

Counselor-In-Training Program

The Counselor-In-Training Program is designed for young adults entering 9th through 12th grades who exhibit a strong desire to work with children and teach others about the natural world while gaining valuable career experience.

This week-long program offers a real opportunity to learn from the best. Expert educators will share their experience and knowledge on topics from child development to zoo careers and environmental awareness. Counselors-In-Training (CIT's) will complete a mandatory orientation prior to their camp week and participate side by side with our Camp Counselors during our summer day camp programs.

It is important that applicants understand that the program is **not** a summer camp program but rather an opportunity to gain valuable career experience.

CIT Eligibility

- Must be entering 9th 12th grade in August
- Must complete the application process
- Must participate in orientation and training
- Must have support from their family. The Counselor-In-Training Program is a commitment for both CIT and his/her family. Please be advised that your cooperation, support, and encouragement are essential to the success of your teen in the program.

CIT Qualifications

- Exhibits a strong desire to learn and teach others
- Is friendly, dependable, courteous, and able to follow directions
- Displays willingness to act as a role model for campers
- Has good moral character: motivated, responsible, flexible, trustworthy
- Possesses sense of humor, selflessness, patience, and self control

CIT General Responsibilities

- Learn to identify and meet campers' needs for health, safety, and well being
- Enthusiastically assist with, lead, and/or participate in all activities, meetings, and programs
- Foster campers' development of an appreciation for the natural world

Counselor-In-Training Program Specifics

Time Commitment

The CIT Program begins with a mandatory Saturday morning orientation and training session, that will be held prior to the start of your camp week. The camp week then runs from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Participants must arrive no later than 7:45am each day.

There may be opportunities for CIT's to assist with after-hours and off-property camp activities.

Pricing

The fee for the camp is \$260. (Passmember and Employee Discounts are available). This fee covers training and supervision as well as lunch, snacks, program t-shirts, nametag, and other program needs. Teens are responsible for providing their own khaki pants or shorts and appropriate shoes, as well as bathing suits (if applicable).

What to Expect

CIT's will work alongside experienced camp staff, accompanying groups of campers (kindergarten through eighth grade), participating in and assisting with all daily activities such as:

Up-Close Animal Encounters Arts & Crafts Meal & Snack Time Story Time

Indoor & Outdoor Games Trekking all over Busch Gardens Science Experiments Behind-the-Scenes Encounters

Check-In & Dismissal Journal Writing
Amusement Park Rides Theatrical Shows

CIT's will also have opportunities to

- Attend Counselor Clinics (specialty courses led by experts on a variety of topics)
- Spend time together as a group, making new friends and having fun!

Application Deadlines & Orientation dates:

Session Number	Program Dates (all Monday-Friday)	Orientation & Training Date	Application Due
1	6/10-6/14	Saturday, June 8th, 2013 9:00a.m11:00a.m.	
2	6/17-6/21		May 24th, 2013
3	6/24-6/28		
4	7/8-7/12	Saturday, July 6th, 2013 9:00a.m11:00a.m.	
5	7/15-7-19		June 21st, 2013
6	7/22-7/26	7	
7	7/29-8/2	Saturday, July 27th, 2013 9:00a.m11:00a.m.	
8	8/5-8/9		
9	8/12-8/16		

Busch Gardens Camp Counselor-In-Training APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in Busch Gardens' Counselor-In-Training Program. CIT's play an important role at Busch Gardens.

In order to qualify for the CIT Program, prospective participants must be entering 9th through 12th grade by August of 2013, fill out the following application, submit one written reference* (reference form included), and attend a mandatory orientation/training. All fees are due two weeks after acceptance into the program and are non-refundable.

Please complete forms and *mail* to:

Busch Gardens, Education & Conservation Department Attn: CIT Program PO BOX 9157 Tampa, FL 33674-9157

Or *fax* to: (813) 987-5878

OR scan & email to education@buschgardens.com

Please Print:		Today's Date	
Applicant Name and Information			
Name	Birth date	Age	
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone Number	School	Current Grade	
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name and	Contact Information		
Name	Phone #1	Phone #2	
Email Address			
Name	Phone #1	Phone #2	
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- *Your reference form should be completed by an adult who is NOT your parent. Some ideas for appropriate references are
 - A parent of a child you babysit
 - A member of leadership within your house of worship
 - A current teacher, past teacher, or guidance counselor

Please choose a session date, using the last column to denote your first, second, or third choice of session dates:

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Please list any scheduling conflicts camp staff should be aware of (e.g. a mid-week pre	evious commitment)
Please describe your experiences working with children	
List your hobbies and/or interests.	
List any organizations, groups, or teams in which you participate.	
In 100 words or less, please describe why you want to be a CIT at Busch Gardens. What is it you hope to gain from the experience? (Attach additional paper if necessary	·):
I certify that all of the above information is correct. I understand that acceptance as a combination of my skills, interests, and the needs of Busch Gardens. I realize that oppose available at any given time, but my application will be held on file for one year.	
Applicant's Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date

Busch Gardens Camp Counselor-In-Training RECOMMENDATION FORM

To be completed by applicant: Applicant's Name ______Date _____ To be completed by adult reference: The student above has applied to serve as a Counselor in Training (CIT) for Busch Gardens, Tampa. As part of the application process, the applicant must turn in a recommendation form to the CIT Program Manager. Please take a few moments to complete this 2-page form with the student listed above in mind. Address City ______ State ____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____ How long have you know the applicant? _____ In what capacity?_____ Please rate the applicant's attitude and personal attributes on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being "very positive" and 1 meaning "needs work". Punctual & Reliable 12345 Is patient and kind 12345 Enthusiastic and able to work well with children 12345 Is a team player- works well with others & pitches in when others may need help 12345 Able to follow directions 12345 Able to accept and respond to supervision and guidance 12345 Takes pride in their grooming & appearance 12345

Additional Comments:	
Please Circle One:	
I (DO) (DO NOT) recommend Counselor-In-Training Program.	for participation in Busch Gardens'
Signature	Date
Please return completed form by <i>mail</i> to:	
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OR <i>fax</i> to: (813) 987-5878	
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