

NEW CANAAN YMCA

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2008

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION

The CIT program consists of an eight week, hands-on, training program for 14-15 years olds who want to learn the skills necessary to be a great camp counselor. Participants will work with a camp director on leadership and camp childcare skills and be assigned to a senior staff member for hands-on experience. In the future, we hope they will be ready to join our staff to help make summer a memorable experience for our campers.

The program will cover; planning activities, teaching and modifying games, behavior modification, creativity, communication with parents, supervision at the waterfront, goal setting, active listening, working with younger campers, camp communication, service learning, team work, and what to do on a rainy day. The CIT program will utilize the *Start Something* curriculum developed by the Tiger Woods Foundation and Target as a guide to help teach some of the components listed. The CITs will be exposed to the skills necessary to be a great counselor and have a chance to see if this kind of work is for them.

ONCE THIS APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE YMCA, A DIRECTOR WILL CALL TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT.

FEE: \$800 FOR SUMMER

* Participants MUST commit to at least six weeks of this 8-week summer camp program. A stipend of \$200 will be given to CITs who successfully complete this program. (Please refer to Counselor In Training commitment statement.)

NAME _____ DATE _____
(Complete First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PARENT EMAIL _____ APPLICANT EMAIL _____

PHONE () _____ CELL PH: () _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

CURRENT SCHOOL GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____

CAMP STAFF TRAINING DATES: (all staff are expected to attend.)

Approximate training dates will be during the week of June 14– June 21; definite dates and times will be available upon interview.

PREVIOUS CAMP EXPERIENCE:

<u>Camp / Address</u>	<u># Years Attended</u>	<u>Ages When Attended</u>	<u>Previous C.I.T. Experiences</u>	
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

REFERENCES (NOT A RELATIVE):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship to You</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

BRIEFLY, WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A C.I.T. AND WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU WILL ADD TO THIS PROGRAM?

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GET OUT OF A C.I.T. PROGRAM?

WHAT DOES LEADERSHIP MEAN TO YOU?

WHAT ACTIVITIES AND OR WORKSHOPS WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD OR TEACH?

WHAT CERTIFICATES TO YOU CURRENTLY HOLD? DATES COMPLETED? FIRST AID, CPR, LIFEGUARD, WSA, ETC.

Please read the following commitment statement below carefully and sign in the space provided.

Counselor-in-Training commitment statement:

If chosen as a Counselor-in-Training (CIT), I will commit to understanding the requirements and responsibilities of being a good camp counselor. I will commit to regular meetings, camp fees, counselor in training, camp dates, and any other areas needed to perform my duties as a camp counselor-in-training. I further understand that if I do not meet the standards of a responsible CIT, I will be dismissed from my duties. I also give permission for the New Canaan YMCA to contact all personal references.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Parent commitment statement:

As a parent/guardian of the youth completing this application, I understand the necessity to only select individuals that will be committed to the camping program. I will, to the best of my ability, support and encourage this youth to uphold their commitment to the New Canaan YMCA Summer Camp CIT program if selected.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



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