

**DEADLINE:**  
**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**

## Camp Rotary

**Summer Address:**  
**372 Ipswich Rd.**  
**PO Box 270**  
**Boxford, MA 01921**  
**978-352-9952**

**Winter Address:**  
**122 Woodland Ave.**  
**Lynn, MA 01904**  
**781-593-4247**  
[Risk122W@gmail.com](mailto:Risk122W@gmail.com)

July 25, 2010

Dear CIT Applicant:

Congratulations! You are taking the first step to be part of the Counselor in Training (CIT) program here at Camp Rotary. The program has become a very competitive one and will likely continue to be for years to come. The CIT program is the primary feeder program to our counseling program and although there is no guarantee that a CIT will become a counselor, approximately 95% of our counselors this summer had been CIT's in past years.

- All applicants must have completed grade 10 before the summer of 2011.
- The program is a four week program. (There will be one week of orientation and three weeks of more intense cabin/program leadership).
- The CIT will not be charged for the program and will be presented with a stipend of \$60/week to recoup expenses: costs of weekly field trip; laundry costs; store; etc. When these costs are considered, the program is basically a volunteer training program.
- In an effort to better train CITs in the area of program, the CIT will choose which type of program area in which they wish to concentrate
  - (#1) Individual Sports (Tennis, Archery, Riflery, BMX)
  - (#2) Performing Arts (Music, Dance and Drama)
  - (#3) Photography, Crafts and Nature
  - (#4) Ropes
  - (#5) Team Sports (Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Soccer)
  - (#6) Water and Smallcraft (Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing)

When applying for the program you will be indicating your preferences for which of the 6 training programs you would like to specialize and be trained in.

This summer, we plan to offer the CITs who successfully complete the program, the opportunity to take a Red Cross lifeguard training program at the camp's expense. We will be offering the lifeguard course at a local YMCA. If you think that you would be interested in the program, please begin to work on your swimming skills. In order to participate in the course, you must be able to swim 500 yards (approximately 20 laps of the average YMCA pool).

In order to apply to be a CIT for next summer, you should:

- Fill out the enclosed application packet completely. The packet includes:
  - An application form that asks for all personal data;
  - An autobiographical essay that will ask you to write a personal history
  - A written exercise: write a paragraph that will explain why you would like to be a CIT;
  - Two reference sheets that will need to be completed by adults who know you well. (These may include teachers, principals, counselors, coaches, neighbors, or any adult who is neither a family member nor a Camp Rotary employee. You can have camp employees write you an additional “letter of support”, but it will not count as one of your two required letters of reference.)
  - Include a current photo of yourself (last year several members of our selection team did not recognize applicants by name, but by sight only and suggested that we ask for a photo!).

NOTE: Even though anyone who was an LIT last year has already filled out several of the components above, we are asking you to complete the process again, expecting that you will have a different perspective now that you have completed that program. The references should also be updated.

The CIT program attracts many exceptionally qualified candidates. This means that every year we turn away excellent applicants that have been at camp for many years because we have limited space in the program. Please be aware of the competitiveness of this program as you are beginning the application process. Last year we had over 80 applicants and could only select 40.

Once your packet is complete, you can forward it to the winter address above. The earlier you send your completed application, the greater the likelihood is that you will be selected. However, all completed applications must be received **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**. If there are any questions, you can contact me directly at the winter address above, the e-mail address above, or calling me at home during the winter (781-593-4247).

Thanks again for your interest and good luck with your application!

Keep smiling!

Rich Cowdell  
Director

Please return to:  
 Dr. Rich Cowdell  
 Director Camp Rotary  
 122 Woodland Ave.  
 Lynn, MA 01904

**Camp Rotary  
 CIT Application  
 Summer Season, Year 2011**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print it clearly because this is our primary method of communication!!)

Current School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next September \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended Camp Rotary? \_\_\_\_\_ What year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Any other camp(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Work History**

Please list any jobs that you have had in the past (paid or volunteer).

Employer Name and Address	Starting Date	Ending Date	Job Title	Supervisor	Reason For Leaving

**Availability:**

- Consider me for the first session only. (Tentatively July 3 – July 30, 2011)
- Consider me for the second session only. (Tentatively July 31 – August 27, 2011).
- Consider me for either the first or second session. (BEST CHANCE OF SELECTION)

**Program Training Seminar Choice: Please rank order, 1<sup>st</sup> choice to 6<sup>th</sup>.**

- (#1) Individual Sports (Tennis, Archery, Riflery, BMX) \_\_\_\_\_
- (#2) Performing Arts (Music, Dance and Drama) \_\_\_\_\_
- (#3) Photography, Crafts and Nature \_\_\_\_\_
- (#4) Ropes, Ultimate Games \_\_\_\_\_
- (#5) Team Sports (Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Soccer) \_\_\_\_\_
- (#6) Water and Smallcraft (Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in a camp-sponsored lifeguard program ?       Yes       No

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**Camp Rotary  
CIT Application  
Summer Season, Year 2011  
Autobiographical Essay**

CIT Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to allow the CIT Selection Committee the opportunity to get to know you a little better, we have developed this essay procedure. In this essay, use **PARAGRAPH ONE** to introduce yourself, explain a little about your background....who you are, where you are from, a little about your family and your development up until now. **PARAGRAPH TWO** should explain what kind of a student you are. What are your hobbies, talents, likes and dislikes? **PARAGRAPH THREE** should highlight any prior experiences that you have had that might demonstrate leadership abilities and give evidence as to why you would make a good role model for the campers to emulate. Finally **PARAGRAPH FOUR** should explain why you want to be a CIT and what you hope to get out of your time spent as a CIT. Please attach a current photo of yourself.

Use the space below and on the reverse side. If necessary attach any additional sheet of paper.

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Lynn, MA 01904

**Camp Rotary  
CIT Application  
Summer Season, Year 2011  
Reference Letter**

CIT Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

*Dear Reference Writer:*

*Thank you for taking the time to write a brief summary of the qualifications of the above listed candidate. He/she has applied to be a counselor-in-training at Camp Rotary for the upcoming summer. Our CIT program is very competitive and only the top candidates are chosen. In writing your reference we would especially like to hear about this candidate's strengths and weaknesses. As a CIT, he/she will be expected to demonstrate leadership skills, maturity, teamwork, and a capacity to learn new skills. It is a program that is intensive in nature. The program is the feeder program to our counseling staff. Please also indicate if you have any questions or concerns with this candidate supervising young children in a residential setting. Please use the space below and on the opposite side for your response. Thank you in advance for your assistance!*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Reference Writer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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