

2009 Counselor-In-Training Program

The CIT program is for current or former Smirkus campers, ages 14 to 18, who possess lots of enthusiasm, responsibility and a cache of knock-knock jokes! If you wish to be a role model for campers, assist the counselors in daily tasks and are willing to work hard, then please read on!

Individuals accepted into the CIT program will shadow the counselors throughout the day and assist the program director with afternoon and evening activities. CITs follow the daily schedule at camp, helping campers to find their shoes and water bottles throughout the day as well as encouraging them to participate in all activities. A main function of the CIT program is to aid in the creation, set-up and implementation of non-circus activities at camp. Participants in this program will have the opportunity to help the Program Director create new and exciting activities for both small and large groups of campers. They will also take photographs and write daily summaries to post on the Smirkus CIT Blog for camper families and friends to view throughout the summer. While the CITs do not participate in the circus activities with the campers, they will learn various spotting techniques that will allow them to aid the staff with circus training. This program will give participants a “behind the scenes” look at not only what it means to be a counselor, but what it takes to make Smirkus Camp a safe and fun environment for all of those involved.

There are two Counselor-In-Training positions available in all sessions except for Intermediate and Advanced Camps, for a total of 10 spots. While applicants may indicate which session they would prefer to attend, placement in that session is not guaranteed. There is no tuition fee, however, there is a CIT program charge that covers the cost of meals, lodging, CIT T-shirt and camp photo, as well as an amazing summer circus experience!

Smirkling Camp	June 19 & 20	\$ 45.00
Smirkus Session I	June 21 – 27	\$150.00
Smirkus Session II	June 28 – July 4	\$150.00
Smirkus Session III	July 5 – 17	\$285.00
Smirkus Session IV	July 19 – 31	\$285.00

The application deadline is **February 10, 2009**. Forms received after the deadline will not be considered for the CIT program. Completed applications should be accompanied by two reference forms, to be filled out by non-family members, and mailed to:

Smirkus Camp CIT Program, 1 Circus Road, Greensboro, VT 05841.

Decisions will be made after reviewing all applications and references, and after phone interviews (as deemed necessary) have been conducted. CIT selections will be completed by February 28, 2009 and letters sent immediately to notify applicants of their status.

For questions regarding the Counselor-In-Training program, please contact the camp office by phone at 802-533-7443 x23, or by e-mail at camp@smirkus.org.

★ 2009 Smirkus Camp Counselor-In-Training Application

CIT Applicant should complete and send this form with 2 references by FEBRUARY 10, 2009 to:
Smirkus Camp CIT Program, 1 Circus Road, Greensboro, VT 05841

★ Name _____ Age in June _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Which sessions are you able to attend if selected? Check all that apply. Circle your preferred session.

★ ___ Smirking ___ Session I ___ Session II ___ Session III ___ Session IV

Fill in the blanks: Knock. Knock.

Who's there? _____ who?

Ha ha ha heh he haa haa ha hee haa!

Please answer the following questions to the best of your abilities. Attach additional paper as needed.

★ Why do you want to be a Counselor-In-Training at Smirkus Camp?

★ What do you anticipate being the most challenging aspect of the CIT experience?

★ What talents, traits or skills do you possess that set you apart from others?

★ What is your favorite color and what do you hope to gain from the CIT experience?

★ If you were to offer an activity during an afternoon program, what would it be?
Use the back of this application to help illustrate your activity as needed.

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Name of CIT Applicant _____

Your Name & Title _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please rate the following traits as they pertain to the applicant (1 = poor, 4 = good, 7 = excellent):

Respect for Others 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Sense of Humor 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Maturity 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Takes Initiative 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Follows Directions 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Works With Others 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

How has this individual demonstrated the ability to set goals and work toward them?
How much adult encouragement is needed in this area?

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