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June 2010

Dear Applicant:

I would like to introduce you to the New and Improved Counselors-in-Training (CIT) Program at the YMCA of Gloucester County! The CIT program is for students entering grades 9 or 10 in September 2010. The main purpose of the CIT program is to teach leadership and counseling skills that will prepare you to not only be an effective future counselor position, but to also become a positive role model in your community. In order to achieve this goal, applicants will participate in bi-weekly program activities beginning June 28th and ending August 20th. We have enclosed an information packet that should answer most questions about the program. Please read the information carefully because it will help you decide if the CIT program is right for you!

Here are a few changes as it pertains to the 2010 Counselor-in-Training Program:

- Counselors-in-Training will receive hands on training from the CiT Director and the senior camp counselors to learn techniques that pertain to handling children in a camp setting. CiT's will participate in group discussions and workshops focusing on topics that range from leadership qualities and counseling techniques to parent-staff communication and games.
- The Counselor-in-Training Program is offered in 2 week intervals. During registration, you will have the option of registering for one session or all four. The first week of camp (Cycle 1) and the last week of camp (Cycle 10) are optional for attending Teen Camp. Please note that weeks within a session cannot be separated as the specific structure of the program is designed around a two week interval.
- The cost for the Counselor-in-Training Program is \$200/session which includes \$100 nonrefundable / nontransferable deposits. The rate for the CiT Program is less expensive than regular camp as we expect CiT's to carry themselves in a professional matter when working with the kids or in the community. They will be called on to provide a service to both our camp and the community.
- There is a drastic difference in the CiT Program and the Teen Program. The CiT's will be hand selected and chosen based on a criteria that suits the New CiT Program that we have created.

If there are any questions, please contact Valencia Sellers, at the YMCA. I look forward to a great summer and a great group of CIT's.

Sincerely,

Tish Davis, Camp Administrator



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How to Apply for the Counselor-In-Training Program...

Step 1 Complete the enclosed application and attach a one page essay (typed) on why you would like to be a future camp counselor, also include the Personal Reference Questionnaire. This recommendation must come from someone unrelated to the applicant (preferably a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, pastor, etc.)

The application, essay, deposits (due at the time of registration) and questionnaire are due by **Friday, June 11, 2010**.

Step 2 All applications will be reviewed and all applicants selected will come in to the YMCA of Gloucester County for a group interview on **Wednesday, June 16, 2010 @ 6:30pm**.

Please Note: Those not selected will still have the option of enrolling in the Teen Camp being offered this summer. If not interested, deposits will be refunded within 2 weeks.

Step 3 Within the following week, all those selected to be a part of our CIT program will receive an acceptance letter, camp registration form and breakdown of payment due dates. The camp registration form and any applicable paperwork must be returned by **Friday, June 18, 2010**.

Those not accepted will still have the option of enrolling in the Teen Camp being offered this summer. If not interested, deposits will be refunded within 2 weeks.

Please also note, the date that you submit your application is the date that will determine your cost of Teen Camp (if not accepted in the CiT Prog.). Please be aware of Registration periods and costs.

Date Submitted:

YMCA of Gloucester County 2010 CiT Application

Please answer the questions as they pertain to you, the CiT Applicant.

Part 1:

Name: _____

Shirt Size (please circle):
A-Sm A-Med A-Lrg A-XL

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Number: () _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade in Sept. 2010: _____ Sex: M F

of years attended Gloucester County YMCA Summer Camp: _____

Please indicate which sessions you are interested in attending:

_____ Session 1: June 28th – July 9th

_____ Session 2: July 12th – July 23rd

_____ Session 3: July 26th – August 6th

_____ Session 4: August 9th – August 20th

- Sessions cannot be broken up. The structure of the CiT Program is designed around a 2 week period. You may sign up for as many sessions as desired.
- There is a \$100 deposit required per session. Deposits are due with this application. If not accepted into the CiT Program, deposits will transfer to the Teen Camp or will be refunded.
- If the weeks of June 21st and August 23rd are needed, CiT's may register for regular Teen Camp.
- There will be MANDATORY evening trainings the week of June 21st for all CiT's (regardless of sessions registered for).

Part 2:

1. What skills/attributes would you bring to the CIT program:

2. Personal Achievements/Accomplishments:

3. Hobbies and Interest:

4. Organizations/Clubs in which you are a member of:

5. Have you volunteered anywhere before: Yes No If yes, please explain:

6. The CIT program requires a lot of initiative and responsibility, please briefly explain your strengths in this area:

Please return this application along with your Essay, Deposit, and
Personal Reference Questionnaire (to be returned by reference) by Friday, June 11, 2010.

All enclosed information must be complete and written legibly by the CIT applicant.

(Essays are approved to be typed)

___ Application ___ Essay ___ Personal Reference Questionnaire ___ Deposit



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