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Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING APPLICATION

- 1** Complete CIT Application
- 2** Sign CIT Pledge
- 3** Submit Application to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program is a 4-week experience for campers completing the 9th and 10th grade who are not 16 years old. It provides leadership opportunities that prepare teens to become staff members and leaders at camp or elsewhere. FSPYMCA CIT programs are designed to enhance interpersonal and communication skills while fostering independence and self-awareness. Successful participants will come away from this program with valuable leadership skills that will serve them well at home, in school, and in their own community. CIT's are campers while preparing for their future potential opportunities as camp counselors. Camper applicants must complete the CIT application to be considered for the program. Entry into the program is competitive and is based upon the completed application. We are offering two four week sessions. You must complete at least one session to be considered for a JR counselor priority interview when eligible for employment (16 years or older).

Cost for the program is \$1200 for the 4 weeks. A deposit of \$100 is due at the time of registration and will be deducted from the session tuition.

Completed applications must be submitted for consideration and acceptance into the CIT program. Applicants who are accepted into the program will be notified within one week of the date the application is received. Once accepted, candidates can register for one of the CIT sessions. We encourage applicants to submit the applications early, as limited space is available. Also, please note that participating in the CIT program does not guarantee a staff position. CITs are evaluated on their performance and will be entitled to a "priority" interview for a Junior Counselor position when they become age eligible.

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Applicant information:

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| First Name | Last Name | |
| Address | | |
| City | State | Zip Code |
| Parent's Cell | Applicant's Cell or Home Phone | |
| Parent's email | Applicant's email | |

All applicants must be entering grades 9 or 10 by June 1, 2024.

Please complete the following questions:

1. What qualities and personality traits do you think make a great camp counselor?

2. Tell us about some of your passions, hobbies, or extracurricular activities such as clubs, groups, sports, jobs, activities you have participated in, or things you like to do for fun. How will these experiences make you a great CIT?

3. The YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility guide us in everything we do. Tell us what 3 of your core values are and why they are important to you.

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4. Please describe any experience you may have working or volunteering with PreK - 3rd graders.

5. What is something you want to learn from the CIT program this year?

6. What are you most excited about for the CIT program or camp in general this year?

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CIT PLEDGE

Being involved with our day camp program is a privilege and a responsibility. CITs take control of their experience and influence the experience of children and campers with whom they interact. CITs are expected to have fun but to also improve our camp community each and every day.

As the applicant to the CIT program, you agree to:

- Take responsibility for your own actions and learning, as well as for those of your assigned group.
- Present yourself as a role model for children at all times.
- Approach each day with fresh energy and view challenges as learning opportunities.
- Respect each member of the YMCA community, members, staff, campers, and fellow CITs.
- Take your position as a CIT at the YMCA seriously and perform to the best of your ability.

I state that the information on this application is complete, honest, and genuine.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

For office use only:

Date

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