The Counselor-In-Training (C.I.T.) Program is for youth ages 15-17 who are interested in learning about leadership and working with children! Applicants must have turned 15 no later than May 1st, 2010, and cannot have turned 18 prior to May 1st, 2010. The CIT program is designed to provide practical experience for campers who are considering becoming counselors in the future; however, it is open to any camper of appropriate age who wishes to enhance their leadership skills that will be necessary in your growth as a 4-H Youth and potentially as a future counselor. Participants will learn to become role models for children younger than themselves. CITs will have an extensive amount of direct interaction with campers and as such should be friendly and approachable. As with any other practical experience, the more a CIT receives the better. Therefore, CIT applicants may register for multiple sessions.

All Alabama 4-H Center CIT’s selected to volunteer over the summer are required to attend CIT Training. Training will be held prior to Summer Camp at a date to be determined. The majority of CIT training will involve learning the skills for leading children, including communicating with children – with a special emphasis on listening skills, teaching positive behavior and values, handling undesired behavior and conflicts in positive ways, leading games, campfire songs, and program activities, teaching skills in specialty areas, presenting in front of small and large groups, earning respect from others, working as a team, creativity, and problem solving. CIT’s will also learn about how our camp operates, our policies & procedures, the roles & duties of our staff, and how camps serve children. This training will be assisted by both full time professional staff and college-age summer staff.

CIT Applicant Name ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Last      First

Birth Date_______/______/______ Age by May 31 2009_______ □Female □Male    If 4-H member list County Name____________________________________

Month / Day / Year

Ethnicity (to be used for record-keeping only)
□American Indian    □Asian    □African American    □Caucasian    □Hispanic    □Multi-Ethnicity
Other _____________________________________

Current School_________________________________________________________ Current Grade____________________

Have you been a CIT before? □Yes □No

If you answered Yes, where did you do your CIT Program ______________________ ________________ Year__________State_____

How did you find out about the Alabama 4-H Center CIT program? ______________________________________________________________

Why do you want to be enrolled in the Alabama 4 H Summer Camp CIT Program?

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What do you feel you can contribute to the Summer Camp Program?

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Areas of Interest, Skills, or Qualifications:

☐ Archery  ☐ Arts & Crafts  ☐ Campfire  ☐ Canoeing  ☐ Climbing Wall
☐ Drama  ☐ Fishing  ☐ Geocache  ☐ Guitar  ☐ Lifeguard
☐ Orienteering  ☐ Reptiles  ☐ Swimming

List any additional skills and hobbies not listed above
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Describe any previous leadership experience that you have been involved in.
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Please list TWO references of persons not related to you

Name of Reference_____________________________________   Name of Reference____________________________________
Contact Address_______________________________________   Contact Address_______________________________________
Contact Phone_________________________________________   Contact Phone_________________________________________

I certify that the above information is true. I understand that selection into the CIT program is based on this application and an interview.

Applicant’s Signature
__________________________________________ Date_______________________________

REMINDER

To ensure that your application is complete you are required to:

1. Complete the online portion of summer camp registration (including payment of the summer camp fee for the session(s) you wish to attend)
2. Print, complete, and return by mail the following:
   (a) Health History Form
   (b) Youth & Parent Authorization Form
   (c) Counselor In Training Application Form

   to: Alabama 4-H Center, ATTN: CIT Application, 892 4-H Road, Columbiana, AL35051