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Summer Camp at the Suffolk County Farm 2026 Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ Email: _____

Have you ever attended Summer Camp at the Suffolk County Farm as a **Camper**? Yes No

If yes, what year(s) were you a participant? _____

Have you previously attended Summer Camp at the Suffolk County Farm as a **CIT**? Yes No

If yes, what year(s) were you a participant? _____

Questions

There are a lot of things you could do this coming summer. What is your interest in this experience? Whose idea was it?

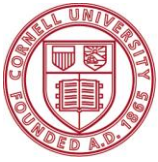
Why would you like to be a CIT? What would you like to get out of the program as a CIT?

Please give an example of something that you are proud of; for example, maybe something challenging, that you were able to do because of hard work, persistence and being responsible?

Please give an example of how you handle situations that become stressful?

How do you think being a CIT is different from being a Camper?

Please list any clubs, groups, organizations, jobs, sports or activities that you have participated in.



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Please list any experience you may have working or volunteering with children. (Caring for a sibling(s) can also be used as experience – please be specific).

If you have participated in this camp - or any other camp experience - what specific fond memory do you have of camp?

Successful CIT's are enthusiastic about Summer Camp's mission and activities, and share that positive energy with Camp Staff and Campers. Do you consider yourself this type of person? If so, explain.

Is there any other information that you would like to add that would help us make our decision?

I have read and answered the questions above and feel that my participation as a CIT will enhance the program for campers, staff and fellow CIT's.

Applicant Signature

Date

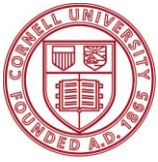
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Application Process:

1. Please return your application to:
Sarah Titmus (Camp Director) via email st266@cornell.edu. You may also mail it or drop it off in person at: Suffolk County Farm and Education Center
350 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, NY 11980
2. **IMPORTANT:** Two Letters of Recommendation need to be enclosed with this application to complete the process. Letters of recommendation can come from anyone that can speak best to your character (teachers, guidance counselors, coach, mentors, neighbor, team captain, etc.)
3. Once your paperwork is complete, you will be contacted regarding approval.

Paperwork must be received no later than June 1, 2026.



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Counselor-in-Training Reference Form

The goal of the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is to provide 15 year olds with the opportunity to be mentored by counselors and staff and to learn the leadership skills that are necessary for them to act as role models for children younger than themselves. The CIT program is for those interested in bringing their love of agriculture and the environment to our campers and there is an expectation of increased maturity and the ability to put the needs and interests of the campers ahead of their own.

Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known the applicant?

Why do you believe this person would be interested in a CIT program?

Does the participant have good conduct at school?

How does the applicant relate to their peers?

How does the applicant interact with authority figures and/or supervisors?

Would the applicant be a good caregiver and role model for children in an educational setting? Why or why not?

Signature of Teacher Reference

Date

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Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Why do you believe this person would be interested in a CIT program?

What leadership skills and experience does the applicant possess?

How does the applicant relate to their peers?

How does the applicant interact with authority figures and/or supervisors?

Would the applicant be a good caregiver and role model for children in an educational setting? Why or why not?

Signature of Personal Reference

Date

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