

Adventure Camp Counselors-in-Training Program

Boston University Sargent Center

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Greetings,

We are very excited you want to be part of Adventure Camp's Leader-in-Training or Counselors-in-Training programs. This fun, challenging learning experience is definitely different from being a camper.

Our purpose, with both programs, is to help you build skills and experience to prepare you to be a future camp counselor. We want to help you learn and gain expertise in leadership, program planning and implementation, and working with children. We anticipate someday you may decide to apply for a position as an Adventure Camp staff member and, as a LIT and/or CIT graduate, you would bring strong training and experience. Part of your training begins today with the LIT/CIT application.

In addition to this letter, our LIT/CIT material contains an application and a form for you to give to *two* references who can speak to your leadership skills, employment experience, academic work, and/or work with children.

The LIT/CIT application serves three purposes:

1. Provides us insight as to why you want to be a LIT/CIT and highlights leadership experience you may have,
2. Helps us determine if the LIT/CIT program is a good fit for both of us since we accept a limited number of LIT/CITs, and
3. Helps us customize LIT/CIT educational sessions to meet your needs. Of course, we also include parts of the schedule whose goal is FUN!

After you complete and return the application and we receive your LIT/CIT references, we will contact you via telephone. We have questions we would like to ask you, information to share with you about the LIT/CIT program, and want to give you an opportunity to ask us questions. Please send your completed application to: Doug Sutherland, Adventure Camp Director, Boston University Sargent Center, 36 Sargent Camp Road, Hancock, NH 03449. The application deadline is March 8, 2008.

Being an Adventure Camp LIT/CIT is a unique opportunity—it includes more privileges than campers have, and more responsibilities. We're proud of our program and we hope you will be a part of our 2008 LIT/CIT group! I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Doug Sutherland
Adventure Camp Director

Please Note:

The Leader in Training Program is a 3 week program, June 29 – July 18; all LITs, however, must least camp July 11 – 13, during the session break. Our Counselors-in-Training Program is a 4-week session, July 20 - August 15; all CITs, however, must leave camp August 8-10, during the session break.

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LEADER-IN-TRAINING / COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION

Please answer the following. You may use additional sheets of paper, if you need more space.

NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

Are you applying to be a: **LIT** **or** **CIT** (*Please circle one.*)

1. Have you previously attended Adventure Camp? If yes, please list the year(s) and program(s).

2. If you attended another summer camp, please list the year(s) and types of programs, noting if it was a day camp or overnight camp.

3. Why do you want to be an Adventure Camp LIT/CIT?

4. How would you describe an excellent camp counselor?

5. Please describe leadership experience or leadership roles you have had.

6. Please list work experience and co-curricular activities you have been a part of since starting high school.

7. What do you think will be your greatest challenge(s) in working with children?

8. What skills, attitudes, or experiences will you bring to our LIT/CIT program?

**Adventure Camp
Leader-in-Training / Counselors-in-Training Reference
Boston University Sargent Center**

(Please print clearly)

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Reference's Name: _____ Title: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Length of Relationship: _____

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We are interested in your knowledge about the applicant related to:

- Leadership skills and experience
- Ability to serve as a role model for younger children
- Experience working with children
- Level of responsibility and judgment
- General work or study skills
- Ability to be a positive member of a community

Please share additional comments you feel give us insight into the applicant.

Would you recommend this applicant for a Counselors-in-Training program? _____

Signature: _____ Phone Number: (_____) _____

Please mail or fax to: Doug Sutherland
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Thank you for your help!

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