

## *Attention all 15, 16, & 17 year olds!!!*

Do have interest in becoming a counselor for Camp Warren Jyrch when you reach 18? Are you ready to learn the skills it takes to become an incredible counselor? If you are, read through the following information see if you are eligible & ready to be a part of our CIT training!!!

### **Requirements:**

You must...

- have attended Camp Warren Jyrch at least 1 year as a camper. (see exceptions for 17 yr olds)
- be at least 15 years old by, or during the week of camp
- have interest in becoming a counselor when you are 18+ at Camp Warren Jyrch
- be willing to: learn new skills, take on more responsibility, and learn from CWJ Staff & Counselors

### **Overview of the Program**

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program will have three areas of focus: teamwork skills, leadership training, and learning the technical skills that lead to a successful counselor. This program is designed for older campers who aspire to become counselors and are ready to be challenged. Although we will be focusing on the CIT specific program, these campers will also have the opportunity to participate in regular camp activities. And, of course, it will be fun!!!

### **“In cabin” and “out of cabin” training:**

This year, all CIT’s will be required to successfully complete 1 year of “out of cabin” CIT training before they are eligible to be placed in “in cabin” CIT Training. What is the difference?

- “out of cabin” CIT Training – CIT’s that are 15 & 16 will not be placed in a cabin with campers. These CIT’s will arrive at the same times the campers do, but will be housed in a CIT village. This village will only contain CIT’s & CIT Staff. During their week of camp, CIT’s will learn a variety of counseling skills, grow their own character, and have an opportunity to be part of fun CIT specific camp activities (camp outs, challenge hikes, etc...)
  - CIT’s will gain the appropriate skills, knowledge, and confidence before they become an “in cabin” CIT.
  - CIT’s will be able to learn skills at their own speed & have time to practice them before they have to apply them.
- “in cabin” CIT training – CIT’s that are 17 years old, have completed at least one year of “out of cabin” training, and have proven they are ready to advance will be placed in a cabin with campers. These individuals will attend Counselor Training 3 days before camp then spend the week putting into practice what they have learned while being mentored by an experienced counselor.

### **“What if I am a returning CIT from 2010?”**

Returning CIT’s will be evaluated on an individual basis as to whether they will be a part of the “in cabin” or “out of cabin” training. Since all of our returning CIT’S started their training as an “in cabin” CIT, we may place a few of you in “out of cabin” CIT training for this year. Both experiences are VERY important, and we want to make sure each one of you get the training you need to be successful. Once we receive your application and you have been accepted into the CIT program we will contact you directly to let you know which type of CIT training you will go through this summer.

### **“What are my options if I am 17 & have never been a camper before OR this will be my first year as a CIT?”**

If you want to become a counselor at the age of 18 + you will need to enroll directly into the CIT program. You will go through the "out of cabin" CIT training for your first year. After that year we will evaluate your progress to see if another "in cabin" CIT training year is needed.

**PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY AS TO WHICH CAMPING PROGRAM YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO.**



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## 2011 COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (C.I.T.) APPLICATION

### Camp Warren Dates

Sunday, July 24 – Saturday, July 30, 2011

Please return the following items listed below by June 30, 2011 to  
Hemophilia Foundation of Illinois

210 S. DesPlaines St  
Chicago, IL 60661-5500  
Phone: (312) 427-1495 / Fax: (312) 427-1602  
E-mail: [lschwartz@hfi-il.org](mailto:lschwartz@hfi-il.org)

Counselor in Training Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Be sure to complete and return the 2011 Camper Application in  
addition to this CIT application.**

### For Office Use only

#### Required Documents

1. Completed CIT Application
2. Completed Camper Application
3. Completed Medical form
4. Documentation of Certificates (if applicable)
5. CIT Commitment Form

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| 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ |
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**NOTE:** Please fill in all blanks. If a part of the application does not apply to you, fill in that section with N/A or not applicable. Missing or incomplete information will delay your application.

Counselor in Training (CIT) Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please check highest grade completed:

High School:    \_\_9            \_\_10            \_\_11            \_\_12

3. What courses and/or activities in school have you participated in that will help you with the CIT Program?

<b>Class and/or Activity</b>	<b>Skills Applicable to Camping</b>

4. What are your plans after graduation?

5. If applicable, please describe any paid or volunteer work experience:

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Starting Date</b>	<b>Ending Date</b>

6. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, misdemeanor or felony or pleaded guilty and been placed on probation, court supervision or another pre-conviction program?

\_\_\_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain :





# CIT Commitment Statement

**IMPORTANT: Both parent and CIT are required to review, understand and sign this statement. Please direct any questions to the HFI office ([lschwartz@hfi-il.org](mailto:lschwartz@hfi-il.org))**

This form explains and clarifies the mutual commitment between yourself and Camp Warren Jyrch.

Camp Warren Jyrch (CWJ) serves children with hereditary bleeding disorders throughout Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin. Camp Warren Jyrch nurtures the personal growth and development of campers and staff, enriching the human experience through a quality camping program. As a CIT and representative of Camp Warren Jyrch, you are the primary contact to our campers and their families. We are entrusting you with the critical nature of our mission, and trust you to protect the best interests of Camp Warren Jyrch and its participants in all ways. By completing this form, you acknowledge your understanding of and commitment to these expectations. We, in return, acknowledge our commitment to you, and understand that you are entitled to certain expectations of Camp Warren Jyrch as well.

As a CIT of Camp Warren Jyrch, I understand that I am committing to:

- Work constructively as part of a team with other CIT's and CWJ staff, and to positively resolve all conflicts
- Participate in all the appropriate training needed
- Read all orientation materials, if appropriate
- Adhere to CWJ performance standards, guidelines, ethical standards and the code of conduct
- Place the best interest of CWJ above my own personal feelings while working at camp
- Represent CWJ professionally and positively to CWJ staff, families and the public
- Respect the confidentiality and privacy of campers and families
- Give and receive constructive feedback in a positive manner
- Notify CIT Leader of any potentially unethical situation involving myself or other staff

As part of this mutual commitment, Camp Warren Jyrch agrees to:

- Provide a quality camp experience in which you have the opportunity to achieve personal growth
- Provide you with appropriate and thorough training, proper tools and instructions
- Provide proper training with performance standards
- Provide constructive feedback, coaching and conflict resolution
- Be professional and courteous at all times and appreciative and respectful of your time

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Signature of CIT

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Date

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Signature of Parent

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Date