importantly — took ownership for the success of camp. After four intensive planning/training sessions and the implementation of a three-day camp, 4-H Camp Counselors also reported development or improvement of life skills in the following areas: Responsibility, Problem Solving, Self-Esteem, Decision Making, Leadership, Cooperation, Goal-Setting, Self-Discipline, Conflict Resolution, Self-Motivation, Communication, Planning/Organizing, Teamwork, and Public Speaking.

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