

2018 Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Application

The CIT Program is designed for young adults 16 years of age by Aug 30th or completed sophomore year of High School.



YMCA of Greater Boston Overnight Camps

Application Due: November 15th

Please mail to – Attn: NW & PVC Camp Directors, PO Box 10, Mirror Lake NH 03853

Or, email to campingservices@ymcaboston.org

The YMCA of Greater Boston Overnight Camps Leadership Development Program is an experience-based course for young adults to discover, practice, and hone their leadership potential in a variety of situations within the environment of North Woods and Pleasant Valley Camps. The goal of the program is to train these young adults in their personal leadership style and other leadership skills to bring back to their various communities - hopefully including North Woods and Pleasant Valley Camps as our staff members - to better themselves and those around them.

The Counselor-In-Training (CIT 1) Program is a four week fee based program and is the second year of our leadership development program where our participants join us to study teaching styles and methods in activities as well as taking a lifeguard training course. Our CIT is a selective program with a small administrative fee and will focus on supporting staff living in cabins with kids, supporting their day to day needs as well as helping to foster friendships and learning to help with camper issues like homesickness and group dynamics. In both programs, CITs must be strong, independent, and focused on helping make a better community for all. With this they will gain valuable hands-on experience working with a youth, leading programs and activities, and working with fellow staff in program conception, creation, and execution. The CIT's have a Director for constant feedback and guidance and they are evaluated through the program in the practice to hone their skills and become the best counselors they can be.

Applicants are measured based on their application, evaluations from being a camper/LIT, references of community leaders and family, and interviews with the applicant themselves. Every year we are forced to turn away many good applicants because of the volume of applications we receive and the limited spots available. Those who are fortunate enough to be chosen to join us should conduct themselves professionally to be respectful of those not admitted. Your acceptance to the program can be altered at any time.

Please fill out the application below to the best of your ability and be as thorough as possible. **We ask that the applicants themselves fill out the following application.** While asking your parent or guardian for advice is perfectly fine, we want to hear your voice and this is a great first step taking the lead in your leadership development!

Thank you and good luck!

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION OR ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT CAMP?

Please contact one of our Camp Staff at 603.569.2725

You can also email us at campingservices@ymcaboston.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____ DOB: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

CIT Session Preference (circle one): **Sessions 1&2** **Sessions 3&4**

Why This Session: _____

Note on Session Preference: We have imposed limits on the number of participants for each program for each session and not all applicants may get their first choice for their session preference. We encourage all applicants to keep an open mind and be flexible with their choice - you will still have an amazing summer!



PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

EXPERIENCE

Were you an LIT? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

Were you an CIT? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

Have you ever attended camp before? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

(Includes North Woods, Pleasant Valley, and any other camp experience)

Please describe (where, when, how long, etc.):

School(s): _____ Grade completed (as of coming June 1st): _____

Have you ever had a job? **YES** **NO**

Please describe: (title, duration, etc.):

REFERENCES

Please list references to speak on your behalf, with one reference being a family member.

CITs must provide three written references to be submitted in addition to their application.

| Name | City/Town | Phone # |
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CERTIFICATIONS

Please mark your certifications:

First Aid CPR Lifeguarding Driver's License (if so, which state: _____)

Please list any other certifications (WFA, WSI, Ropes Instructor, etc.):

SKILLS AND TRAINING ASSESSMENT

Tell us what you like to do. Place a "T" next to the activities you feel confident in organizing/teaching; place an "A" next to skills you feel confident assisting.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ropes Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Riflery | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics | <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Style _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance (Style _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Broadcast | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Ed | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppetry | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Windsurfing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leather Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Sketching | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Song Leading | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzle/Card Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback (Style: _____) |

Please list other skills that you could bring to camp:

What would you like to learn to teach at camp?

What improvements to the camp program would you like to see or implement?

What leadership skills do you believe you currently possess, what skills are you interested in learning, and why?

(Please reference your LIT summer if possible and what you gained from it)

What impact do you think you can make on a child's camp experience and why?

What are your expectations in joining the CIT Program?
