**Kensington Summer Day Camp**

**59 Arlington Avenue**

**Kensington, CA 94530**

**510-525-0292**

 **Counselor In-Training Description**

As a Counselor in Training, you will be making a difference in many young children’s lives. We hope you will have a great time being part of our day camp. You will be part of our counselor team as a role model, a friend, a coach and a youth leader.

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

* Enjoy working with children
* Be entering 9th up to 11th grade in the coming school year. Be genuinely interested in the opportunity (make sure you want to do this – not just because your parents want you to)
* Be ready for a challenge (it's hard work and can be super tiring!)
* Be easy-going, flexible and fun (working with kids can be unpredictable and sometimes one needs to just go with the flow)

**LOGISTICS**

* All candidates must complete an application and a parent signature is required on the “Parental Consent for Child to Volunteer” form
* CIT's work 2 weeks
* CIT’s are at camp from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
* CIT Training, 1 hour scheduled prior to camp
* CIT’s must attend camp counselor orientation on Sunday prior to the start of camp.

**COST**

The cost to participate in our leadership-training program is $200 week for first year, $125 for second year CIT’s and in subsequent years it is free as the CIT’s as a great resource for KCC camp.

**DESCRIPTION of the CIT Role**

The goal for the CIT leadership program is to provide an enjoyable and safe summer experience appropriate for older children. The experience will include leadership training and the opportunity to assume some daily responsibilities at KCC Summer Day Camp, along with much of the fun and excitement that accompany the rest of our summer program. It is our hope that the CIT's will begin to develop some of the skills that will enable them to assume additional leadership responsibilities in the future, perhaps as counselors and maybe even someday as a Director at KCC Summer Day Camp!

Because of the age of the participants is this program, CIT’s are considered campers (this is not a true "volunteer" position in that they are officially considered campers. We use the word "volunteer" to show that they come on their own volition). At times, the CIT's will work together in their own group under the supervision of a KCC Summer Day Camp staff member. They will use this time to meet and bond with other CIT's, learn how to help with various camp games, activities, and responsibilities and to receive feedback and support in their role as camp leaders.

Under supervision, CIT’s assist camp counselors and the Director in daily activities for the participants of the day camp program. The volunteers provide extra “eyes” to keep a watch on the campers, and mainly help provide the one-on-one attention that all children deserve.

KCC Summer Day Camp seeks CIT’s who want to make personal contributions to the community and the children they serve. Leading children, protecting their safety and helping them grow into worthy adults are challenging and serious work. Being a staff member is very much like being a parent - the real reward is the knowledge that you have given a big part of yourself to many children and those children will carry that part of you with them for their whole life.

**TYPICAL TASKS**

* Assist the counselors in leading the various camp activities; sports, arts & crafts, camp songs, skits, cooking projects, science experiments, and nature projects.
* Enforce safety rules to ensure we have a safe camp.
* Refer problems to a counselor or the camp Director.
* Participate in sports, arts/crafts and create skits and songs.
* Brainstorm new activities and cool games with other staff members.
* Attend all volunteer training meetings and participate in discussions.
* Help with the care and maintenance of equipment.
* Have fun!!

**Counselor-in-Training Application**

Name: Date:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip Code:

Date of birth: Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School where currently enrolled:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

T shirt size? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE** (any small events or on-going volunteer work applies)

Please include: Where you volunteered, what you did and when (date)

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**SKILLS & INTERESTS**

Are you Red Cross First Aid Certified? Expiration Date:

Are you Red Cross CPR Certified? Expiration Date:

Do you have a Red Cross Lifesavers Card? \_\_ Expiration Date:

**Skills & Experience** (please check if you are competent in these skills)

 Group Games Crafts Juggling

 New Games Tie Dye Magic

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Indoor Games Nature Crafts Storytelling

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Field Games Weaving Cooking

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tennis Drawing Other

**REFERENCES**

List at least two people who have knowledge of you personally or academically.

**Name Daytime Phone #**

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To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and correct, and I have notified the KCC office of any special circumstances that would affect my work.

Signature of Applicant Date