Mount Prospect Historical Society Youth Programs
Junior Camp Counselor Role Description

Help children explore history by becoming a Junior Camp Counselor for the Mount Prospect Historical Society's youth programs!

The Mount Prospect Historical Society (MPHS) offers five summer programs for young historians ages 6 to 11 years old: History Camp, Prairie Kids I & II, The Science of History, If You Lived, and Art Fusion: Creativity on Campus. Each program features crafts and activities inspired by historical topics. More information about each of these programs can be found at https://www.mtphist.org/youth-programs.

Junior Camp Counselors are expected to arrive at MPHS half an hour before their assigned program and should expect to stay approximately half an hour after the program ends. They will help with setting up and cleaning up and will assist in facilitating activities and crafts. **Please be aware that this is an unpaid volunteer opportunity.**

Program	Program Times	Junior Camp Counselor Times
History Camp, Session 1 (June 8 – 12)	9am – 12pm	8:30am – 12:30pm
History Camp, Session 2 (July 6 – 10)	9am – 12pm	8:30am – 12:30pm
Prairie Kid I (July 14)	10am – 12pm	9:30am – 12:30pm
Prairie Kid II (July 14)	1pm – 3pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm
If You Lived…Celebrate America's 250th! (July 16)	10am – 12pm	9:30am – 12:30pm
The Science of History: All Things Environmental (July 16)	1pm – 3pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Art Fusion (August 3 – 7)	9am – 12pm	8:30am – 12:30pm

You can fill out an application at https://forms.gle/9YHpCmwMFA5hwp276. **Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2026. Please note that space is limited, and not all applicants will be selected.**

Junior Camp Counselors should plan to attend a short training session during the first week of June. This training will include a tour of the Historical Society campus and an overview of safety procedures, expectations, and specific camp activities.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 12 years old and younger than 18 years old
- Must work well with others, especially with children
- Must take direction from the Camp Director and Camp Aide

Responsibilities:

- Assist with activity preparations before and after each day of camp
- Assist with clean-up during and at the end of each day of camp
- Help campers participate in activities and work on crafts
    - Please note: Junior Camp Counselors may not have the opportunity to personally participate in camp activities and crafts. Your role is to assist the Camp Director and Camp Aide in facilitating the activities and helping registered campers with their craft projects.
- Know and understand all emergency procedures
- Know, follow, and enforce all safety guidelines to ensure the safety of all camp participants and the museum campus
- Be a role model for the campers
- Be friendly, helpful, and enthusiastic

Benefits:

- Time can be used for service hours credit
- Consideration for future internships and volunteer positions
- Work with encouraging and supportive staff
- Immersion into Mount Prospect's rich history
- Experience partnering with a non-profit
- Make a difference in your community!