



Scots Camp 2014 8th Grade Counselor Application

Current 7th Grade Students,

Thank you for your interest in being an 8th grade counselor for Scots Camp 2014, PMS's sixth grade orientation to middle school. One goal of Scots Camp is to make positive connections between the new sixth graders with the eighth graders on campus. Over 40 eighth graders will be selected to serve as Scots Camp counselors and will lead activities and serve as mentors to the sixth graders. We know that these positive mentoring relationships will be valuable to everyone involved.

Scots Camp Counselors will serve as mentors to the incoming 6th graders and will be in a position of leadership and responsibility. Therefore, students applying are asked to demonstrate and explain your positive leadership qualities, your background experience in student leadership roles, your experience working with younger children and/or on cooperative teams, and your characteristics that show responsibility, follow-through, and good decision-making. When selecting the Scots Camp Counselors we will consider all these criteria as well as three specific school related areas: Academic, Behavioral, and Attendance.

In addition to the above descriptions of qualifications, the criteria for participation in Scots Camp as an 8th Grade Counselor includes:

1. Demonstration of Positive Academic Habits – Student has no 'F' in any subject area or class.
2. Demonstration of a Positive Behavioral Pattern – Student has no suspensions and no more than two behavioral referrals.
3. Demonstration of Good Attendance – Student has no more than 7 tardies and does not have a pattern of excessive absences.
4. Student has experience as a positive leader and/or has demonstrated qualities of positive leadership.
5. Student has an interest in mentoring younger students.
6. Student has experience working effectively in cooperative teams or groups.
7. Student demonstrates responsible decision-making.

The Scots Camp orientation program will be held over two days at the beginning of school, Thursday and Friday **August 21st – 22th**. Your role as a counselor will require that you miss those two days of class during that week. You will be expected to keep up with your class work and homework missed. The eighth grade teachers are aware of the importance of your service as a Scots Camp counselor and will support you by providing the appropriate resources for you to keep up in class. Please consider whether this will be a manageable task for you before applying.

There will be a mandatory training for Scots Camp counselors that you are required to attend, on Thursday, August 14th from 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM in room 108.

✓ *Please check your summer schedules with parent(s) or guardian(s) before applying.*

To be considered for a position as a counselor for Scots Camp 2014, please complete this form and **return it to the box in the office NO LATER than Thursday, May 1st.**

PRINT	First Name	Last Name
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Phone #	Address
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YOUR E-mail

If you make changes in your email address anytime through 8th grade year, contact SC Coordinators to give updated information. We need to be able to reach you during the summer and throughout the year.

1. My friends would say that I am positive and supportive. (circle one)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. My teachers would say that I am responsible and organized. (circle one)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. My parents would say that I am trustworthy and reliable. (circle one)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Please answer the following questions thoroughly and thoughtfully. Consider the criteria and qualities of positive leadership and responsibility necessary to be a Scots Camp Counselor.

Please **WRITE LEGIBLY OR TYPE**. You may attach paper for answers as needed.
Be sure your full name is on all attached pages.

4. Choose *four* adjectives (characteristics) that describe you **AND specifically explain how these characteristics will make you a good leader and mentor** during Scots Camp 2014.

5. Do you consider yourself to be a positive leader? Please **explain**.

6. Describe a **specific experience** you have had in which you had responsibility.

7. **Explain why** you would like to mentor younger students.

8. Check all statements that truthfully apply to you. Leave blank those that do not:

- I usually turn in my homework on time and completed.
- I usually attend my classes on time.
- I ask for help when I need it and advocate for myself.
- I am organized and effectively keep track of my things.
- People can count on me to do what I say I'm going to do.
- I help other people when they are in need, whenever I can.
- I work well in cooperative groups or on teams.
- I communicate clearly and effectively.
- I actively and enthusiastically participate in activities.
- I know when to be playful and fun and when to be serious and focused.

9. A student, your friend Athia, tells you that she saw another student, Theo, who you know, push Kiki, a student you also know, to the ground during brunch. What ***specific advice*** would you give to Athia? In addition, ***what would you specifically do? Explain both of your decisions,*** your advice to Athia and your actions.

Scots CAMP 2014 STUDENT AND PARENT COMMITMENT AND AGREEMENT

My child, _____, and I have read and discussed the application form, including the criteria and qualities needed for 8th Grade Counselor leadership and responsibility in Scots Camp. I support my child's application to serve as an 8th Grade Counselor during Scots Camp 2014.

_____ We have checked our summer schedules; **my child is available for the mandatory training on August 14th from 3:15PM – 6:00 PM.**
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_____ My child and I understand that the August 14th training is required for my child's participation as a Scots Camp Counselor; **there will be no make-up training or exceptions.**
Initial

_____ My child and I understand that Scots Camp Counselors are in positions of great responsibility. We understand that if my child does not demonstrate positive leadership and/or responsible behavior, he/she may be removed from the position of Scots Camp Counselor at any time. *(This includes, but is not limited to: returning forms on time, having respectful attention during trainings and meetings, and adhering to the PMS dress code throughout all Scots Camp activities and trainings, using respectful and appropriate language, etc.)*
Initial

PRINT Parent or Guardian Name

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date



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