

## **2010 Tiftarea YMCA Counselor in Training Program**

### **PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION**

This association does not discriminate in the recruitment of Counselors-in-Training on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability. No question on this application is intended to secure information to be used in a discriminatory manner. Your completed application will be reviewed carefully; but its completion does not imply that you will be accepted into the program. Please read all questions carefully and call (229)391-9622 if you have any questions.

The counselor-in-training program at Tiftarea YMCA is designed to provide instructional and practical experience in camp life. This experience gives the counselor-in-training deeper understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a counselor. A CIT has the privilege of sharing his/hers with others through the training program and in a leadership role during camp life.

### **RECEIPT OF A CIT APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CIT PROGRAM.**

We have a limited number of CIT positions available in each session. Our selection emphasis is quality not quantity. We consider a candidate's viability in both the short term (serving as a CIT) and the long term (as a future counselor). If accepted into the CIT Program you will be notified by telephone the week of May 3, 2010.

CIT applicants will be asked to go through the interview process as well as fill out the provided application just like the camp counselors. **All accepted applicants must pay a \$150 non-refundable fee by May 24, 2010 to participate in the CIT program.** This money includes camp T-shirt, and supplies a monetary balance for all CITs to cover their part in field trips and snacks or any other activities that may transpire.

### **Qualifications:**

Must be a rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader, rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader or rising 10<sup>th</sup> grader and/or  
Must be 13 before May 24<sup>th</sup> and must be no older than age 15.

We consider a CIT candidate's personal relationship with Jesus Christ, his/her personality, willingness to serve, and, when applicable, previous performance at the Tiftarea YMCA.

Ability and willingness to meet staff qualifications listed in the staff guidelines. CITs work closely with campers and greatly influence them. Therefore, CITs must be *positive* role models; NOT instigators.

### **Directly Responsible To:**

The Day Camp Assistant Directors and Camp Director. Additionally, each CIT will be a part of a camp group with a counselor in charge.

Need to assist with anything you are asked to do promptly and with a positive attitude. Remember, you might not be the counselor in charge; however you are in training to be a counselor and **THE CHILDREN ARE WATCHING YOUR EVERY MOVE!**

## Responsibilities:

### 1. Assist counselor with group

- a. Get campers to and from activities
- b. Monitor all activities and campers behavior
- c. Actively participate in devotions
- d. Set up and clean up lunch and snack time
- e. Assist with swim time in the pool
- f. Any other requests made by supervising counselor and directors
- g. Help campers with basic needs.
- h. Be the bigger person in every situation.
  1. Always report to the head counselor if a problem occurs.
  2. If the counselor cannot fix the problem then report to the assistant director (your head honcho).
  3. If one of the assistant directors cannot fix the problem then report to the camp director.
- i. Be courteous of what is and is not a problem.
- j. Help set up and break down ALL "extra activities".
- k. CHOSE YOUR BATTLES wisely!
- l. Always count your children! Before you leave a room, count the children. When arriving at your destination count your children again!! Always know how many campers your have AT ALL TIMES!
- m. Lead tribes.
- n. Help keep bathroom clean at all times and help with general camp cleanliness.

### 2. Snack time

- a. No matter what you are doing, or where you are **STOP** when it is snack time.
- b. It is your responsibility that no matter where we are or what we are doing you have the snacks bagged and ready for each camp group when it is snack time. This is very important.
- c. When giving out snacks and the camper says "I don't like that" your response is "I am sorry but this is what we are having today" or "well you don't have to eat it, but it is all we have". Be sure that EVERY camper receives a snack at every snack time.
- d. After snack time is over it is your responsibility to clean it up. The campers will be held responsible for their own rooms, however you will be assigned to a room and after the kitchen is CLEANED UP and all of the snack supplies are PUT AWAY then you may return to your assigned room and help clean up the remaining leftovers and trash.

### 3. Skills

- a. Every few weeks the campers will be assigned to different "skills". These skills will vary from soccer to crafts, however all CITs have a mandatory skill.
- b. The mandatory skill that will be only for the CITs will be somewhat of a chill time. One of the camp directors will lead a study with you, relating to the drama of a teenage life. Further details will be given during counselor training.
- c. This is not a time to stress over—again—IT IS FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

### 4. Teenage Talk Time [Triple T]

- a. Triple T is YOUR TIME. This is something new we will be trying out this year and it is only for our Counselors in Training during Summer Camp. You will meet for one hour (sometimes more or sometimes less) and this will be your time to share with one of our assistant camp directors and be lead in a small teen devotional. This will not be "church time" nor will anyone be "preaching to you", but this will be a devotional time and a break time for you.

- b. No one else will be a part of Triple T, only the CIT's. We will talk about personal matters and how to deal with living in the world as a teenager and the many complications you will face as a teenager.
- c. **WHAT IS SAID IN TRIPLE T STAYS IN THE TRIPLE T MEETING ROOM!!** If someone shares a personal fact or needs some help with an obstacle in their life we will help each other and whatever is said during our Triple T time STAYS in the room that we will meet in.
- d. If misconduct is perceived during Triple T time you will be asked to leave and not welcomed back. This is a time for you and you only and a time for you to show what a true teenager you are. Maturity matters!

**I have read the above requirements and regulations and will promise to do the best that I can to serve the YMCA through this training program.**

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**CIT Applicant Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**I approve of my child's decision to work and train as a CIT with the Tiftarea YMCA Summer Camp. I also understand their guidelines, rules, and regulations and will encourage my child to be a positive role model around the children and help with necessary duties. Should a behavior problem occur with my child as a CIT I understand that they will be dismissed for the remainder of the camp time without a refund.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



I hereby agree to inform the YMCA Day Camp Administration or office Administrator of any changes in my child's scheduled attendance. I understand that I must pay for all the time my child is registered regardless of attendance, and must notify the YMCA of changes at least two weeks in advance if my child will not be attending.

Parent/ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a copy of the parent's registration handbook.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the YMCA of Georgia and the Tiftarea assumes no responsibility for injuries or illnesses which my child may sustain as a result of his/her physical condition or resulting from his/her participation in any athletic activities, sports program, the use of any equipment, exercise, or other activities. I expressly acknowledge that I assume the risk for any and all injuries and illnesses which may result from his/her participation in these activities. In consideration of the privilege of participating at the YMCA, I hereby voluntary release and discharge the YMCA of Georgia and the Tiftarea, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims for injury, illness, death, loss or damage which my child may suffer as a result of his/her participation in these activities. While the YMCA will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations for mentally and physically challenged children, the YMCA will not accept children who are [1] danger to themselves, [2] of danger to others, or [3] a disruption to the normal activities making it reasonably difficult for other children to enjoy YMCA programs. Any of the above reasons will be ground for dismissal for YMCA programs. We strongly recommend that you discuss with staff any special conditions or circumstances involving your child. We request that you do this PRIOR to registration so that we can advise you as to whether we can make a reasonable accommodation for your child. I understand that the YMCA of Georgia and the Tiftarea is NOT responsible for personal property lost or stolen while members and/or program participants are using the YMCA facilities or on YMCA premises. In the event of an emergency and my emergency contact person cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the YMCA to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injections, anesthesia or surgery for the individual named on this application. I understand that no accident or medical insurance is provided with this activity. I give my permission to the YMCA of Georgia and the Tiftarea to use, without limitation or obligation, photographs, film footage, or tape recordings which include my child's image or voice for purposes of promoting or interpreting YMCA programs. I give permission for my child to be transported by bus services secured by the YMCA for related program activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am committing to being a role-model and a true trainee under supervision of Camp Directors and hired Camp Counselors. I will do my best to fulfill all expected duties and go beyond the call of duty to support and help better the activities and schedule flow of Summer Camp.

CIT Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I commit to being available from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. every day for a minimum of five weeks. I understand that I will be relied on a great deal and am dependable upon any task positioned in front of me.

CIT Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will assist and provide my child with a ride and will make sure my child is punctual upon arrival of duty. I understand that my child is not a part of the camp as a camper, but as a trainee of a counselor position and is relied upon a great deal throughout each and every day.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Copy of Insurance Card**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to work any of the weeks to the right please list them in this box below and state why.

*Please check the weeks you will be at camp.  
Minimum is 5.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | May 24  | <input type="checkbox"/> | June 28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | May 31  | <input type="checkbox"/> | July 5  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | June 7  | <input type="checkbox"/> | July 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | June 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> | July 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | June 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> | July 26 |