

2017

Summer Camp CIIT Application



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Dear **Parent/Guardian**,

We would like to thank you for supporting your child's decision to apply for the Camper In Leadership Training (CILT) program this summer. Our summer camp's mission is to build life-long memories, friendships and skills for children from diverse backgrounds. We believe in this mission, and we will do our best to provide this for your child.

To be considered for the CILT program, your child will have to complete the application form, write a short essay (similar to a cover letter), and provide three references. Reviewing this information with your child can better prepare him/her for the application process (please note, there is also a letter for your child in this packet).

After the application materials have all been received, we will schedule a phone interview with your child. Finally, if your child is accepted to the program we will provide you with a link via email to finalize the registration process. If you have any further questions about our program or the paperwork, please contact us at (951) 659-2455 and we will be happy to help.

We look forward to receiving your child's application.

Sincerely,



Chris "Spo" Grumbine
Summer Camp Coordinator

Shari Walls
Recreation Director

Chris Fife
Executive Director

Dear **Prospective CILT**,

Thank you for choosing to apply to our summer leadership program. The CILT program is a Pathfinder Ranch tradition and an integral part of our overall summer camp program. I hope that you're as excited to start your application as I am to receive it.

In order to apply to the program, there are a few things you will need to do:

- **Read the CILT Program Information:** A general description of the program, duties, and qualifications.
- **Write an application essay:** Please answer the question below with a short (about 1 page double spaced) essay. Your response can include many different reasons but I would like you to write in depth about at least 1 of the potential gains to be made.

Why do you want to spend part of your summer vacation participating in a leadership program?

- **Find References:** Please have 3 references fill out and return these forms. These letters are extremely important to our review process. Family members should **not** be used. If you are a member of a Boys & Girls Club or other sponsoring organization, it would be appropriate to use one of their staff members as a reference. Other references may come from teachers, employers or other youth group leaders.
- **Complete the CILT Application:** If, after reviewing the Program Information you have chosen to apply, please complete and return the application as soon as possible. To aid us in your selection, please fill out the application with as much information as possible. As stated in the program description, we are asking for a minimum commitment of two consecutive weeks. If the two week commitment or the session schedule is a problem, please contact us.

Once you have submitted your application and references, you will be contacted regarding a phone interview.

Thank you for your time and effort and I look forward to reviewing your application,



“Spo”
(Summer Camp Coordinator)
& the Pathfinder Ranch Staff

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Camper in Leadership Training (CILT) Program is a training program for young adults, ages 15-17 years. The training involves many aspects of camp life with hands-on experience assisting counselors in supervising and instructing campers. They can have all the fun of a true summer camp experience can provide, while learning new skills and accepting greater levels of responsibility.

Enrich camper’s lives: By connecting with individual campers and learning how to be a friend, role model, and mentor, you will be giving back to your community and making a difference in the life of a child!

Work with great mentors: We hire amazing staff from across the country and around the world, each of whom brings their unique talents and knowledge to share with you and the rest of the camp community.

Learn leadership skills: Through daily workshops about communication, learning styles, games, program development, and issues that are important to you, you will become a better leader.

Learn life skills: By working in our camp Trading Post, you will learn how to manage, organize, and conduct sales and finances.

Make lifelong friends: By connecting with CILTs from around southern California and Nevada who share your ideas, interests, and enthusiasm for summer camp!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 15 years old or have completed the freshman year of high school
- Sincere interest in working with children as a role model
- Able to be active all day in an outdoor setting
- Evidence of ability to accept guidance and supervision
- Evidence of good communication skills
- Evidence of ability to adhere to rules and policies
- Enthusiasm, patience, initiative and sense of humor

DUTIES

- Assist cabin counselors with supervision of campers
- Assist program instructors with activities, lessons, and classes
- Assist with Camp Trading Post operations
- Participate in service projects relating to camp program, facilities, and grounds
- Learn, grow and have fun!

Want to know more?

There is no fee for this training program and there is also no salary. Room and board are provided along with accident insurance. Of course, no price tag can be put on such a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and having such a fun camp experience. We ask for a minimum commitment of two consecutive weeks. We need this length of time to ensure top quality training and the chance for all CILTs to put their training into practice. You must fill out the required application form and have three adults send in reference forms. When we receive all of these a telephone interview will be set up with each qualified candidate. If accepted, you will be email a link to register for

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

I will be at least 15 years old by June 19, 2017: Yes ___ No ___

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Please indicate your interest and availability below:	
Sessions 1 & 2 (June 19 – June 24 and June 26 – July 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Choice <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Not Available
Sessions 3 & 4 (July 3 – July 8 and July 17 – July 22)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Choice <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Not Available
Session 5 (July 24 – July 29)	<input type="checkbox"/> Available <input type="checkbox"/> Not Available

Reminder: the CILT Program is designed to be a full summer experience, including two consecutive weeks at Pathfinder Ranch Summer Camp. If you foresee conflicts with a two week commitment, please contact us ASAP
summercamps@pathfinderranch.com
 (951) 659-2455 Ext. 17

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (Include baby-sitting, lawn mowing, volunteer work, etc.)

Employer Name & Address	Position	Dates of Employment	Supervisor Name	Employer Phone Number

LIST PREVIOUS CAMP EXPERIENCES

Camp Name	Number of Seasons & Dates Attended	Camp Role (check all that apply)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Camper <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Counselor/CILT/Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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You may attach additional pages in order to answer the following questions

Please list any extra-curricular activities or other organizational affiliations. Include offices held.

Please list any special training you've received (First Aid, CPR, Crafts, Music, Sports, etc.).

Please list your hobbies and/or interests.

Please list three reasons Pathfinder Ranch would benefit from your participation in the CILT program.

I have read all the enclosed information and completed this application honestly and to the best of my ability. I agree to comply with all CILT Rules and Policies as outlined in the CILT Packet.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I have reviewed and discussed all of the enclosed information with my child. I agree to support the CILT Rules and Policies as outlined, and hereby give my permission for my child's participation in this program.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Please return to:

By Mail Attn: Summer Camp Coordinator, Pathfinder Ranch, 35510 Pathfinder Rd., Mountain Center, CA 92561.

by Fax: (951) 659-0351 **or Email:** summercamps@pathfinderranch.com

Description

If you are accepted, this essay will be revisited after the first week of the program for a follow up exercise. The essay should be long enough to clearly explain how you believe you would benefit from the program as well as to give a little depth as to why this is something you want for yourself. You don't need to write three pages (if you want to that's fine) but you will probably need more than a single paragraph to successfully answer the question. While I will be focusing primarily on the content during the review process, spelling and grammar should not interfere with comprehension.

Please type your response to the following question in a separate document:

Why do you want to spend part of your summer vacation participating in a leadership program?

CILT REFERENCE FORM

(to be filled out by someone other than
parent/guardian of prospective CILT)

REFERENCE FOR: _____
Name of Applicant

The applicant listed above has applied for the Camper In Leadership Training (CILT) program at Pathfinder Ranch (a coed, residential summer camp). The CILT program is for youth, ages 15 – 17 where they will practice leadership skills. They will be responsible for assisting cabin counselors and program instructors with the facilitation of classes, and supervision of campers.

Your honest response to the following questions about the applicant’s character and ability would be most helpful. All information will be kept confidential. Feel free to add use additional paper.

Please return ASAP to address below. Thank you for your time.

1. What is your relationship to the candidate? How long have you known the candidate?
2. What do you feel are the candidate’s greatest strengths?
3. Please describe a time when the candidate showed initiative and forbearance:
4. What behaviors could the candidate improve upon to be more effective?
5. Please describe a time when the candidate had to respond to a high-stress situation or accept criticism. How did they deal with it? What could they do to improve?
6. How would you describe their values and leadership style?
7. Do you have any reason to believe the applicant would not be suited for this training or to work with children in a residential camp setting?

Additional comments:

Signature Date Printed Name

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