

**Campers in Leadership Training (CILT) Application**

**Summer Camp 2025**

**YMCA Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.**

**Introduction**

This handbook provides an essential overview of the **Campers in Leadership Training (CILT) Program** at the YMCA, which is designed for rising 7th and 8th graders interested in growing as leaders, working with children, and gaining first-time job experience. The program offers an exciting opportunity to learn valuable skills while helping create a positive, fun, and safe camp experience.

**Key Information to Remember:**

1. **Program Overview**:
   * The YMCA selects teenagers (rising 7th and 8th graders) for this program each summer.
   * CILT participants are trained to observe counselors, work with younger campers (K-6th grades), and develop leadership skills.
2. **Who We're Looking For**:
   * Teens who want to make a positive impact on children’s lives.
   * Individuals who are interested in teamwork and learning leadership.
   * Energetic, fun, and mature individuals who can contribute to creating a welcoming and challenging atmosphere for campers.
3. **Camp Experience**:
   * CILTs will work with kids in both outdoor and indoor environments.
   * Summer training will be provided to develop necessary skills, including how to ensure safety, provide discipline, and act as positive role models.
4. **Job Responsibilities**:
   * Ensuring camper safety and care.
   * Learning leadership skills through observation and hands-on experience.
   * Helping with day-to-day camp operations, including leading activities, assisting counselors, and performing some camp maintenance.
5. **Application Process**:
   * Submit a completed application along with two recommendations (from teachers or community members).
   * Selected applicants will be contacted by **April 18, 2025**, to schedule an interview.
   * Final selection will take place in **May**.
   * The application deadline is **April 14, 2025**.

The CILT Program offers a chance to build skills that will benefit you throughout your life while making lasting memories and friendships. If you are enthusiastic about working with kids and eager to grow as a leader, this could be a fantastic opportunity for you!

Let me know if you need help with the application or have any questions!

**Fees for the Campers in Leadership Training Program:**

•  $25 deposit per week due at registration.

•  Cost per session is $80 per participant.

YMCA Mahomet CAMP, CAMPERS-IN-LEADERSHIP-TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Note: Those applying for the CILTprogram must be rising 7th and 8th graders

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Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which sessions are you interested in attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ Week 1 (May 26-30) \_\_\_\_\_ Week 2 (June 2-6) \_\_\_\_\_ Week 3 (June 9-13)

\_\_\_\_\_ Week4 (June 16-20)\_\_\_\_\_ Week 5 (June 23-27)

\_\_\_\_\_Week 6 (June 30-July 4) \_\_\_\_\_Week 7 (July 7-11)

\_\_\_\_\_Week 8 (July 14-18) \_\_\_\_\_Week 9 (July 21-25)

\_\_\_\_\_Week 10 (July 28-August 1). Week 11 (August4-8)

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS: Feel free to elaborate on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why do you want to be in the Leadership Training Program at the Mahomet Summer Camp?
2. What leadership positions have you held? What contributions did you make?
3. Who is one person you truly respect as a leader? Why?
4. What is the most exciting aspect of the CILT program for you?
5. What are you most nervous about in regards to the CILT program?
6. Give an example of a time when you fell short of your goals. How did you react to this setback?
7. What do you hope to gain from the CILT experience?
8. What three words best describe your personality?
9. What leadership traits do you feel you personally need to work on?
10. Please describe something you’ve done at school, home or elsewhere that you are particularly proud of.
11. Additional Comments:

Thank you very much for your interest in our programs and your enthusiasm toward building your own future as a leader at our camp and in your community. Please remember that the CILT program is highly competitive and only accepts 10 applicants per session into the program. If you have any questions or need help regarding this application, please do not hesitate to call Shawn McCarthy at 217-239-2802.

Please Submit Application with Two (2) Written Recommendations To: CILT Program

Attn: Shawn McCarthy  
Stephens Family YMCA

2501 Fields S Dr., Champaign, IL 61822

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CILT Personal Reference Questionnaire

TO THE APPLICANT: Please have this form completed by a personal reference. Print your name below and provide your telephone number so the reference may contact you with any questions. Reference may e-mail form to [shawn@ccymca.net](mailto:shawn@ccymca.net) or mail directly to the Stephens Family YMCA at 2501 Fields S Dr., Champaign, IL 61822

\*\*\*Your application will not be considered until all references are received\*\*\*

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TO THE REFERENCE: The person named above would like you to give them a reference to be a YMCA Campers in Leadership Training, which focuses on developing leadership qualities in teenagers (Rising 7th & 8th graders). If chosen, they will be working at the Y with kids in our youth programs. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form as honestly and accurately as possible. All references are kept in strictest confidence.

In what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How easily does the applicant adapt to new situations and difficult circumstances?

Not Well 1 2 3 4 5 Very Well

How well does the applicant accept responsibility?

Not Well 1 2 3 4 5 Very Well

How well does the applicant get along in a group?

Not Well 1 2 3 4 5 Very Well

How good are the applicant’s oral communication skills?

Not Well 1 2 3 4 5 Very Well

How willing and able is the applicant to do hard physical labor (consider physical strength, endurance, coordination)

Not Well 1 2 3 4 5 Very Well

How comfortable is the applicant in dealing with unfamiliar people?

Not Well 1 2 3 4 5 Very Well

How well is the applicant able to follow directions and carry through on tasks without supervision?

Not Well 1 2 3 4 5 Very Well

How strongly do you recommend the applicant for the program?

To what extent has the applicant demonstrated leadership and self-initiative?

Please describe what you consider to be the applicant’s major strong points?

Please describe what you consider to be the applicant’s main limitations?

How does the applicant respond to suggestions for improvement?

Please feel free to provide additional information about the applicant.

(Please print clearly)  
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