

applicant number	applying for	preference
3	Discovery Counselor, Fusion Counselor	Fusion

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO REAPPLY?

The Dawg Camp staff experience humbled me to my core. I saw not only the best parts of people, but also the parts of people that they would rather nobody know about. This vulnerability seen in my campers over the past summer was something that you dream of seeing during all the training and work you put in throughout the year as a counselor. What really inspires me to apply again are the little moments. The camp that I participated in truly was just the beginning of my impact. I have gotten to help campers through breakups, rejections, celebrations, and temptations. That experience of being someone that they can come to without judgement or consequence has made me a person more aware of the words that I give to people. I've found that the words that we give are a gift, and they can be something that changes a person's entire college career. Which is why I want to re-apply to be a Dawg Camp counselor.

THREE WAYS YOU PLAN TO STEP UP AS A RETURNER

I look forward to being a voice in the Dawg Camp '18 staff. Someone who can lead discussions and give constructive feedback on how to handle some of the challenges that there are in being a staff member. In my past Dawg Camp staff experience I had a CoCo who had never been to Dawg Camp before and being able to help her with how the weekend flows, I was able to be a steady rock for her during the weekend where she thrived. I would also really look forward to bringing the PASSION to first time staff members. I would help them realize that their campers will mirror the passion and attitude that they bring to the stage. I think I can step up to make this possible by bringing that passion to every training and really committing to being where my feet are. Finally, I would like to establish a culture of investment and accountability. What I mean by this is that I would like to establish a relationship with the staff to where we can really hold each other accountable. For example, if someone were to not be "fully there" in trainings, being able to speak to that person when there is free time or after the meeting to get them locked back in to what we would be doing in training.

EXAMPLES OF JUSTIFICATION

One of the moments that I always go to when thinking about applying again to be a staff member for DC '18 is right after the values small group at discovery. I had asked my small group to really challenge themselves to be vulnerable with each other during this weekend because that's how they would get the most out of the experience. After I asked this of them, they started stepping out of their comfort zones and really challenging themselves to step up, whether it was at the fears bonfire or during the stand up sit down debrief, they found a way to share their experience and their thoughts on the activity. This is a perfect example of what I want to bring to DC18 staff, I want to be able to be vulnerable with this group of campus leaders so that they will be able to openly share their experiences so that I can learn ever more how to best provide a great experience for incoming first years this summer.

FUSION SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION

I think appreciating the classic city and focusing on what it means to be an Athenian is really important for incoming first year students because UGA wasn't created inside a bubble. The city of Athens is a huge part of the culture and overall mindset of being a Georgia Bulldog. Whether it's the amazing sunsets at the iron horse, the unique food in many local shops in downtown, or the vibrant music scene that I have become very accustomed to in my time in Athens. I think to really find a community on campus, you have to get acclimated to what the

rest of this great city has to offer. Doing this also gives you the greatest chance to take advantage of all the opportunities there are in both the university, and the city in which it resides. I see my strengths playing into this role because if there is one thing that I have taken advantage of during my time at UGA, it is the classic city. Music has always been something that I have been passionate about and Athens just made sense for my college search, because of all the music experience that it has to offer. I have now been to over 200 concerts, 22 of those within the classic city itself. I see myself really thriving in showing off what all the classic city has to offer while really being able to mentor first years again. I think that showing how passionate I am about this great city will just create another deep rooted passion in the first years that come after me.