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2019 Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Application

Holston Center is a ministry of Holston Presbytery of East Tennessee (PC-USA)

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Is God Calling You to Serve?

Holston Camp and Retreat Center is a ministry of the Holston Presbytery of east Tennessee. God calls us into the “wilderness” to be renewed and grow in our faith and understanding of our relationship with God, other people, and our earth. Holston Camp offers a transformational experience for campers and for staff. Summer camp staff provide a nurturing Christian community for young people. Summer staff influence lives and provide positive role models for young minds and hearts. Become a Counselor-in-Training at Holston Camp and serve God by growing in your faith and serving others on their spiritual journey. We provide the training for Counselors-in-Training to become experienced and confident counselors this season and next.

Our Objective and Philosophy

“In lengthy discussion of the objectives and philosophy of our camp and conference program, all agreed that camping should be done in small groups, informally, out-of-doors and in simple housing facilities, with activities that are different from what can be done at home or in our local church programs. Care should always be taken to instill in each camper a healthy respect for nature, a loving response to the God who has given us this beautiful world, and a personal commitment to the One whom this same God has sent, providing for our spiritual needs as well as our material needs, even Jesus Christ, in whom all life is abundant.”

Sub-committee on Camp and Conferences
Holston Presbytery, November 11, 1957

2019 Schedule and General Requirements for CITs

CITs MUST BE A RISING SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL TO QUALIFY FOR COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING.

WORK WEEK IS FROM SUNDAY AT 1:00 PM UNTIL FRIDAY AT 5:00.

ALL CITs WILL BE RESIDENTS AND SUBJECT TO WORK AT EITHER DAY CAMP OR OVERNIGHT CAMP.

CITs MAY SPEND THE SESSION WEEKEND AT CAMP ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT REQUIRED.

CITs CHOOSING TO SPEND THE WEEKEND AT CAMP WILL BE UNDER CONSTANT SUPERVISION FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR, SUMMER PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AND/OR CAMP STAFF. CITs WILL BUNK WITH OTHER COUNSELORS OF THE SAME GENDER. CITs WHO CHOOSE TO SPEND THE WEEKEND WILL NEED THE PERMISSION OF THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN. CITs WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OFF CAMP GROUNDS DURING THE WEEKEND WITHOUT SPECIFIC PERMISSION FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN AND DIRECTOR.

Summer Staff (CIT) general requirements include:

- providing for the safety and wellbeing of each child,
- demonstrating Christian love and compassion for each child and other staff,
- recognizing each child’s unique gifts and helping them enjoy camp and grow spiritually,
- supporting an inclusive and creative Christian community,
- enjoying leading and participating in program activities with young people including: field games, hiking, water sports, singing, arts and crafts, Bible studies, and prayer,
- supervising campers by making appropriate judgements in response to various needs or emergencies,
- having the physical, mental, and spiritual stamina to endure,
- adopting and abiding by the policies and procedures of Holston Camp,
- working with others in a collaborative team environment,
- and committing to the Summer program schedule (see application)

The Application Process

1. Complete the application form. Please write neatly.
2. Return to Holston Center no later than **April 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm.**
3. Applicants will be chosen based on 1) arrival of application; 2) previous camp experience; 3) content of application; and 4) availability of schedule.
4. Approved applicants will be contacted and asked to register for the designated session.

INDICATE FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE:

_____ Session 1 and Session 2	June 23-through June 21	(4 CITs—2 male, 2 female)
_____ Session 3 and Session 4	June 30 through July 12	(4 CITs—2 male, 2 female)
_____ Session 5 and Session 6	July 14-through July 26	(2 CITs—2 female)
_____ Session 7- and Day Camp 8	July 28—August 9	(2 CITs— 1 male, 1 female)

Name First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Preferred to be called _____

D.O.B. _____ Age _____ M / F _____

Permanent address (mail) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary phone # _____ Email _____

Father's Name (guardian) _____ Phone # _____

Mother's Name (guardian) _____ Phone # _____

In case of emergency call: Name _____ Phone # _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? YES NO Will you have a car at camp? YES NO

Will you be spending the weekend at camp? YES NO

If YES, Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Phone# _____

Where do you go to Church? _____

Provide a reference from your church: _____ Phone # _____

Where do you go to School? _____

Provide a reference from your school: _____ Phone # _____

List any certificates or credentials in lifesaving, first aid, CPR, etc.: _____

Do you have any physical disabilities that would prevent you from participating in strenuous day-to-day camp activities? _____

SHORT ANSWERS:

Why do you want to be a Counselor-in-Training?

Have you been a camper before? YES NO If yes, where were you a camper? _____

What do you like best about being a camper?

3What do you expect to learn from being a CIT?

Describe your Christian journey?

Describe your experiences working with youth:

Describe your personal interests/studies/achievements:

What talents can you bring to camp?

CITs must adhere to Holston Camp's policies of not using tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs during the term of employment-- including weekends-- while on camp property. CITs are required to adhere to policies pertaining to appropriate behavior including, but not limited to, sexual conduct, bullying, language, insubordination, and cell phone/computer use. Any aberration from the policies will result in immediate dismissal from camp. The Director of Holston Camp will take every measure to ensure the safety and quality of Holston camper's experience during their stay at camp.

By my signature, I verify that all information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I also verify that I will abide by the camp's standard of appropriate behavior as listed above. I understand that positions are limited, and that I may not be chosen to be a CIT.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____