



CAMP NAMANU Gears Program - 2021 Application

What is the Gears Program?

This program is for high school-aged campers who want to get more involved in camp by giving back. Gears campers help to keep the dining hall running smoothly by leading meals with the Dining Hall Director, making announcements, sharing dietary information, leading kitchen patrol with other units, doing dishes and having fun working as a team. Participants can expect to work hard and play hard while still experiencing the magic of camp. Some campers spend time in the Gears Program before entering CIT program – however, participation in Gears does not guarantee placement as a CIT.

How do I apply?

Enrollment in the Gears program is through application and space is limited. Be sure to fill out your application completely and choose your references thoughtfully. Decisions will depend on the applicants' availability, their application packets, and our needs. **Complete and return your application to the Camp Director, Gina "Sprout" Sander gsander@campfirecolumbia.org no later than 9:00 AM MONDAY February 15th, 2021.**

Application Requirements

- Be 15-18 years old and entering 10th-12th grade in the fall of 2021
- Be able to make a firm commitment to the entire session (length varies between 6-14 days)
- Submit a completed application with 2-3 references, this could be a teacher, coach, employer, etc. Make sure to let your references know ahead of time they may receive calls or emails from Camp Namanu regarding this application.

Preferred Qualifications

- Has a desire for personal growth
- Is community focused
- Has ability to take direction from peers and adults
- Hard working

Important Dates to Remember

- **February 15th, 2021** – Application Deadline
- **March 3rd, 2021** – Applicants will be notified of acceptance or regrets via email

Program Dates & Fees

If applicant is accepted, \$75 non-refundable deposit due at registration and payment plans are available for the remaining cost. Contact our registrar if you have questions or concerns about the deposit or payment plan options. Financial aid options are available. Because of the necessary cancellation of program in 2020, we have rolled over the acceptance of 2020 applicants for the summer of 2021. So we will have a very limited number of Gears positions available this summer.

| Gears Session | Cost | Dates |
|--|-------|---|
| Gears Session 1/2 | \$625 | June 27 th – July 2 nd & July 6 th – July 9 th |
| Gears Session 3/4– FULL <i>waitlist only</i> | \$750 | July 11 th – July 16 th & July 18 th – July 23 rd |
| Gears Session 5/6 – FULL <i>waitlist only</i> | \$750 | July 25 th – July 30 th & August 1 st – August 6 th |
| Gears Session 7 – 1 week | \$450 | August 8 th – August 13 th |

****NOTE: Gears return home between each session, typically Friday nights.**

Camp Fire Columbia reserves the right to cancel, modify or limit any programs as determined by the council.



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Applicant's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Gender: _____ Pronouns: _____ Grade in Sept/2021: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Years at Namanu: _____ How did you learn about Camp Namanu? _____

Please select which e-mail address(es) you would like correspondence/notifications sent to:

Applicant E-mail _____ Name: _____

Guardian E-mail _____ Name: _____

Guardian E-mail _____ Name: _____

Session Preference: Please check your session preferences below, for any sessions you are unavailable please check the "Unavailable" box. If you would like to be added to the waitlist for a FULL session please check the session box below.

| | 1 st Choice | 2 nd Choice | Unavailable |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Gears Session 1/2 June 27th – July 2nd & July 6th – July 9th | | | |
| Gears Session 7 August 8th – August 13th | | | |

Applicant would also like to be added to waitlist for: Gears Session 3/4 Gears Group 5/6

Please list any volunteer activities and/or paid employment:

Dates of Service Employer/Organization Position Held (Paid or unpaid?) Supervisor's Name & Email

List any extracurricular activities, programs, trainings, if applicable: _____

References: Please list contact info for two to three people who can provide a reference for you (i.e. teacher, coach, etc):

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Guardian's Signature: I am aware that my camper is applying for the Gears Program at Camp Namanu. If selected, I will support them through the program.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Essay Questions

Please type your answers to the following questions and attach them to your application. Answers will be evaluated based on content, not length.

- 1.) Why do you want to participate in the Gears Program? Include what value the program would have for you and what you can personally contribute to the program.
- 2.) Please describe a time you had to accomplish a challenging task. What made it challenging? What do you think you gained from this experience?
- 3.) Tell us about an experience where others had to count on you. What are you proud of? What do you wish you had done differently? What was the outcome?
- 4.) Tell us about a time when you disagreed with a group of peers. How was the conflict resolved? What did you learn from this experience?