

2013 BookPeople Literary Camps CIT Application

Now that you've aged out of being a regular camper, you are interested in continuing on as a Counselor In Training (CIT). In order to be considered as a CIT you'll need to exhibit a great attitude, get invested in the story, and make an extra effort to ensure that all of our campers are having a good time as well. It's not an easy job. In fact it's the hardest work at camp, but our CIT's have more fun than anyone else out there! **Filling out this form and handing it in does not guarantee that you will have a position as a CIT this summer. However, reading and filling out this form is necessary to be considered as a CIT.**

Typical Camp Day for CIT's

It's a long day, but so worth it!

- 6:30am: Breakfast* in the dining hall for staff who stay out at the park
- 7:15: Staff who sleep at home arrive
- 7:30: Staff meeting
 - Daily schedule of activities and performances is reviewed
 - CIT duties for the day are posted in the kitchen
- 7:45: Campers arrive, the day starts
- 7:45-12:00: CITs are in charge of setting up activities, filling water coolers, checking the bathrooms, looking after cabins
- 12:00-12:30: Lunch*
- 12:30-4:45: CITs continue their duties from the morning
- 4:45-5:15: Campers go home
- 5:15: Staff Meeting
- 6:15: Fight Practice (you need to be trained if you plan on being in any choreographed fights)

* Camp provides breakfast, lunch and snacks, and dietary needs (vegan, vegetarian, food allergies) are always taken into consideration. We also provide pantry and refrigerator space for any food the staff bring for themselves.

CIT Duties

CITs are assigned a duty for each day and will not usually be assigned the same duty twice in a week. Here are the different duties that CITs are assigned:

- **Activity Set Up:** The CIT is responsible for setting up the necessary equipment for all activities 15 minutes before the activity is scheduled to begin. This includes a first aid kit and water for any activity (like CTF) that happens away from the Dining Hall. The CIT will also be responsible for bringing all equipment back to the Dining Hall and putting it away.
- **Archery:** The CIT is responsible for setting up the tent, bringing up a water cooler and first aid kit, and assisting the park ranger with setting up equipment at the archery range. The CIT will also stay with the equipment until a park ranger comes to take it down, and will then take all camp equipment back to the Dining Hall.
- **Dining Hall:** The CIT is responsible for general cleanup of the dining hall during the day. This includes sweeping out the dining hall after lunch and pick up, emptying trash periodically, and ensuring that the bathrooms stay clean. The CIT is NOT responsible for (and is generally

discouraged from) sweeping the kitchen.

- **Free Time:** The CIT is responsible for setting up all activities 15 minutes prior to free time. This includes arts and crafts, MythoMagic boards, and board games.
- **On Call:** Go for anything and everything.
- **Water Games:** The CIT is responsible for setting up water games 15 minutes prior to its scheduled commencement and for keeping the water gu—sorry—SUPERSOAKERS filled with cool water and with the kids throughout the day.
- **Water/Gatorade:** The CIT is responsible for keeping all water coolers at the dining hall and the CTF pitch full.

COUNSELOR in Training

Part of being a CIT is training for a counselor position when the CIT turns 18. At certain times in the day, a counselor may be unavailable to travel with their cabin (for instance, if they are an instructor at the archery range). A CIT will be asked to take charge of the counselor's cabin for that time. When a CIT stands in for a counselor, they (for all intents and purposes) are a counselor and are responsible for the cabin. This includes traveling with the cabin, taking the counselor's Little Black Book, making sure all of that cabin's campers are participating in the activities, making sure the campers have their water bottles at all times, and addressing any minor health concerns (scrapes, ice pack application, feeling overheated, etc.). If the CIT is concerned about a specific camper, or has a question regarding the kids, they can *always* ask Ceci or Topher for help.

After Hours

If you choose to go home each night, *it is imperative that you arrive at 7:15am and stay through 6:15pm* so that you are included in both staff meetings. If you would like to be part of a performance/fight, we are happy to include you but you must be able to stay for rehearsal/fight practice the evening before. If you wish, you may stay out at the camp in one of the cabins. These cabins are NOT air-conditioned and they do NOT have mattresses—you will need bedding and a fan! We have a lot of fun after hours planning the next day's quest, playing games, and generally goofing off. We work hard, we play hard!

Set Up, Clean Up, Eat Up

In addition to the regular camp hours, staffers/CIT's are asked to come to camp on Sundays for set up. Every Sunday we have to make sure that swords are made, the dining hall is clean, med kits are stocked, decorations are put up and that everyone is on the same page with regards to the week's storyline. Basically, we hang out, eat and make swords: it's a lot of fun!

On Friday evenings the staff is asked to stay late and help with Camp Take-Down. After the week is over, we have to pack up everything and sometimes drive it out of the park. If everyone works, we can get it done in a couple of hours, and then we go out to dinner! We can provide rides out to whatever restaurant we plan to eat at.

During the off season, especially during the spring, the staff will have meetings and retreats to discuss storylines, review camp procedures, get training and make safety weapons. These get-togethers are always a lot of fun, and you will be invited to them as well!

Get this form back to Topher Bradfield via email, fax or snail mail by March 1st, 2013.

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For the summer of 2013 we have 9 weeks that we might be able to use you; mark the session you are available.

Clone Wars Camp:

June 10th – June 14th, 2013 _____

Rangers Apprentice Camp:

June 17th – 21st, 2013 _____

Camp Half-Blood/Camp Jupiter

Session One: July 8th – 12th, 2013 _____

Session Two: July 15th – 19th, 2013 _____

Session Three: July 22nd – 26th, 2013 _____

Session Four: July 29th – Aug. 2nd, 2013 (ages 13-16 only) _____

Session Five: August 5th – 9th, 2013 _____

Session Six: August 12th – 16th, 2013 _____

Session Seven: August 19th – 23rd, 2013 _____

Potential CIT should print their name on the line above.

I have read the above description and discussed my availability with my parent(s)/Legal guardian(s).

Potential CIT Signature

Date

Potential CIT email

Phone

Parent/Legal guardian

Date

Parent email

Parent phone

Thank you for taking the time to read through the application and description of the CIT duties. If you have any more questions, you can contact Ceci or Topher. **Don't forget that this form is an application only. Reading and filling it out does not guarantee that you will be a CIT.**

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