

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAM COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION

The goal of the Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program is to provide 13 to 16 year olds with the opportunity to develop personal skills, social responsibility and the leadership skills that are necessary for them to act as role models for children younger than themselves. Each CIT will be mentored by bright and charismatic college-aged counselors and staff and CITs will be assigned to a specific group for the duration of the session. Through hands-on experience, CITs will have the opportunity to interact with counselors and instructors in the operation of the Summer Youth Activity Program. CITs will have an extensive amount of direct interaction with program participants and as such should be friendly and approachable.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Address: _____ Applicant Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Applicant Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Contact: _____

How did you find out about the program? _____

Please select which block(s) you would like to be considered for:
Full attendance for selected sessions is required for participation.

Block 1 : Sessions 1 & 2

Block 2 : Sessions 3 & 4

Session dates: (8:00am – 4pm, Monday - Friday)

I: June 5 - June 16

II: June 20 – June 30

III: July 10 – July 21

IV: July 24 – Aug 4

- Attendance during the entire block is required for consideration.
- Training takes place during the first two days of each block.
- The Summer Youth Activity Program is on break June 19 and the week of July 3-7.
- Cost: \$250

Have you ever attended the Summer Youth Activity Program? Yes No

If yes, what year(s) were you a participant? _____

Prior participation is not required and does not guarantee future participation.

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EDUCATION:

Current School:

Current Grade:

Favorite Classes:

Extracurricular School Activities:

What types of sports or recreational activities would like to share with campers? What skills or aspects would you highlight?

Why do you want to be a Counselor-In-Training? Include what skills you would like to gain from this position.

What qualities or skills do think makes a good counselor? Do you recall how any counselors from your time in a camp who made a difference for you or someone else?

What do you feel you can contribute individually as a CIT?

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What experiences have you had working with others (e.g. babysitting, community service, sports teams, scouting, etc.)?

Is there anything else you feel is important and would like us to know about you?

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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APPLICATION PROCESS:

1) Please return your application to:

Kris Cortez
Rice University
Recreation Center, MS-523
6100 Main St.
Houston, TX 77005
-or kjc5@rice.edu-

2) You will need to have two completed references turned in to complete your application. Reference forms are attached at the end of this packet. The Personal Reference needs to be completed by a non-relative. The Teacher Reference can be from a current or former teacher.

3) In addition to your application forms, you will need to submit a video:

- Why are you interested in the CIT program at Rice?
- Tell us about a challenging moment for you in the past year. How did you approach the situation and what the outcome of your actions?
- Video length *should not exceed 2 minutes* (must be in mp4 format.)
- Please submit video or video link by email: kjc5@rice.edu

4) Once your paperwork and video is complete, you may be contacted for an interview. Spaces will be filled by approved applicants on a rolling review. Past SYAP attendance does not guarantee placement. **The camp fee only applies to those who are selected and accept a position.**

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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING TEACHER REFERENCE FORM

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Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known the applicant?

How does the applicant conduct themselves at school?

How does the applicant relate to their peers? How do they work in collaborative or team-based settings?

How does the applicant interact with instructors, teachers, or other positions of authority?

Would the applicant be a good caregiver and role model for children in a recreation setting? Why or why not?

How does the applicant manage challenge or frustration?

Signature of Teacher Reference

Date

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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

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Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

What leadership skills and/or experience does the applicant possess that would aid them in this role?

How does the applicant relate to their peers?

How does the applicant interact with instructors, teachers, or other positions of authority?

Tell us about the applicant's level of maturity, responsibility, and enthusiasm.

Would the applicant be a good caregiver and role model for children in a recreation setting? Why or why not?

How does the applicant manage challenge or frustration?

Signature of Personal Reference

Date

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