



Counselor-In-Training 2018

*Do you love Jesus and want to share this with kids?

*Are you available August 6-10? (We need 10 teens **all day every** day, but we know you have busy schedules. If you are interested in helping, but have a specific time conflict throughout the week, please let me know. We can still use you!)

*Have you **completed** 6th grade or above?

*Can you attend a one-time training on Sunday, August 5th? (Time to be determined by SpringHill staff, but it is typically later in the afternoon or early evening.)

If you answered yes to the above and want to be a part of a fun, energetic, Christ-centered experience, please read the enclosed information and pray about being a part of Day Camp at The Chapel.

Ready to Sign Up?

Please fill out the bottom portion of this page **AND** the attached application and return to Dan, Mrs. Dunsbergen or Mrs. Stoll. You will receive more information about how to sign up to be a SpringHill CIT.

Yes, I want to be a CIT at SpringHill Day Camp August 6-10!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Age & Grade Completed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

SpringHill Day Camps CIT Application

Personal Information

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Have you been a camper at SpringHill in the past? _____ If so how many years? _____

What other (non-SpringHill) camps have you attended? _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Church Affiliation

Church Attending _____ Denomination _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Education

High School: _____ City _____ State _____

Grade Completed by June 15, 2018 _____ Date of (expected) graduation _____

Please list any certificates (Life guarding, CPR, etc...) _____

1. Have you ever made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ? _____

If so, please describe: _____

2. How does your relationship with Jesus effect your daily life? _____

3. What do you do on a regular basis to grow in your relationship with God? _____

Work/Team Experience

1. Please describe any experience you have working with children: _____

2. Please describe any jobs you have had. (If you've never had a job, please answer in terms of your schoolwork.)

a. What strengths did you bring to this job (or class work)? _____

b. If you could improve on one aspect of your work, what would it be? _____

3. Describe a team that you have been a part of (sports, academic project, etc.) _____

a. How did you contribute to the success of the team? _____

b. If you could have a position on any team in the world, which would it be and why? _____

4. Why do you want to be a part of the CIT program at SpringHill? _____

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

INFORMATIONAL PACKET

A Counselor in Training (CIT) is an important leadership development role here at Springhill. We believe in the importance of investing in the future of the Church by empowering young leaders to steward the message of the gospel with love and Christ-like character. This opportunity empowers you to build relationships with kids and serve in your church's children's ministry. Furthermore, it is our hope to empower them to be effective leaders for your church and local community.

Below are some of the responsibilities we are trusting you with during your week of camp. We ask that you take the time to read through these responsibilities and prepare yourself for this important task. If you feel like this is too much, then we ask that you speak with your ministry coordinator at your church to let them know you will not be participating in the week of camp. We want to teach and develop you during your week of camp, but we cannot do that if you are not bought into what we are doing.

SPRINGHILL MISSION

To glorify God by creating life impacting experiences that enable young people to know Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him.

This mission defines everything that we do at SpringHill. We share this with you because as a volunteer, we see your role as a partner to that mission. As you prepare for serving this summer, think about how you can embody this mission in everything that you do during camp! Take time to reflect on the questions below:

1. What part of the mission statement sticks out most to you?
2. What is one way that you can carry out that mission during the week?
3. How will you prepare yourself NOW to carry out the mission this summer?

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of CIT is tailored to you. We want to give you opportunities to apply and develop your leadership skills. We know that as you learn, mistakes will be made. That's okay, we want to help you learn to see those mistakes as opportunities for growth.

The CITs job is to build relationships with campers and assist SpringHill counselors by working with the same group of campers for the entire week. This will include playing GWAPS (Games With A Purpose), singing songs, helping with activities, and talking with kids about what they're learning about God. SpringHill loves CITs that have a lot of energy, are service minded, and love Jesus.

Through this experience, CIT's will also have the opportunity to be mentored by our staff and learn what it looks like to be a counselor for SpringHill. CITs are expected to attend a training on Sunday before camp and will be part of the team's morning devotionals. CITs have a significant impact on campers, and this is a relationship that we hope can be fostered even after camp is over.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Serve alongside counselors:** We give you direct access to our summer leaders. Many of these leaders have knowledge and experience that you can tap into throughout the week of camp. In addition to learning from our leaders, we want you to feel a part of our SpringHill family! Make sure to set aside Tuesday and Thursday evening for our staff gatherings where we will fellowship and connect with God on our own level. (These evening gatherings are optional.)
2. **Lead camp songs:** Camp is a place for silly songs! As a CIT, it is your job to help make travel time between activities and down time fun and exciting for the kids. Though you won't be an expert to start, we want to challenge you to know the songs and lead them loudly by the end of the week.
3. **Facilitate GWAPS:** Games with a purpose give you the opportunity to show kids a truth about Jesus in a fun and exciting way. Just like with songs, we don't expect you to be an expert coming into the week, but as the week goes on, study the games we play and make sure that you can tie them back to the gospel in one way or another. Eventually you will be leading GWAPs confidently, shaping camp downtime into intentional gospel-centered fun!
4. **Share the gospel:** The message of Christ is an important and urgent message. During the week of camp, it is our mission to make sure each child can know Jesus more or begin a relationship with Him. In sharing the gospel, you will point the activities, programming, and teachings to the story of Christ and the power of his sacrifice. We want to work with you to teach the kids about this message and become more comfortable sharing your faith with others.
5. **Build meaningful relationships:** At camp, there are people around every corner. Each person involved in the week of camp play an important role in furthering the Kingdom of God. We want you to get to know these people and build relationships with them the main relationship will have are with the kids and leaders on your team. With the kids, make sure to behave appropriately, loving them as Christ would, and be interested in their life. With the leader, be sure to ask questions and learn from them.
6. **Time Commitment:** Camp will run Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm. There is also a special required training on Sunday before camp.

GENERAL RULES

1. Sign in as soon as you arrive for the day, sign out right when you leave
2. Have a nametag on at all times from the time you sign in until you sign out
3. Leave your phones off and in your bag when kids are on-site
4. Stay focused on your team for the duration of the camp day
5. Limit your interactions with other CIT's/Summer Leaders during the camp day
6. Be curious, intentional, and confident
7. HAVE FUN!! 😊