



Benner's Farm Summer camp

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CIT / Counselor in Training Program

Thank you for your interest in Benner's Farm Summer Camp CIT program.

All applicants need to meet New York State Dept. of Health minimum requirements to be considered. These requirements are as follows:

Desire and ability to work with children outdoors

Ability to relate to ones peer group

Ability to accept guidance and supervision

Good character, integrity, patience and self-control

High school student at least 15 years of age with experience through two prior camp seasons

Responsible to: head counselor and program coordinator

General Responsibilities:

The counselor in training is responsible for assisting the camp staff in implementation of camp curriculum.

Specific Responsibilities:

Follow the direction of the head counselors

At no time shall a CIT be solely responsible for a group of campers participating in an activity.

Be helpful and kind to campers and staff

Bring any concerns to the head counselors

Assist in the implementation of camp activities

Desired qualifications for Benner's farm CIT applicants:

Likes to work in an interactive group setting

Respectful of others, observant of their surroundings

Willing to get there hands and/or clothes dirty

Willing to work in a safe environment with select farm animals

Likes to have fun and be outdoors

Meets all criteria above for the NYS Dept. of Health

Benner's Farm Summer Camp is an all day outdoor program, which focuses on all aspects of farm life such as farm animals, organic gardening, nature study, games and crafting with natural and recycled materials.

A training session for all CIT will be required and will be held in June and again in mid July, date and time to be determined.

Available sessions times are as follows:

Week one through week eight:

Full day session 9am to 4pm

Half day am 9am to 12pm

Half day pm 1pm to 4pm

Session dates are posted on the camp registration form

A potential CIT will need to sign up for at least 3 weeks of full time sessions or six weeks of the half-day sessions. Please send full registration fee and registration form indicating your interest in CIT program along with for us to review. Benner's farm will rebate 33% of registration fees for accepted CITs.

Camp Closures

Camp is held rain or shine except in the event of extended severe weather. It is advised to listen to the weather forecast for our area before coming to camp and to arrange for transportation from camp in the event of early dismissal.

- Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately. Rain gear and a change of clothes and /or shoes could be left at the farm or brought each day.
- Articles of clothes with inappropriate pictures or language are not allowed.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent are available but best applied at home before coming to camp.
- Sunglasses and hats are optional but may be used if needed
- Water is available at all times but a personal water bottle may be used
- We encourage that all items of value are left at home, as the farm is not responsible for the loss or destruction of these items.
- Full day session participants will need to bring a lunch; refrigeration is available

Upon completion of the 2-year program, the participant will receive a certificate of completion. Reference letters are available upon request. Participants will also receive experience in working with children and animals in a fun and safe outdoor environment. They will obtain valuable work ethics while gaining self-confidence and knowledge of many life skills that may be a resource in future endeavors. The certification program will also enable those participants to apply for a job as a paid camp counselor, depending upon availability of open positions