



2020 Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Application

Due April 6

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 (PreK – 5th grade). 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 afternoon extended care (full-day camps). Service-learning hours granted.

Time Commitment: Minimum of 2 weeks (3 weeks preferred); 20-40 hours per week

Qualifications:

- Must be high school student in rising grades 9-12
- Enthusiasm for and experience working with children ages 4-10
- Self-motivated, responsible, flexible, team player, positive attitude (sense of humor a plus!)
- Interest in science and nature
- Willingness to work outdoors in summer
- Must be able to attend mandatory camp training: **Thursday, May 28; 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

**Please print clearly or type*

Candidate Name: _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Grade (Fall 2020): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Best E-mail to reach you: _____

I have volunteered with the Garden's camp in past summer(s): Yes ___ No ___

I have attended the Garden's 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 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 AT LEAST THREE (3) WEEKS YOU ARE AVAILABLE:

Please consider carefully the 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 CITs serve a minimum of two weeks (three weeks preferred). 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/camp-flytrap>

June 8-12; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Garden Safari (PreK-K)

**1 CIT position available*

June 15-19; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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June 22-26; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Garden Safari (PreK-K)

**1 CIT position available*

July 6-10; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Habitat Explorers (1st – 2nd grade)

**2-3 CIT positions available*

July 13-17; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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July 20-24; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Habitat Explorers (1st – 2nd grade)

**2-3 CIT positions available*

August 3-7; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nature Explorers (3rd – 5th grade)

**2-3 CIT positions available*

August 10-14; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nature Explorers (3rd – 5th grade)

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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 (including returning CITs) are required to participate in a mandatory orientation and training session on Thursday, May 28 at 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will provide dinner. If you would be unable to attend training, please list the reason here:

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

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Applications due **April 6, 2020**. You may hand-deliver your application to the Education Center reception desk during open hours, mail to the address below, or email to: taylores@email.unc.edu.

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

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

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