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Dear Prospective Counselor-in-Training (CIT),

Thank you for your interest in becoming a CIT for the 2027 summer season! As a CIT, you will learn leadership skills including program planning, teamwork, and mentoring younger campers. CITs have increased privileges and responsibilities at YMCA Camp Kresge and have a unique opportunity to make friends from around the world. All teens who are 15 or 16 years old are eligible to apply as a CIT, whether or not they have been to YMCA Camp Kresge before.

Due to the nature of our CIT program, we ask all campers to submit an application along with their registration form and deposit. Directors at camp will read through your application and will be in touch through email or phone regarding your acceptance into our program or if we have any questions for you. Depending on the number of applications we receive, we may contact you for an additional phone interview or ask for references. Parents: deposits will not be processed until we are in touch about the status of your camper's application.

Financial assistance is available for all YMCA Camp Kresge programs. The YMCA Camp Kresge Scholarship Application is available at the front desk of the Wilkes Barre YMCA, online at wvymca.org/branch/camp-kresge or by calling the Camp Office. Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We hope to see you this summer!

Erin Patrick

Overnight Camp and Conference Director

E: erin.patrick@wvymca.org

P: 570-443-2267

Instructions for Applying:

Please print pages 2 and 3 of this document and fill out the requested information. If you need YMCA Camp Kresge to mail you a copy of the application, please contact the Camp Office at (570) 443-2267. If you need additional room to write your answers, feel free to include additional pages. Please attach any additional information or experience you think would be good for us to review.

Submit your completed application, registration form, and deposit to:

YMCA Camp Kresge
Attn: CIT Program
382 Camp Kresge Lane
White Haven, PA 18661

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2027 Counselor-in-Training Application
(To be filled out by the camper)

Section 1: Contact Information

Applicant Information:

First & Last Name:_____ Age at start of camp:_____

DOB: _____ Gender: _____ Returning Camper: Yes / No

Address: _____ City:_____ State:_____ Zip: _____

Email Address:_____ ☐ Check here if this is a parent's email address.

Parent/Guardian 1 Information

First & Last Name:_____ Primary Phone:_____

Email Address:_____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Information

First & Last Name:_____ Primary Phone:_____

Email Address:_____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Section 2: Parent/Guardian Email Contact Agreement

CIT Applicant: Please ask your parent/guardian to read and sign the below statement. If they have any questions, they can contact the camp office at erin.patrick@wvymca.org or (570) 443-2267.

As a part of the application process, we will be in touch with your teen through email regarding the status of their application and if there is any additional paperwork needed. All CITs accepted into the program sign a code of conduct. If we are in contact with the camper through their personal email account, we will cc your email address in all communication to keep you in the loop. It is important that we have a valid email address for you and your camper. If the camper is using a parent's email address for communication, we invite you to read what comes through your inbox. We hope that this transparency will be seen as an added level of security in our communication, while allowing CITs to take on the responsibility of responding.

If in the future your CIT applies for a position as a staff member, we will transition to emailing the applicant alone.

By signing below, I certify that YMCA Camp Kresge staff has permission to email my child at the email address listed in section one. If at any time I have questions or concerns regarding communication with my child, I will contact the YMCA Camp Kresge office at (570) 443-2267.

Parent Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

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Section 3: School and Camp Information

Current School Name:_____ Grade in School: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____
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Please list any camp programs that you have attended and the number of years involved with Camp Kresge: _____
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Section 4: Applicant Responses

Please answer the questions below or submit another piece of paper with your answers.

Our CITs work with our campers and staff to make sure that each camper has a positive experience at camp. What experience do you have working with or caring for kids? (Can include babysitting, coaching, looking after younger siblings, etc.)

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There are many different things you could be doing this summer. Why do you want to be a CIT?

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What would you like to learn or get out of being a CIT? Is there a skill you would like to work on?

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Successful completion of the CIT program does not guarantee that you will get hired as a staff person. How do you feel about that? What else can you do with the skills that you learn as a CIT? Will you consider it a "waste" if you are not hired in the future?

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Being a CIT is different from being a camper. As a CIT, we will ask you to be a role model for other campers. While camp is always a place to have fun and make friends, you will have sessions that feel more like school. We may ask you to take notes on what you have learned and observe other staff and programs. How can you find a balance between having fun and taking your position as a CIT seriously?_____

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There will be parts of camp that feel like work. This might include assisting staff with cleaning camp, responsibilities of helping care for younger campers, and making sure your leadership trip runs smoothly. Please write down experiences you have working or volunteering with someone who gave you responsibilities to be completed. How did it feel? What did you learn?

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As a role model, we expect our CITs to stay alcohol, drug, and tobacco free. We ask all campers to leave their cell phones at home, or turn them into the camp office when they arrive at camp. Can you commit to these expectations?

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2027 CIT Sessions

Select which CIT session you are applying for-

- ☐ July 11-24
- ☐ July 25-August 7

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:**_____

Parent Signature:_____ **Date:**_____