



COUNSELOR IN TRAINING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For applicants new to the CIT program.
Ulster County Dept. of Health states that Day Camp counselors must be at minimum 16 y/o.

Please check off EACH item prior to submitting your application.

STEP ONE

- ALL pages of the application are complete. Please print as clearly as possible or submit a typed version of the questions and answers.

- THREE (3) reference letters must be submitted with application. They can be from anyone other than a family member that can best speak to your character, but should have known you for at least one year. Examples include, but are not limited to: Teacher, coach, club advisor. Please have each reference form placed in a sealed and signed envelope.

STEP TWO

1. Place both the completed application (not including the first two pages of this document) and three letters of reference in a single envelope/package.

2. Either mail or drop off to:

Cailin Rooney

YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County.

507 Broadway

Kingston, NY 12401

STEP THREE

1. Upon receipt and review of your application YMCA staff will notify you of the next step be it interview or instructions for program registration.



Day Camp Wiltmeet COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

Before you begin completing your application be sure to read this letter.

Dear Counselor in Training Candidate,

At Camp Wiltmeet we take the Counselor in Training Program very seriously. We believe the future of our camps lie within you. We will train you and give you the tools necessary to become a great counselor. You will be the one who determines how these tools are used. Whether you have been a camper before, or this is your first experience with us, we believe you have the potential to be a great asset to Camp Wiltmeet and the YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County.

Please understand that if you are accepted into the CIT Program you are no longer a “camper”. This means that from the moment you accept this position you will need to be a positive role model at camp, at the YMCA, and in public. As a CIT, you are a representative of the YMCA. Campers of all ages will now be looking to you for comfort, direction, and guidance.

Throughout the summer, you will be working with the Leadership Team on team building, activity planning, role modeling, problem solving, supervision, and a camp & community service project. The other part of your CIT experience will be working within an assigned group of campers and staff. This will give you the chance to implement the skills you learned from the planning time with the Leadership Team and your peers.

I hope after you have read this letter, you’re still interested in being a CIT and understand how important your role is to us.

Acceptance to the program is based off of this application, your letters of recommendation, and potentially a follow up interview.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Camp Wiltmeet CIT.

Sincerely,

Cailin Rooney
Youth Development Director



Camp Wiltmeet CIT APPLICATION

Candidate's Name:		DOB:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:	School:	

*We have a limited number of CIT openings. We accept the strongest candidates who are the most qualified and that demonstrate a desire to learn and grow as both a counselor and leader in our community. **CIT positions do not guarantee a position on the staff team in following years.***

1. There are a lot of things you could do this coming summer. Why pick being a CIT at Camp Wiltmeet?
2. Whose idea was it to apply to be a CIT at Camp Wiltmeet?
3. Why do you want to be a CIT?
4. What would you like to gain from your participation in the CIT program?

5. Give an example of something that you are proud of that you were able to do because of hard work and being responsible.

6. Give an example of how you handle stressful situations.

7. List any clubs, groups, organizations, jobs, sports or activities that you have been a participant.

8. List any experience you may have working or volunteering with children aged 4-12?

9. If you have participated in Camp Wiltmeet or another camp, is there a specific fond memory you have?

10. Is there a specific camp memory of which you are least fond?

11. Part of being a successful CIT is being enthusiastic about summer camp and its activities. Explain how you can show enthusiasm at camp.

12. Part of being a CIT at camp is planning and implementing a camp and community service project. What ideas do you have for a service learning project at camp and within the community?

I have read and answered the questions above and feel that my participation as a CIT will enhance the program for campers, staff and fellow CIT's.

CIT Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Guardian Phone: _____

Parent Guardian Email: _____