



## **COUNSELOR IN TRAINING APPLICATION APPLETON FARM CAMP**

### **Appleton Farm Camp CIT Program Overview and Application 2021**

#### ***Program Overview***

Are you interested in learning how to effectively educate and inspire young minds? Do you want to share what you know and love about farming? Appleton Farm Camp's CIT program offers those entering grades 9-12 (ages 15-17) an opportunity to further their understanding of farming while developing important skills working with children in an agricultural education setting.

CITs assist counselors with all camp activities, actively lead games and activities, and create a welcoming atmosphere for all campers. To gain the most from their experience, CITs will complete a guided activity with campers from planning and development to implementation. The activity will be evaluated by the Camp Director who will provide constructive, insightful feedback.

This is a volunteer program that fosters a positive experience for campers, counselors, and CITs alike.

More about Appleton Farm Camp can be found by clicking [here](#) or at [www.thetrustees.org/camp](http://www.thetrustees.org/camp). If you have questions, please contact the Camp Director at [appletonfarmcamp@thetrustees.org](mailto:appletonfarmcamp@thetrustees.org).

#### ***Program Logistics***

The CIT program is available throughout our camp sessions at Appleton Farms running June 21 – August 27, 2021. CITs must be at least three years older than the campers in session and must be between 15-17 years of age. CITs are required to participate in a minimum of two consecutive camp sessions. Maximum sessions will be determined based on demand. CITs are required to work from 8:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday through Friday. CITs complete a required orientation training. This is an unpaid volunteer opportunity.

#### ***Program Objectives***

Our goal is to help counselors-in-training grow personally, socially, and professionally. Through being open to all camp experiences and to constructive feedback, CITs will build skills in leadership, agriculture, education, and working with children in an agricultural setting.

#### ***CITs will:***

- Actively participate in all camp activities, engage campers, and ensure camper safety.
- Learn from camp staff's direction, communication, and positive coaching.
- Learn accessible and adaptable activities under the guidance of camp counselors.
- Demonstrate the ability to plan and implement an activity with campers



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- Participate in an evaluation, assessment, and feedback with peers, supervisors, and self.
• Complete an end-of-training evaluation with lead counselor that includes formal evaluation of an activity conducted with campers.

If you are interested in becoming a CIT in summer 2021, Please complete the application and email it to appletonfarmcamp@thetrustees.org or mail it to Appleton Farm Camp, 219 County Road, Ipswich MA 0193

Applicant Name: Birth date:

School: Grade in fall 2021 (9th-12th):

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Current Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Home Phone: Applicant Cell Phone:

Applicant Email:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Please circle all of the camp sessions you are available to be a CIT - two consecutive weeks minimum:

- Week 1: June 21-25 Week 2: June 28-July 2 Week 3: July 5-9
Week 4: July 12-16 Week 5: July 19-23 Week 6: July 26-30
Week 7: August 2-6 Week 8: August 9-13 Week 9: August 16-20
Week 10: August 23-27

Please circle a specific age group you would like to work with. (We will do our best to match your preference):



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- Sprouts: Age 5-6
- Harvesters: Age 7-9
- No preference

**Tell us a little about yourself:**

Hobbies, sports, clubs, special interests:

What interests you about farming and/or nature?

**Experience:**

Have you ever been to camp? YES NO What did you like and/or disliked about your experience?

Have you ever held a job or volunteer position? YES NO If yes, please describe your responsibilities.

Have you ever worked with children? YES NO If yes, please describe your experience and responsibilities.

Please give an example of a challenging group situation and how you handled it.

**Expectations:**



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What do you hope to learn or accomplish as a CIT at camp this summer?

What do you want the children you lead to learn from you this summer?

*Feel free to use more space to answer any of the questions above.*

**References:**

Please list two references who can speak to your ability to work well with others. They may be coaches, job or volunteer supervisors, teachers, etc. but may not be related to you.

**Name 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Organization/Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Organization/Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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