



2012 CIT INFORMATION LETTER

Dear CIT Candidate,

This summer, if you will be at least 13 years-old and/or entering 7th grade, you can participate in the Camp Foster YMCA Day Camp CIT program!

Our new CIT program gives older campers the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and learn how to work effectively with children. After a week of CIT training (Session 1), CIT's will have the opportunity to serve as Assistant Counselors during sessions throughout the rest of the summer.

THE BENEFITS OF THE CIT PROGRAM

- Make a difference in the lives of children
- Gain skills that will enrich your life
- Make lifelong friendships, have fun, and create unforgettable memories
- Spend your summer in a beautiful outdoor setting
- Gain volunteer service hours
- Earn CIT Rewards – which you can redeem to pay for Camp Foster or Bedell Family YMCA programs
 - a. 1st-Year CIT's = \$25 in rewards per week of service
 - b. 2nd-Year CIT's = \$50 in rewards per week of service
 - c. 3rd-year CIT's = \$75 in rewards per week of service

THE RIGHT FIT – YOU MUST:

- Share our “I AM THIRD” philosophy – God is first, others are second, and you are third
- Share our YMCA Character Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Fairness
- Share our love of camp, children, and the outdoors
- Share our commitment to excellence in safety, courtesy, programming, and camp culture
- Be a positive role model – mature, responsible, and caring
- Must have a positive attitude, fun and enthusiastic personality, and a great sense of humor

THE COMMITMENT

- CIT Training (MANDATORY) Session 1: June 18-22, 2012
- Camp Sessions – you must commit to volunteering at least two camp sessions this summer:
 - June 25-29
 - July 2-6
 - July 9-13
 - July 16-20
 - July 23-27
 - July 29 – August 3

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Register for the CIT Program and submit the \$50 deposit
- Complete the attached CIT Application and CIT Expectations Agreement
- Ask your parent/guardian to complete the CIT Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form
- Ask an adult (who is not related to you) to fill out the CIT Recommendation Form
- Mail all forms to Camp Foster YMCA, Attn: Ryan Reed, PO Box 296, Spirit Lake, IA 51360
- When we receive all of your forms, we will contact you for an interview

CIT positions fill quickly, so please send your application and recommendation forms as soon as possible. Please note that the CIT program is competitive – unfortunately, some applicants might not be accepted. Preference will be given to applicants who were campers at Camp Foster YMCA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me personally at (712) 336-3272 or ryan.reed@campfosterymca.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

In camp spirit,

Ryan Reed
Day Camp Director