



RANCHO EL CHORRO OUTDOOR SCHOOL

EARTH CAMP 2017

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM

Earth Camp is a summer residential camp for children ages 10-14 (or entering grades 5th to 8th) held at the Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School in San Luis Obispo. Earth Camp is designed to give campers some amazing experiences in the outdoors while learning about our Earth, making new friends, and creating lasting memories. Campers will go hiking to learn about different habitats, kayaking, swimming, and will participate in a variety of activities including arts & crafts, animal husbandry, archery, team building games, campfire programs, and more!

The **Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Program** is designed to give high school juniors/seniors and college students the opportunity to participate in leadership training and development and acquire skills that are essential for working with the Earth Campers. CITs will work closely under Earth Camp staff guidance to successfully supervise a group of campers. We are seeking six males and six females to serve as CITs. The CITs are assigned up to seven children in 6 day, 5 night session.

The CIT Program provides the following: gaining knowledge about child development and behavior, effective communication and group management skills, increased knowledge of the natural world, environmental stewardship, low ropes course activities, archery skills, ability to lead campfire programs, service or volunteer hours and First Aid/CPR/AED certification. Help create lasting memories by serving as an Earth Camp CIT. **Apply today!**

Essential Qualifications for a CIT:

- A love of working with children!
- A love of the natural world!
- Comfortable in a variety of outdoor settings!
- Energetic and fun!

All CITs accepted to serve for Earth Camp are required to:

- Take part in a three-day training on July 5-8, 2017 with Earth Camp staff.
- Commit to serve as a CIT for all three sessions in July (July 9-14, 16-21, 23-28).
- Present themselves as positive role models to campers and participate in all activities.
- Submit payment for three weeks at \$350 per week.

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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION

Please submit your application to Amie Linscott via email at alinscott@slocoe.org by **May 15, 2017**.

Name	Email
Address, City, Zip	Phone
School Attending	Grade in Fall 2017 (circle one) 11 12 College

Please respond to the following questions on a separate sheet and attach. Also attach 1 or 2 letters of recommendation from someone who can speak to your ability to serve as a CIT (can be a teacher, professor, school administrator, youth pastor, employer, etc.).

1. Describe any prior experience you have working with children ages 10-14.
2. Describe your interest in nature and being in the outdoors.
3. Describe any extracurricular activities that you participate in.
4. What are the skills you hope to acquire as a CIT at Earth Camp that you can use in the future?

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent (if applicant is a high school student)

Date