



Camp Kochav Summer 2009 Counselor in Training (CIT) Program (9th & 10th Grade)



Camp Kochav and Club 18 at the JCCSF are looking for talented, motivated 9th and 10th grade teens to be CITs over the course of our eight-week summer program. Are you that person? Take a look and see if this program is right for you. If it is, take some time to fill out the enclosed application. We hope to see you at Camp Kochav this summer!

What is Camp Kochav?

Camp Kochav is an accredited camp of the American Camping Association, which offers a full-day camp experience with fun and engaging programs for children in grades kindergarten through 8th. All of our programs feature swimming, outdoor education, music, sports, art and Judaic exploration which take place at the JCCSF and at nearby parks.

What does it mean to be a CIT?

The CIT program is a transition year from camper to camp staff. Being a CIT means that you are interested in learning what it takes to be a leader in the community and gaining valuable training to be a counselor in future years. You will spend one to two days a week with the CIT Director learning and developing leadership skills. The other days you will spend in camp getting hands on experience working alongside professional staff, as well as your peers interacting with campers and teaching and guiding them as they explore new things.

Am I right for the CIT program?

- Must commit to a four week block during the summer
- Willing to open yourself to your potential as a leader
- Excited about being around kids
- Ready to join and contribute to a warm camp community
- Dependable – we are looking for people who are committed to growth
- Energetic and enthusiastic

What's in it for me?

Being a CIT has a number of valuable rewards. You'll leave your experience as a CIT with a new set of skills, increased knowledge about working with children and a new set of friends and connection to Club 18 and the JCCSF. You will go on a two day camping trip as well as visiting theme parks and participating in adventure courses. Working with children is a rewarding experience that cannot be measured or understood until you try it. It's an experience you will never forget! You can also receive community service credit for school.

What does it cost?

This CIT program is leadership experience that will aid in the transition to college. The participation fee for this program will be \$600 for members and \$650 to the public, financial assistance is available. All participants will receive a free Club 18 membership for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

What am I committing to?

CITs are at Camp Monday through Friday 8:30 am -- 4:30 pm for a **minimum of four weeks**. Camp Kochav is a nine week summer program, we require all CITs to work at least one block. Continuity is a very important part of camp and it is important that there is minimal turnover. CIT sessions are as follows:

Block 1 (Sessions 1 & 2)	June 15 — July 10
Block 2 (Sessions 3 & 4)	July 13 — August 7

*Special arrangements may be made for those that want to work sessions 2 & 3.

How does the application process work?

If you are interested in spending your summer with Camp Kochav and Club 18, fill out the attached application and send it to Rachel Kamen at 3200 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118 by April 20, 2009. Important dates to know:

April 20	Application Deadline
April 28 – May 2	Interview Sessions
May 8	Notification Date
June 12	Training



Camp Kochav and Club 18
Counselor in Training Application
Summer 2009



Please print legibly.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Grade Starting in Fall 2009: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (1): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____

Parent/Guardian Name (2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____

Which session are you applying for:

- Block 1 June 15 – July 10
- Block 2 July 13 – August 7

Work, Activities and Volunteer Experience

List any jobs that you have held in the past:

Employer	Position	Dates	Supervisor	Phone Number

List all organizations, clubs, etc with which you have been involved. Please indicate which, if any, leaderships positions you have held for each organization

List all past jobs/volunteer experiences where you have worked specifically with children:

List all camps you have attended as a camper or counselor:

Name of Camp	Camper/Counselor	Day/Residential Camp	Dates

A Little About You

Let us know what activities interest you. Put a 1 for activities that are hobbies or interests. Put a 2 for activities that you could assist in teaching. Put a 3 for activities that you could organize and lead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrew |

Complete each of the following statements (have fun doing it!).

My autobiography would be titled _____

Community means _____

I consider myself original because _____

My friends will tell you that I _____

I am great at _____

I am still learning _____

I admire _____ because _____

By my 85th birthday I hope I've _____

References

List two adults who know you well and who are NOT related to you:

Name	Relationship	Phone

Questions

Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Please type on a separate piece of paper.

1. What do you hope to gain or learn by participating in the CIT program?
2. What do you feel you have to offer or contribute to the CIT program?

Send completed application to Rachel Kamen at:
Club 18—JCCSF
3200 California Street
San Francisco, California 94118
Re: CIT Application
Or email to rkamen@jccsf.org

Applications must be received in the mail no later than April 20, 2009

For further questions please contact Rachel Kamen at rkamen@jccsf.org or 415.292.1249.