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# 2018 Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Application

**Due April 5**

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is open to students in rising grades 9-12 who have an interest in and enthusiasm for working with children in an outdoor setting and gaining experience in environmental education. CITs are part of the camp staff and volunteer under the supervision of the Camp Director and Garden Educators to assist with weeklong nature camps for children ages 4-12. Duties include engaging and overseeing children during camp activities (hands-on outdoor explorations, games, crafts, puppets shows, etc.), set-up/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
- Experience with and an enthusiasm for working with children
- Self-motivated, responsible, flexible, positive attitude (sense of humor a plus!)
- Interest in science and nature
- Willingness to work outdoors in summer
- Able to work both independently and as part of a team
- Must be able to attend mandatory training session: **Thursday, May 31; 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION *\*Please print clearly or type*

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2018): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best E-mail to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

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 WEEKS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER:**

Please consider carefully what weeks that you will be available to volunteer this summer. Talk with your parent/guardian about your availability and be sure that you will have transportation for those weeks. The Garden requires that all volunteers serve a minimum of two weeks. Extra weeks may be available. You may not be scheduled for some of the weeks you are available. See website for camp descriptions: <http://ncbg.unc.edu/summer-nature-camp>

June 11-15; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*Garden Safari* (ages 4-5)

July 16-20; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*Habitat Explorers* (ages 6-7)

June 25-29; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*The Secret Lives of Bugs* (ages 8-10)

July 30-August 3; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*Dragonfly Detectives* (ages 10-12)

July 9-13; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*Habitat Explorers* (ages 6-7)

**REFERENCES:** Please provide information for two people who know you well, and, preferably, who have seen you interact with children. Do not include family members.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMP TRAINING:** All Garden camp staff and volunteers are required to participate in an orientation and training session on Thursday, May 31 at 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will provide dinner. If you would be unable to attend this program, please list the reason here:

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Please select your t-shirt size: Youth size:  S  M  L Adult size:  S  M  L

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applications due **April 5, 2018**. You may hand-deliver your application to the Education Center reception desk during open hours, mail, or email to the addresses below:

Elisha Taylor, Camp Director  
North Carolina Botanical Garden  
Campus Box 3375  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599  
[taylores@email.unc.edu](mailto:taylores@email.unc.edu)

Camp Director will review applications and contact finalists by email to schedule group interviews in April.

If you have questions, please contact Elisha Taylor: [taylores@email.unc.edu](mailto:taylores@email.unc.edu) or 919-537-3770.