

2017 Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Application

Applications due April 3, 2017

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is open to students in rising grades 9-12 who have an interest in working with children in an outdoor setting and gaining experience in environmental education. CITs volunteer under the supervision of the Camp Director and Camp Educators to assist with week-long summer nature camps for children ages 4-12. Duties include engaging and overseeing children during camp activities (nature walks, games, crafts, puppets shows, etc.), set-up and clean-up, and assisting with after care (full-day sessions only). Service-learning hours granted.

Time Commitment: Minimum of 2 weeks; 20-40 hours per week, depending on session

Qualifications:

- Must be high school student in rising grades 9-12 (or at least age 15)
- Experience with and an enthusiasm for working with young children
- Self-motivated, responsible, flexible, positive attitude
- Interest in the environment and natural science a plus
- Able to work both independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to work outdoors in summer
- Must be able to attend mandatory training session on June 1, 2017 at 4:30 – 7:30 PM

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Name: _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Grade (Fall 2017): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I have volunteered with Nature Explorers Summer Camp in past summer(s): Yes ___ No ___

I have attended Nature Explorers Summer Camp as a camper: Yes ___ No ___

PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Share with us in writing what interests you in being a CIT with Nature Explorers Summer Camp at the Garden. How might you benefit from the experience?

Describe your experience working with children. Please include ages and group sizes.

What do you like about spending time with children?

Describe what interests you most about nature, and why you like to spend time outdoors.

Describe any other relevant work, education, interests, or personal experiences that might help prepare you for the types of work involved in being a CIT.

Please select all of the following camp weeks you are available/prefer this summer:

June 13-17; 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Sensing Nature (ages 4-5)

July 10-14; 8:30 am-5pm
Things with Wings (ages 6-7)

June 19-23; 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Sensing Nature (ages 4-5)

July 17-21; 8:30 am-5pm
Things with Wings (ages 6-7)

June 26-30; 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Sensing Nature (ages 4-5)

July 31-Aug 4: 8:30 am-5pm
Nature Detectives (ages 8-10)

REFERENCES (2 required):

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Applications due **April 3, 2017**. Camp Director will review applications and interview finalists in April.

Please return your completed form to:

Elisha Taylor, Camp Director
North Carolina Botanical Garden
Campus Box 3375
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

QUESTIONS? Please contact Elisha Taylor: taylor@email.unc.edu or 919-537-3770