



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038
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Counselor In Training (C.I.T.) 2021 Summer Program

Application Deadline: Monday, April 5, 2021

Due to Emily Croke: 215-836-7600 or ecroke@springfieldmontco.org

The Counselor In Training Program is for teens ages 13-15 that are too old for camp and not old enough to be a counselor. This program is geared to develop leadership skills and a basic understanding of camp operations. Although this is an unpaid, volunteer position, CITs are an important part of Camp. CITs are responsible for aiding the counselors in every facet of camp such as set-up/clean-up, playing in games, helping campers with small tasks and so on. CITs will assist in the appropriate supervision and interaction of campers and help enhance their camp experience.

Camp is designed to be fun for the children. Children come first. We want the children to be interested and excited about summer camp. Your job this summer is to learn how to be an active leader and participate with all campers in all activities.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

In designing a Counselor In Training program, it is our objective to develop the following traits in each trainee:

- A well-rounded, sensitive and mature young person
- An understanding of people, particularly of children and self through:
 - *Training and program experience*
 - *A group experience with peers*
 - *Group discussions and activities with camp staff*
- Respect and acceptance for all people and children, with appreciation of diversity
- The ability to have fun while learning and teaching

PROGRAM DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Camp C.I.T. - (Monday to Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- Staff Training – June 2, 2021
- **Week 1:** Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 1
- **Week 2:** Tuesday, July 6 – Thursday, July 8 (no camp July 5)
- **Week 3:** Monday, July 12 – Thursday, July 15
- **Week 4:** Monday, July 19 – Thursday, July 22
- **Week 5:** Monday, July 26 – Thursday, July 29
- **Week 6:** Monday, August 2 – Thursday, August 5

C.I.T.'s will gain an understanding for what a camp counselor's daily duties consist of, how to plan, organize and supervise activities and children. Successful participation in this program may be a "stepping stone" to future employment with Springfield P&R in one of our future summer camps.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Submit completed Program Application.
- Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher or non-family reference.
- Interview with Program Coordinator and/or Camp Director
- Become certified in first Aid & CPR (upon acceptance into the C.I.T program).
- Attend orientation (upon acceptance into the C.I.T program).



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C.I.T. PROGRAM APPLICATION – SUMMER 2021

Please print clearly:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

School you attend: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____ Grade in 9/2021: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Email: _____

Circle Your Preferred Age Group(s): *Ages 6* *Ages 7-8* *Ages 9-12*

Circle Which Week(s) You Will Be Volunteering?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 – June 28 to July 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 – July 19 to July 22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 – July 6 – July 8 (no camp July 5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 – July 26 to July 29 |
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T-shirt Size: (please circle one) Small Medium Large X-Large

Note: all shirts are adult sizes

I understand that the Counselor In Training position is an educational program that exposes those enrolled to the responsibilities of a Camp Counselor. I understand that this is an active and learning position with the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department. I understand that I will be responsible for assisting the Summer Camp staff in activities, games and crafts with camp participants. I also understand that completing this program does **not** “guarantee” a seasonal, paid Summer Camp position in the future.

Signature: _____ Print name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the program by Friday, May 7, 2021.

SPRINGFIELD P&R Office Only:

- Interview Date** _____
- Teacher letter received**
- Selected**

C.I.T Camp Age Group: **Age 6** **Ages 7-8** **Ages 9-12**

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