COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM
SUMMERQUEST AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH, MA

CIT Program Overview

Are you interested in learning how to effectively educate and inspire young minds? Do you want to spread what you know about nature and the coast? SummerQuest at Crane Estate’s new CIT program offers students ages 15-17 an opportunity to further their understanding of coastal ecology while developing important skills working with children in an environmental education setting.

CITs assist counselors with all camp activities, actively lead games and activities, and create a welcoming atmosphere for all campers. To gain the most from their experience, CITs will complete a guided activity with campers from planning and development to implementation. The activity will be evaluated by the Camp Director who will provide constructive, insightful feedback.

More about SummerQuest and this summer’s exciting weekly quests can be found by clicking here or at www.thetrustees.org/summerquest. If you have questions, please email Camp Director, Meghan Bowe at summerquest@thetrustees.org.

Program Logistics

The CIT program is available throughout camp sessions from June 22–August 28, 2020. CITs must be between 15-17 years of age. Space is limited in this inaugural year of the program, and preference will be given to CITs who are willing to commit to participating in at least 2 full sessions (each session is Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-3PM).

We take the CIT’s responsibility very seriously and reserve the right to deny an applicant or remove a CIT from the program if they are not behaving up to organizational standards. Before beginning to work with campers, CITs complete required orientation training with the Camp Director.

Program Objectives

Our goal is to help counselors-in-training grow personally, socially, and professionally. Through being open all camp experiences and to constructive feedback, CIT’s will build skills in leadership, environmental education, and working with children in a coastal camp setting.

CITs will:

- Actively participate in all camp activities, engage campers, and ensure camper safety.
- Learn from camp staff’s direction, communication, and positive coaching.
- Learn accessible and adaptable activities under the guidance of camp counselors.
- Demonstrate the ability to plan and implement an activity with campers.
- Participate in an evaluation, assessment, and feedback sessions with peers, supervisors, and self.
- Complete an end-of-training evaluation with lead counselor that includes formal evaluation of an activity conducted with campers.
If you are interested in becoming a CIT in summer 2020, please complete application below and email it to Camp Director Meghan Bowe at summerquest@thetrustees.org, or mail it to: Summer Quest, The Crane Estate, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich, MA 01938.

Applicant Name: _________________________________ Birth date: _________________________________

School: ________________________________________ Age (as of June 2020): _______________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _______________________________________________________________

Current Street Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________________ State: __________ Zip: ____________

Home Phone: ________________________ Applicant Cell Phone: __________________________

Applicant Email: ____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Email: ____________________________________________

Please check all of the weeks of camp that you would be interested and available to be a CIT - - two consecutive weeks minimum:

- Week 1: June 22-26 – Crane Investigators
- Week 2: June 29-July 3 – Home Sweet Home
- Week 3: July 6-10 – Coastal Detectives
- Week 4: July 13-17 – Master the Elements
- Week 5: July 20-24 – Superheroes of the Estate
- Week 6: July 27-31 – Forest Frenzy
- Week 7: August 3-7 – Wizardry for Muggles
- Week 8: August 10-14 – Create at the Estate
- Week 9: August 17-21 – Marsh Madness
- Week 10: August 24-28 – The Great Crane Exploration
Tell us a little about yourself:
Hobbies, sports, clubs, special interests:

What interests you about nature?

What interests you about your chosen weeks of SummerQuest?

Experience:
Have you ever been to camp? YES NO What did you like and/or disliked about your experience?

Have you ever held a job or volunteer position? YES NO If yes, please describe your responsibilities.

Have you ever worked with children? YES NO If yes, please describe your experience and responsibilities.

Expectations:
What do you hope to learn or accomplish as a CIT at camp this summer?

Feel free to use more space to answer any of the questions above.
References

Please list two references who can speak to your ability to work well with others. They may be coaches, job or volunteer supervisors, teachers, etc. but may not be related to you.

Name 1: __________________________________ Relationship: ______________________________________
School/Organization/Business Name:________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________ Phone: ________________________________

Name 2: __________________________________ Relationship: ______________________________________
School/Organization/Business Name:________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________ Phone: ________________________________