



Summer Camp Counselor-in-Training Overview and Application

Counselor-in-Training Description:

Counselors-in-Training (CITs) assist the camp counselors in providing a safe and fun camp experience at Tanglewood. They will help lead environmental education activities, games, crafts, songs, stories, hikes, and more. In addition to supervising campers during the camp activities listed above, our CITs will also assist with camp preparation, check-in and check-out, and will serve as a positive role model for children in camp. This is an educational position that will involve being paired with two counselors each session.

CITs will send their applications to the CIT Coordinator, who will review them with the Camp Director. The CIT Coordinator is the direct supervisor of the CITs and they should report all concerns to the Coordinator. CITs will remain under the supervision of the camp counselors for most of the camp day, but will have a dedicated weekly meeting with the CIT Coordinator to discuss topics such as: environmental education, leadership strategies, emergency protocols, child development and psychology, camp games and crafts, citizen science, and more.

Eligibility:

Must be at least 15 years old by June 1st, 2017.

Must be enthusiastic about camp, enjoy working with children, animals, and the natural environment!

Must have completed application including two personal references.

Must be committed to one day of mandatory pre-camp training on Friday June 23rd.

Must be committed to at least three full weeks of camp over the course of the summer (at least two weeks must be consecutive).

Must have had previous experience as a camper (mandated by NY Health Department).

Qualifications:

Successful applicants will have a desire to work with children and animals.

Demonstrates maturity, energy, enthusiasm, communication skills and an interest in the environment.

Application Process:

In addition to submitting the application to the CIT Coordinator, each applicant will schedule an interview. Applications must be completed by May 15th, 2017. Interviews must be completed by June 3rd. The CIT Coordinator will notify applicants of their acceptance and schedules by June 10th.

Counselor-in-Training Program Application 2017

Send to the CIT Coordinator, Bridget Sharry, through email or postal mail by May 15th

Bridget Sharry, Community Relations Manager
Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum
443 Coleman Avenue, Elmira NY 14903
Email: volunteer.tanglewood@gmail.com Phone: 607-732-6060

Please print clearly below:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age as of June 1st, 2017: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____ Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____ Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s): _____

Have you ever attended camp as a camper? ____Yes ____No If yes, for how many years? _____

If so, what do you remember most about your experience? _____

Have you ever been a CIT before? ____Yes ____No If yes, for how many years? _____

If so, what do you remember most about your experience? _____

Short Answers: Please write a few sentences answering the questions below, and attach it to your application.

1. What experience do you have working with children?
2. If a camper didn't want to participate in an activity, what would you do?
3. If you overheard a camper say something mean to another camper on a hike, what would you do?
4. Why do you want to be a CIT at Tanglewood?
5. What are some of your passions, interests, or hobbies?

These are the weeks of summer camp that CITs can participate in. Please keep in mind that the **minimum number of weeks a CIT must commit to is three full (Monday-Friday) weeks**, two of which must be consecutive (two weeks in a row) so that we can see you grow and become a more experienced leader.

Circle all of the weeks that you are available:

| Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 | Week 10 |
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| June 26 – June 30 | July 5 – July 7 | July 10 – July 14 | July 17 – July 21 | July 24 – July 28 | July 31 – Aug 4 | Aug 7 – Aug 11 | Aug 14 – Aug 18 | Aug 21 – Aug 25 | Aug 28 – Sep 1 |

Would you be interested in being a CIT for more than three weeks of camp? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, how many weeks would you like to be a CIT? _____

Please provide two personal references (teachers, coaches, etc.) who are not related to you.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

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Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

I understand that this application and/or the granting of an interview does not represent a contract or promise of acceptance into the CIT program at Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum. I understand and agree that if selected, my training will be at-will and may be terminated by the CIT Coordinator, the Camp Director, or the Executive Director of Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

____/____/____

Date

____/____/____

Date

Parents/Guardians must complete and sign the two sections below:

Medical Information

I am the parent or legal guardian of this participant, and hereby grant permission for him/her to participate fully in Tanglewood’s CIT Program. Parent/guardian signature: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

May be picked up by: _____

N.B. all campers and CITs under 18 will have to be signed out by an adult with a photo ID. List any names of who can pick up your CIT above. If you need to add a name later, please contact Tanglewood.

Dietary restrictions, special considerations, or medical concerns: _____

Has your child ever been stung by a bee? ___ Yes ___ No

Liability Release Authorization:

In consideration for being accepted by Tanglewood to participate in the CIT Program, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant] heirs, successors, and assigns, do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Tanglewood, its officers, agent, volunteers and interns from and against any claims, demands, liability, damages, lawsuits or other actions, thereof from any and all liability, for personal injury, sickness, or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child participant that occur while said child is participating in Tanglewood CIT Program.

Furthermore, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant] hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in the CIT Program at Tanglewood Nature Center’s Summer Camp, including games and activities involved therein. I authorize the staff of Tanglewood Nature Center to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I understand that I will be financially responsible for all charges and fees incurred in the rendering of said emergency treatment, regardless of whether or not my medical insurance would cover such charges and fees.

I also authorize Tanglewood Nature Center to use photographs, and/or video of the CIT named on this registration, which may be needed for promotional purposes and development, printed and on Tanglewood’s website. ___ Yes ___ No

Parent/Guardian name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: ___/___/_____