



YMCA Camp Bernie

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2022 Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) Program

Overnight Camp

Session AB: June 26 – July 8 & July 10 - July 22

Session CD: July 24 – August 5 & August 7 - 19

Rate: TBD

Earlybird Rate: \$2250

Good thru 12/31/21

Applicant must:

- be entering 11th grade in the fall of 2022.
- Submit a completed application, including essays and 3 reference forms.

Qualifications:

- Desire and ability to work with children outdoors.
- Ability to relate to peers.
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance.
- Ability to assist counselors in various activities.
- Good character, integrity, and adaptability.
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control.
- Ability to abide by the philosophies, goals, objectives, personnel policies, rules and regulations as stated by YMCA Camp Bernie.

Camp Bernie's CIT program is an advanced training program for rising 11th graders interested in becoming summer camp counselors in the future. Participants will develop communication and leadership skills through team-building exercises, hands-on training with counselors, and experiences with camper groups and activities.

CITs will be given the opportunity to become certified American Red Cross Lifeguards, attend counselor training sessions, venture out on an off-site service project trip, and shadow counselors in cabins and program staff at activity areas. CITs will also lead all of camp during our "CIT Sundays", running an activity they design themselves.

Enrollment is limited, applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Keep an eye out for information regarding our Youth Leadership Development Weekend in the winter of 2022. Attendance is encouraged, but not required.

Questions? Please email Ally Galvin: agalvin@campbernieymca.org

Applications can be submitted any time between now and June 1, 2022.

This program has been waitlisted in previous years, so don't wait to apply!

School Experience:

High School

Years Attended

City, State

Please list any extra-curricular activities, awards, or offices held:

Work/Volunteer Experience:

Business/Organization

Address

Dates

Responsibilities

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Address

Dates

Responsibilities

Skills/Certifications: (Including Lifeguard, First Aid, CPR, etc. Please list expiration dates & Certifying Organization)

Activities: Please write a "1" next to those you have experience in, and a "2" next to those you are interested in.

Arts

- Arts & Crafts
- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Photography
- Skits / Songs
- Videography

Sports

- Archery
- Biking (BMX)
- Biking (Mountain)
- Field Games
- Horseback Riding
- Minibikes
- Paintball
- Swimming

Wilderness

- Backpacking
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Nature Studies
- Orienteering
- Outdoor Living
- Skills

Teambuilding

- Climbing Tower
- Group Initiatives
- High Ropes
- Low Ropes
- Group Games

Essays: Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. How do you believe a camp experience impacts children's lives?
2. What contribution do you think you can make at camp?
3. What qualities, in your opinion, make an excellent camp counselor? Which of these qualities do you most embody?

Statement of Purpose for CIT applicant

I certify that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and that I have not withheld anything that would, if disclosed, affect this application unfavorably. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts would exclude my being considered for the CIT program and may be cause for dismissal from YMCA Camp Bernie.

I certify that I have read the enclosed information and understand that acceptance into the CIT program is by application. If offered a placement, I will conscientiously abide by all camp rules, policies, and conditions of the program. I understand that if offered a position as a CIT, while I will be a camper, my behavior and attitude will be held to the same standards as that of staff. I understand that completion of the CIT program does not guarantee future employment at YMCA Camp Bernie. I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree with all of the above and that I voluntarily sign this application.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Statement of Purpose for Parent / Guardian

I certify that I have read the above completed application and that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements herein and release the camp and all others from liability in connection with same. I have read the "Statement of Purpose for CIT applicant" above and approve of all language, information, and privacy waivers listed as they pertain to my child. My child has my full approval to participate in the CIT program, and as a parent/legal guardian, I will support the camps' policies to the fullest.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

