

Rochester Rec Camp Counselor in Training Application

The Rec Counselor in Training program will be an educational and recreational program that helps teens develop the skills and attributes necessary to be a successful summer camp counselor. The program will focus on team building, service projects, and outdoor activities. CITs will work with counselors, admin staff, pool staff, and other members of the community to learn the ins and outs of being a summer camp counselor.

The Counselor in Training program is open to teens age 13 and 14. Applicants must be 13 by 6/26/24. There is a limit of 6 total participants. Cost is \$300 for the full 8-week summer. The program will take place during summer camp hours from 9am-4pm. Drop-off (7:30am-9am) and pick-up (4pm-5:30pm) times are included in tuition. Teens must complete the application process and be accepted into the program to register. Applications open March 4th and close March 29th. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis, and a decision letter will go out April 12th. Applications can be submitted to the Rec office at 150 Wakefield St, Suite #1 or by email to jeffrey.turgeon@rochesternh.gov. Please note: email will be the primary means of communication for this program.

The ideal CIT candidate:

- Model positive behavior at all times
- Is open minded, eager and willing to learn from staff
- Positively engages with all other campers and staff
- Has experience working with or a desire to work with children
- Has held or aspires to hold leadership roles
- Desires to rise to challenges
- Enjoys being outside and being active
- Works well with others in both small and large groups
- Respects self and demonstrates respect for others
- Is active in their community
- Likes to swim and be around the pool
- Can apply sunscreen independently
- Can independently change in and out of clothes/swim attire
- Uses appropriate language
- Uses bathroom independently
- Comfortably engage in a full camp day without taking a nap

Additional Camper Support

We understand that some children may need additional support to meet the list above. While we do not provide one on one support staff to campers, we welcome campers who will be accompanied by a support person from an established agency or privately hired by the family. To explore this collaboration or for additional resources, please contact Assistant Director Steve at Steve.trepanier@rochesternh.gov.

CIT Application:

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email (applicant): _____

Email (Parent/Guardian): _____

Have you previously attended a Summer Camp? Yes No
If yes, where and for how long?

What is your favorite part of school or summer camp?

Please list experience working with children, if any:

Please list leadership positions held, if any:

Please list volunteer service, if any:

Please write and attach a typed, 100-125 word statement explaining why you want to be a CIT with the Rochester Rec Summer Camp.

Please attach a character reference letter. This may not be completed by someone related to the applicant.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

In submitting this application for consideration and as indicated by my signature below, I hereby certify that all responses provided herein and throughout the application process are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the City of Rochester and/or its authorized agent(s) to investigate all statements contained in this application as may be deemed necessary in arriving at an acceptance decision. I understand that should an investigation at any time disclose any misrepresentations and/or falsifications as stated herein, upon any other application-related form or made during an interview(s), my application will be rejected and should I become or already be a CIT with the City of Rochester, my registration may be terminated.

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and agree with the statement above.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Rochester Rec Camp Counselor in Training program is committed to providing people with disabilities integrated (that is, not separate, except in special circumstances) access to our programs — and to make reasonable modifications to facilitate that access, so long as appropriate and practical. Rochester CIT program is, however, limited in the accommodations it can make given the nature of its operations. Rochester CIT program will not be able to accommodate a disability if that accommodation would be considered “unreasonable” — in terms of cost, safety considerations, or an alteration of the fundamental nature of our program.