

BRISTOL PARKS AND RECREATION

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Counselor In Training Personal Reference Form 2017

To be completed by an adult (**not a relative**) who has known the applicant for one year or more.

Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you know the applicant? In what capacity?

Do you think the applicant would be a good caregiver for children? Why?

Do you find the applicant to be:

Dependable? _____
Trustworthy? _____
Honest? _____

Do you think the applicant would be a positive role model for children? _____

Do you feel the applicant uses mature judgment? _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know about the applicant?

Name: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____

C.I.T. Counselors in Training

Ages 14-17yrs (age determined as of June 30th, 2017)

Bristol Parks and Recreation will be inviting applications for the third season of Counselors in Training program that will be held at our summer camps June 21st-August 11th 9am-3pm Monday-Friday. Application materials are available now at www.bristolrec.com

Note: There are limited number of spaces for this program. Spaces will be filled on a rolling basis and may close at any time.

Criteria for Acceptance into the program

Ideal candidates should enjoy children, be enthusiastic, responsible, and mature. Interested individuals must complete the following steps to be admitted into the program.

___ Must submit an application packet which will include a completed C.I.T application and a reference form completed by a coach, teacher, principal (available now for download at www.bristolrec.com)

___ After the packets have been received candidates will be contacted for a brief interview at the Parks & Recreation Office

___ Successful candidates will be sent an acceptance letter into the program. Upon receipt of the acceptance letter, candidates will be required to submit a registration fee of \$125 by April 1st.

What is the C.I.T. Experience?

The C.I.T experience is one with an emphasis on learning and individual growth. With that in mind, it is our mission to work with each C.I.T. to help them develop and reach goals by the end of the summer. Some of the program highlights are below:

- *C.I.T.'s will get hands on experience working with children from ages 3-12yrs in a fun, fast paced, summer camp environment. C.I.T.'s admitted into the program will be placed at either our Summer FUN Camp at Stafford School or our new pre-school Little Explorers Camp at Mt. View. Note: You may indicate age group preference on your application materials but placements will not be guaranteed.
- * C.I.T.'s will be assigned a Recreation Leader "Mentor" throughout the duration of the summer
- * C.I.T.'s will report directly to a Head Supervisor of their assigned age group
- * C.I.T.'s will participate in weekly leadership workshops that will include team building, activity planning, and leadership training.
- * C.I.T.'s will obtain CPR/First Aid certification at orientation

Benefits of Becoming a C.I.T.

- *Have the opportunity to work with children, impact lives in a positive way, and create memories that last a lifetime!
- *Excellent resume builder (great for college applications)
- * CIT's that perform well may be given preference in the hiring process when Counselor positions become available and the CIT is of working age.

Special Considerations

*While we fully understand a parent/guardian should be the strong backbone of any C.I.T. we encourage parents/guardians to have a limited role in this program. After all this is a leadership program and in order for C.I.T.'s to be successful they must be given the opportunity to be independent, responsible, and able to advocate for themselves. Teaching responsibility is one of the main goals of our program, so please support our efforts by encouraging your young adult to handle all C.I.T. business on their own!

*Time off and vacations are discouraged due to the nature of our summer camp programs. They are seven weeks long and we are looking for full commitments. Any time off must be agreed upon and approved in advance by the Recreation Coordinator. This time will be included in the acceptance letter into the program.

*Participation in the program does not guarantee a Recreation Leader position with Bristol Parks and Recreation. Many time we like participants to have more than one year of experience prior to employment.

Application packets may be submitted starting **January 1, 2017** to the Parks and Recreation Office (2nd floor City Hall 111 North Main St Bristol, CT 06010) - Attention: Jessie Petroka. For any questions please contact the Recreation Coordinator at jessiepetroka@bristolct.gov or 860-584-6160