



# Request for a Horton Center Counselorship

**Thank you!** Our program would not exist if not for the incredible gift of time offered by our counselors. Thank you for valuing the ministry at Horton Center enough to offer your time.

**About Counseling:** If you would like to counsel but are not sure how to begin, start by contacting us at camp. (lchatfield@nhcucc.org or karen@pilgrimlodge.org or 207-724-3200) We'll ask you if you have particular weeks in mind. So what is it like these days to be a volunteer counselor at Horton Center? First and foremost, it's about making sure that each camper is safe, welcomed, and having the best week of their summer. From the start, you'll be supported by the Deans (volunteer leaders, 2 per session), and the staff. You'll go through a training session before camp. **You'll arrive the day before the campers at Horton Center,** to connect with your co-counselors, Deans, and go through additional camp led training. When the campers arrive Sunday, the fun begins! Two counselors stay in each cabin. Counselors go through the day with their campers, sometimes co-leading activities. We make sure you get a rest in the afternoon, after a daily meeting where you check-in with the Deans and counselors. Afternoon and evening program is a blend of counselor led and staff led activities. Being a volunteer counselor at Horton Center is fun, tiring yet energizing, and can have a deep impact on the life of a camper. You'll be asked to read a short book on counseling and take an on-line exam and print out the certification of completion (only the first time you counsel.) You'll also need reference forms and a background check authorization.

**Counseling when your child is at HC:** Some parents hope to counsel when their child is at camp. You know your child, and whether or not this is a good idea for them. We find that for some younger children it works out fine. Middler and Senior High campers usually tend to do better given their own time and space at HC. Unless there are extraordinary circumstances, we will not place your child in your cabin. It is difficult to step out of the role of parent and trying to be a camp counselor to your own child.

**Counselorships:** Counselors do not pay to come to camp! If you have an immediate family member attending camp this summer, you can receive a \$50 Counselorship (\$25 for the half-week long session) toward his or her camp fee. Please, immediate family only. Counselorships are not offered to CIT's and are not to be used for oneself. Counselorships must be applied in the same year that you counsel.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am counseling for this session: \_\_\_\_\_

Please apply my Counselorship to (camper's name) \_\_\_\_\_

Attending this session: \_\_\_\_\_

This camper is my: (son, sister etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You can mail this form (140 Sheep Davis Rd. Pembroke, NH 03275) or bring it with you to camp. If you're counseling after you camper's session, it is helpful to us to have this form *before* the camper's session begins.