



Interested in being a **Volunteer Counselor** at the **Wisconsin Lions Youth Exchange (WLYE) Program**?

Great idea! The Lions Youth Exchange Camp, or “Camp Vista”, is the favorite week of the year for many past and current counselors. As one of the largest Lions Youth Exchange Camps in the world, Camp Vista will host around 30-40 youths in 2024 (ages 17-20) from roughly 20 different countries. Our camp is run exclusively by generous volunteers, including our group of 10-16 counselors. Our counselors tend to be within the age range of 19-25 (younger ages can apply to be a camper and older to a staff position). As leaders at the camp, counselors work as a team under the direction of two Head Counselors to run the camp’s activities, lead their team of campers in the UnOlympic Games, represent their countries, and make lifelong friendships with people from all over the world. Our camp is free to all that attend. Your meals, lodging, and fun are all covered by the Lions. Carpools to and from camp can be arranged with fellow counselors, though you will be responsible for your transportation to and from camp.

**For our 2024 camp key dates**, counselors will arrive at Camp Vista in Campbellsport, Wisconsin at 4pm on Saturday, August 10 for a counselor orientation and to get to know the other counselors before camp starts. Camp setup will start in the morning of Sunday, August 11 with campers beginning to arrive in the afternoon. Camp will run through Sunday, August 18. Counselors should expect to head out from camp mid-day on the 18<sup>th</sup> after camp cleanup is complete.

**Application Deadlines:** Please fill out the [application via our Google Form](#) by May 15th. Most years, we are able to accept all applicants. If we have more applicants than available spots, counselors for the year will be chosen at random out of the applicant pool with preference towards early applicants. If you have certification and experience as a lifeguard, please let me know that as well. Our camp has a lake, so we are in need of a lifeguard or two at camp each year. If you are not lifeguard certified but are willing to get certified, our program can cover the cost of certification (message Lion Melissa for more details).

<https://forms.gle/mmFMBUGpVmAZBfB8>

*Please see the attached Counselor Handbook (includes more details about counselor qualifications and responsibilities), Counselor Application, and sample Camp Schedule.*

**For more info about becoming a counselor, contact:**

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**WLYE Camp Website:**

<http://www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org/>

[http://www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org/pdf/2024 Counselor Handbook.pdf](http://www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org/pdf/2024%20Counselor%20Handbook.pdf)