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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION – 2024 Season

The Camp Marist Counselor-In-Training (C.I.T.) Program gives an aspiring counselor the opportunity to enjoy an interesting and active summer. This program provides an opportunity for the C.I.T. to learn how to become a positive role model by assisting staff throughout the day. C.I.T.s will receive feedback and direction throughout the summer as they develop the skills to become counselors.

Counselors-In-Training are volunteers enrolled in our leadership program. They must be insured by their family insurance policy, and parents must provide a complete medical form indicating clearance by a doctor. The C.I.T. program has an adult director who will supervise C.I.T. development and cabin life. C.I.T. members are not charged tuition nor paid a salary.

The C.I.T. Program accepts applicants who are 16 (as of July 1, 2024) or 17 years of age, and in good health. Camp Marist seeks individuals who are mature, flexible, enthusiastic, those who consistently exercise good judgement and are able to become positive Christian role models. Believing in a Christian lifestyle is very important. C.I.T.s must be available for the whole summer season - **June 15, 2024 to August 10, 2024**. Any conflicts with these dates **MUST** be discussed with the C.I.T. Director prior to acceptance.

Selection Process - The selection of new C.I.T.s is based upon identified leadership skills, the ability to interact well with peers and children. Selection is competitive since only a few positions are available each summer. Final selection of the C.I.T.s is made by a committee set up by the Camp Director. A waiting list will be established in the event that someone cannot accept the position

Checklist of important information and steps to the application process:

1. Please complete the identifying information in Part One. You **MUST** list your email address in case we need to contact you regarding any missing information. Please print it clearly.
2. Include an essay discussing each of the areas mentioned.

3. List your references but you must either include the actual reference letter or have them forward it to us directly. **Please remember, it cannot be from a family member.**
4. Please send a clear picture – it actually makes the process fairer because sometimes the committee members do not remember a name but remember a face.
5. All parts of the application must be returned to Vinny by January 1.
6. Please check your email regularly as this is how you will be contacted.

Please return the application and references by January 1 directly to Vinny by mail or by email to the addresses below.

Mail:

Vincent Gschlecht
5 Adelaide St., Apt. B2A1
Floral Park, NY 11001

Email:

vinny@campmarist.org or
gthangny@aol.com

***Be sure to list as the subject – CIT Application – I do not open emails from unknown senders.*

DO NOT MAIL APPLICATION OR REFERENCES TO THE CAMP OFFICE

We thank you for your application. As mentioned during the summer, each year we only have so many positions open. Most years we find that we have many *very qualified* applicants and some have to be turned down due to space. Please know that over the years we have attempted to make this process as fair as possible for everyone. Not being accepted as a CIT is not a rejection of you but the reality of more applicants than we have space.

* Please remember that **you must be 16 before or on July 1, 2024.**

PART ONE – IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Age on July 1st 2023

Mailing Address

Country

Email Address (required - print clearly)

Parent / Guardian Name(s)

Grade in School

PART TWO- INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions – help us get to know you:

1. **Experience?** Are you a past camper of Camp Marist? If, so please list when you attended camp. Do you hold any special certifications in any activity, such as archery, first aid certification, lifeguarding? List any important areas of experience, in or out of Camp Marist.
2. **You & Your Relationships with Others?** Describe yourself! How do you relate to others at school.in your family? What things would you like to improve on? How do you relate with younger children? Describe any other facts that would be important in describing yourself.
3. **Leadership?** List any involvements in leadership that you have had. Have you ever led a group project, been in charge of something or were the person left in charge of a younger group?
4. **Other Qualities?** List or describe any other things that you feel are particularly important for us to know.
5. **Why do you want to be a CIT?** Why should we pick you?

PART THREE- PROVIDE TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Select **two** adults to write a letter of recommendation for you. It would be good if they knew the qualities Camp Marist was looking for in a C.I.T. (You may want to show them the above requirements). A reference should be a teacher, coach, employer, member of the clergy or Camp Marist staff member. Sorry, but parent and other family member references are not accepted. The person writing the reference must send the reference letter directly to Vinny (see contact information on previous page) or you must include it with the application.

Names of individuals sending a reference for you – they or you must forward these letters for the application to be complete:

Reference #1

Name of person providing reference:

Relationship to you (teacher, coach, etc)

How long has this individual known you?

Their phone and email address

Reference #2

Name of person providing reference:

Relationship to you (teacher, coach, etc)

How long has this individual known you?

Their phone and email address

PART FOUR – PICTURE

Please include a clear, recent picture with your application.