



# YMCA CAMP IMMOKALEE COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) 2023-2024 APPLICATION (OFF-SEASON)

Communication regarding the application process and the program should be between the applicant and YMCA Camp Immokalee. The most successful applicants treat the application and hiring process just like any job application. Parents should feel free to help in certain ways, like guiding the applicant in selecting references and helping them learn to professionally apply and interview. At the same time, please remember we seek candidates who are independent, mature and self-motivated. It is our hope that parents help cultivate these traits by allowing their teens to take full responsibility for their CIT application. Our goals are that all applicants to the Counselor-In-Training program gain valuable experience in the job application and interview process and that all our CITs gain skills that are applicable not only to being a camp counselor but to other aspects of their lives.

Candidates should realize that the CIT application is much like a job application.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

23-24 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: AS    AM    AL    XL    XXL    XXXL

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## SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any extra-curricular school, team, or club activities you attend, lead, or volunteer with.

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## CAMP EXPERIENCE

*If you do not have any camp experience, please leave this section blank.*

This will be my \_\_\_\_\_ year at YMCA Camp Immokalee.

I have/have not been a CIT before.

Other Camp Experience (Please list camp name and years attended.)

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**QUESTIONS – Feel free to attach an extra page if necessary.**

**Why do you want to serve as a CIT for our off-season programs?**

**A large part of being a CIT is putting the campers first, even above yourself. CITs should be willing to give a camper the last brownie instead of taking it. They should get excited about activities they don't necessarily like, just because they know it will get campers excited. They'll do whatever it takes for the kids. Tell us about a time you put others before yourself.**

**Our off-season programs are themed around holidays or times of the year (Halloween, Winter, Spring, etc.). Share a cool idea you have for Winter Camp, Halloween, or Spring Break Camp. These ideas can be around an activity (like archery, arts & crafts, land sports, etc.), around an evening activity (like a game where campers get toys back from evil elves), a cabin activity (like doing a flower-themed vesper), or anything else! Nothing is too big or small! Feel free to use Pinterest for ideas.**

**For most of our programs, you spend a full week getting to know campers and spending time with them. At the end of the week, what four words would you want a camper to use to describe you?**

## AVAILABILITY

Please check all the off-season programs you would like to be a CIT for.

PROGRAM	DATE	FEE	AVAILABILITY
Halloween Camp	Oct. 20 – 22	\$75.00	
Winter Camp	Dec. 31 – Jan. 6	\$325.00	
Spring Camp	Mar. 10 – 16	\$325.00	

Please keep me updated if new off-season camps become available. YES NO

## SELECTION PROCESS

Halloween Camp CITs will be selected on September 19, Winter Camp CITs will be selected November 28, and Spring Fling CITs will be selected February 6. Only one application is needed for all programs. It is possible to be accepted for some off-season programs but not others. Each off-season program has a maximum number of CITs of each gender, and acceptance is competitive.

If you'd like to change the off-season programs you apply for after submitting your application (whether you'd like to drop or add), please email us at [cimmokalee@fcymca.org](mailto:cimmokalee@fcymca.org).

## STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I understand that the CIT program is competitive and that some applicants will not be chosen to participate in the program. Applicants who do not participate in the CIT program are encouraged to reapply for other summer or off-season programs.

If selected to participate in the CIT program, I am aware that this is a service and leadership program and that the discounted rate reflects the work that I will be expected to complete. I understand that the participants in the CIT program must adhere to all YMCA Camp Immokalee rules and policies and cooperate with the Executive Director and Camp Director in all matters. I am aware that failure to live up to the high standards of the CIT program may result in my dismissal from camp.

I am aware that as a leader others are counting on my presence. I will at all times remember that being a CIT is a big responsibility and that I am attending camp not as a camper but as a role model for younger children. I will exhibit good character and responsibility at all times and fully participate in all camp activities. I recognize that my attitudes, words, and actions are critical to the success of camp. I will not assume adult responsibilities.

If I have any questions about the CIT program or its expectations, I will contact YMCA Camp Immokalee. I understand that all professional communication should be by email ([cimmokalee@fcymca.org](mailto:cimmokalee@fcymca.org)) or office phone (352.473.4213) unless in case of emergency.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application to [cimmokalee@fcymca.org](mailto:cimmokalee@fcymca.org).