

# **C.I.T. Application**

(Counselor-in-Training)

Youth Leaders,

When I was a youth pastor, regardless of the district I served on, I always had the privilege of working with people who were serious about creating opportunities for students to be involved in leadership, the Alaska district is no different. I have always believed that when teens are given the right kinds of opportunities, they will make more life-long decisions of faith and discipleship than any other age group. With this in mind I believe that it is our responsibility as leaders to provide these opportunities. We all want the teens to see themselves and others through the eyes of Christ. For example, Jesus loved Peter not only for who he would become, but also for who he was. I have no doubt that we all sincerely believe that each and every teen on our district has a special place in the heart of Christ. It is with this in mind that many of today's leaders share these following goals for our student ministries and desire to see our students as a part of the AK District ministry.

1. Leading teens to an experiential faith, one that is their own (freeing them to fall more passionately in love with Jesus.)
2. Providing a network of relationships with other Christian believers (adults and teens) to help them in the difficult times of life.
3. Enabling teens to integrate their faith into their daily lives, (i.e. daily devotions, worship, sharing the truth of God, and developing their own spiritual gifts.)
4. Helping teens to realize that they are not merely the church of tomorrow; but rather their gifts, abilities, and services are desperately needed today.
5. Leading teens to a better understanding of the person of Christ and His teachings.

Youth leaders have long believed that it is very important to enable people to lead rather than just showing them how to follow. One common misconception that people have about youth ministry is that the focus is to entertain teens. While often times youth ministry events, especially camps, are entertaining, that is not the focus. Our job as leaders is not to entertain teens; it is to teach them about Jesus. We pray continually that all that participate in our many ministries experience a deeply intimate relationship with Christ, and that each of them would recognize and concede their lives to His call. The most important question that we can ask ourselves is, "Are we creating spectators in the kingdom of God, or servants?" In our local churches we have student leaders involved in a wide variety of ministries. I am sure that your church is much like ours. Our Students are crucial to our ministries and the same is true for our district ministries. We know that many of your 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students desire to grow in grace and faith. We also know that one of the best avenues for growth is through active ministry. It is with this in mind that we would like to invite 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (ages 15-17) from across our district to be involved in our C.I.T. program. What is the C.I.T. program? This Counselor-in-Training program provides our older students the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to boys and girls in our Kid's Camp. Those accepted to the program will be partnered with an adult counselor and for a week will experience the joy of ministry and receive ministry experience and training. Attached is an application for the C.I.T. program. If you have students that you think would benefit from and be a benefit for this program, we would love for them to apply. The application needs to be postmarked by June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Please know we can only take 10 students and there is a cost of \$50.00 involved for every student that is accepted, this will be collected after the selection process. Applications should be mailed to Brian Thomas, 2001 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. Wasilla, AK 99654.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Brian Thomas at [pastorbrian@wlcn.org](mailto:pastorbrian@wlcn.org) or Pastor Jean Thomas at [vjeanthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:vjeanthomas@hotmail.com). Both can be reached at (907) 376-5439.

Grace and Peace,

Brian Thomas, C.I.T. Facilitator  
Jean Thomas, Kid's Camp Director

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a C.I.T.?

Describe your relationship with Christ, including some high points that have helped you get to where you are today.

How has camp helped you spiritually?

What strengths would you bring as a C.I.T.?

List two weaknesses you need to work on.

In your opinion, what characteristics make a good camp counselor?

In your opinion, what characteristics make a bad camp counselor?

**Personal References**

(Choose people you are not related to, such as an employer or teacher)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Kid's Camp C.I.T.'s**

## ***Student Affirmations***

### ***Spiritual Affirmation***

- I acknowledge that I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- I desire to serve God with my whole life.
- I am committed to spiritual growth through individual and group study.
- I am involved actively in my church through attendance and attitude.

### ***Behavioral Affirmation***

- I am serious about my lifestyle because I know it tells other people about my commitment to Christ.
- I am committed to a lifestyle made up of choices that honor God and can truthfully say that I am not engaging in any activities that are inconsistent with the truths of Scripture.
- I am willing to remain teachable and willing to grow in my faith.

### ***Leadership Affirmation***

- I am willing to commit to a week of service and will be consistent in this ministry.
- I am willing to attend and promote all camp activities and greet all students at those events.
- I will attend all required meetings.
- I am committing to be a positive role model in worship, games, free time and other activities in my behavior and attitude.

***I have read and understand the volunteer expectations and affirmations and am ready to commit myself to serve at children's camp.***

***Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

***I have read and understand the student leadership expectations and affirmations and am ready to support my son or daughter in this role.***

***Parent Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

# **ALASKA DISTRICT CHILDRENS CAMP**

## **PASTORAL REFERENCE FOR CAMP VOLUNTEERS**

*The following information is an important part of our children's camp staff screening process. Please take time to seriously consider your answers to the following questions; this information will be kept confidential*

*Please use the back of the form if you need more space.*

How long have you known this person?

What are this person's strengths?

What are this person's weaknesses?

How well does this person handle disciplining children?

How well does this person handle stressful situations?

In your opinion, does this person have a current relationship with Jesus Christ?

Would you recommend this person as a camp staff member?

Any additional comments that would be helpful to the camp director:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail the completed reference form to Pastor Jean Thomas, Director*

*2001 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. Wasilla, AK 99654, or email to [vjeanthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:vjeanthomas@hotmail.com). Church: (907) 376-5439 Home:  
(907) 373-1675*