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CIT APPLICATION PROCESS 2021

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Greetings from Camp Lakewood!

This letter is intended to provide you with some helpful details to guide you through the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) application process. First, ask yourself the following questions and be honest with your answers:

- Do I have a sincere desire to work with children and to be a camp counselor one day?
- Do I want to develop and improve my leadership skills and my ability to work with others?
- Do I like working outdoors?
- Am I ready to be a role model for younger children?
- Am I ready to put other campers' needs ahead of my own?
- Can I handle being on my own, away from friends and family for three weeks?
- Am I going to be OK without my technology devices (phone, computer, etc.)?

If you said yes to all of these questions, then the CIT program might just be the opportunity you're looking for this summer. The CIT program offers our oldest campers the opportunity to get a head-start on the skills they will need to one day be a camp counselor, as well as the opportunity to put learned skills into practice. This program is intense, rigorous, long, fun, exciting, tiring and magical all at the same time.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Applications are due by April 26, 2021, but can be turned in any time before then as well. Applications include the actual application, as well as your essay.
- 2) You need **three** references turned in by April 26, 2021 (again, they can be turned in prior to that date). You will need **two** professional and **one** social reference.
- 3) Once I receive your application, essay and all three references, the office will call to set up a phone interview with you. Interviews normally last 30-45 minutes.
- 4) Application, essay, reference and phone interview combined, as well as available spots, will determine if you get accepted into the CIT program.
- 5) By May 1, 2021, parents/guardians will be notified via e-mail on whether or not you've been accepted into the CIT program.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail me. I am more than happy to help you out with any questions you have. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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