



# COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program at *Summer at Emerson* provides an opportunity for middle and high school students to develop leadership skills in a supportive and fun environment. Interested students who have completed grades 6-12 will learn about what it takes to be a counselor in our summer program and enhance their leadership abilities. Led by Sam Boughton, veteran *Summer at Emerson* instructor, CITs will work as a team to learn about working with young children in a summer camp. Upon successful completion of training, CITs will be invited back to *Summer at Emerson* as a Junior Counselor to use their new skills and assist with one full-day week of camp!

The CIT program is held during the week of June 15th-19th, 2026 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Attendance during this week is mandatory. Please note that there are a limited number of CIT spaces available and only a select number of Junior Counselor spaces available each week. Children who have participated in the CIT program in the past and would like to return as a Junior Counselor this year should complete the Returning Junior Counselor Application found on our website. The training week is not required to be repeated. Applications are due by Friday, March 6th, 2026. After collecting all applications, decisions will be made and responses will be emailed by Monday, April 6th, 2026. There is no application fee. If accepted to the CIT program, the \$350 camp fee is due by May 1st, 2026. The week spent as a Junior Counselor has no charge from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; child care is available from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM and 4:00 PM-6:00 PM at \$11.50/hour.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School and Grade (2025-2026): \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list in order of preference (1-3) the following weeks you are available to return as a Junior Counselor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Week 2 June 22-26      \_\_\_\_\_ Week 5 July 20-24

\_\_\_\_\_ Week 3 July 6-10      \_\_\_\_\_ Week 6 July 27-31

\_\_\_\_\_ Week 4 July 13-17      \_\_\_\_\_ Week 7 August 3-7

***On a separate sheet of paper, please detail your experience with children, volunteer activities, hobbies, interests and explain why you would be a great addition to the Summer at Emerson staff. Also, include any specific camps you may have interest in assisting with as a Junior Counselor keeping in mind that Junior Counselors are generally assigned to K-2 camps.***

We certify that all of the included application information is accurate. We understand that there is limited space available in the program per week and our first choice may not be available.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signaure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed application by March 6th, 2026 to: Director of *Summer at Emerson*, 5425 Scio Church Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org)