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Greetings Potential Camp Counselor!

Before we know it the summer of 2014 will be here! This year, and from here on out, the camp counselor process will be different. In order to be in compliance with the Florida State Statutes Chapter 435, all youth ages 14 and older at camp must be fingerprinted and complete the mandated training video. This is not a new camp policy; it is now a state law. This includes at least 6 hours of mandatory counselor training and being fingerprinted through the Department of Children and Families. The Sumter County Extension Office is here to help in every step of the way so please do not let this be a factor in your decision to submitting your application.

Camp counselor applications can be found on our website under the Forms section. Youth need to submit their completed counselor applications to my office by May 30th, 5pm. After your applications have been submitted, youth selected to be camp counselors will then be given more information about getting the proper background screening completed.

Remember the first half of camp counselor training is May 31st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Marion County 4-H Farm. This is mandatory training for all camp counselors. If you need transportation please make sure to contact me well in advance to make arrangements.

Being a camp counselor is a great responsibility and lots of fun! If you have any questions or concerns about the new background screening requirements or about camp Ocala please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

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