



St. Nicholas Camping Program

Southern California Deanery St. Nicholas Summer Camp
E-mail: director@campstnicholas.com
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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION (17-18 Years of Age)

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCE FORMS TO:

Katrina Bitar
Camp St. Nicholas
12600 N. MacArthur Blvd. #1301
OKC, OK 73142

Philosophy

All the members of the St. Nicholas Camping Program Staff must live and work by its mission, which is to provide its young people with a true and living experience of the Orthodox Faith in Christ Jesus. They must teach and strengthen the campers knowledge of the Christian life by living it themselves in word and deed: liturgically, sacramentally, and ascetically. Campers and staff alike strive to live in an uncluttered, natural, and peaceful community with fellow members of the Body of Christ, and with love and appreciation for God's creation.

CIT Program

Those who are 17 or 18 years of age may apply to be selected as a Counselor-in-Training (CIT). CITs are assigned to a veteran counselor and are delegated responsibilities in the supervision of younger campers, for which they are compensated with a discounted registration price. The deadline to apply to be a CIT is March 30, 2020. After careful consideration, up to 6 CIT positions each for sessions 1 and 3 will be chosen.

CIT applicants that are still in High School may also choose to register as a camper in case they are not selected as a CIT. Camper spots are reserved on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, we encourage you to send your camper application as soon as possible if you wish to be a camper.

CIT applicants that have or will graduate High School this year, and will be 18 by July 6, may also choose to apply for a staff position. A separate staff application must be submitted to be considered for a staff position.

References

This packet includes three reference forms, one to be completed by your Parish Priest, and two to be completed by non-relative adults who have knowledge of your abilities for the position (teachers, coaches, employers, etc.). It is your responsibility to either collect the completed, sealed references and include them with your application or make sure they are sent to the Camp Director by the March 30, 2020 deadline. Please carefully follow the instructions given on the reference forms. It is recommended that you provide each of your reference writers with an addressed, pre-stamped envelope if you choose to have the reference form sent at their convenience.

Applications

All applications must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2020. Notification of acceptance will be sent out on or before April 22, 2020. A completed application will include the following:

- A completed and signed CIT Application Form (attached).
- A photocopy of your Social Security Card (if you are a U.S. citizen)
- A photocopy of any relevant certifications (CPR, Life guarding, etc.)
- References completed by your Parish Priest and two non-relatives
- A 1-2 page essay (see application)

**Please note that all applicants will be called for a phone interview*

PLEASE NOTE: If your application to serve at Camp St. Nicholas is accepted, you will need to download and print a Health History and Examination Form to complete. This is a mandatory process and will require you to have had a physical examination conducted by a licensed physician within 12 months of your attendance by the Southern California Deanery St. Nicholas Camping Program.



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Attach a recent
photograph of
yourself here

APPLICANT INFORMATION

CIT'S NAME: _____
Preferred First Name Last Name Legal First Name (if different)

CIT'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____ / _____ / _____ Female Male
Month Day Year

CIT'S ADDRESS: _____
Street (include Apt. No.)

_____ City State/Province ZIP+4 Country

CIT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ FATHER'S EMAIL: _____

FATHER'S HOME # (____) _____ FATHER'S WORK # (____) _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ MOTHER'S EMAIL: _____

MOTHER'S HOME # (____) _____ MOTHER'S WORK # (____) _____

PARISH NAME: _____ CITY _____ ST/PR _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CIT: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE # (____) _____ (Day) (____) _____ (Evening)

T-SHIRT SIZE: Adult XXL Adult XL Adult L Adult M Adult S Child L Child M Child S

SESSIONS

You may indicate more than one session, in order of your desired preference, in case your first choice is filled.
(1 = first choice, 2 = second choice)

	Session	Session Dates	Tuition Fee
	Session 1	July 12 - 18	\$415
	Session 3	July 26 – August 1	\$415

REFERENCES

In addition to my parish priest, I have given the two remaining reference forms to the following :

Name Phone Number Relationship to Applicant

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ESSAY

Please enclose a one-page essay with your application. It should include the following:

- 1) A brief biographical sketch
- 2) What you hope to offer to the Campers who will be placed in your care
- 3) What you hope to gain by serving as a CIT at the St. Nicholas Summer Camp

PERMISSION AND AGREEMENT

I understand that if my child is registered for camp this summer as a CIT, I will receive the Camper & Parent Packet which will include important information to prepare both myself and my child for the summer. I agree to read this material and review it with my child. I understand that, if accepted, the Health History and Examination Form needs to be returned to the St. Nicholas Summer Camp no later than June 20, 2020, or my child's spot may be forfeited and given to a CIT on the waiting list.

I have read, understand, and agree to all of the registration instructions given in the attached sheets. I understand that all CITs are expected to act in ways appropriate to an Orthodox Christian setting. While all disciplinary action will be taken to attempt resolution on site, the Camp Director reserves the right to immediately dismiss CITs for gross violations of camp rules. Parents will be responsible for arranging and covering costs for their child's early departure.

Parent Signature (If under 18) _____ **Date** ____/____/____

CIT Applicant Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____



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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

GENERAL TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Parents are encouraged to drop off and pick up their children from the camp or carpool with others from their parish.

*Arrival times are between **12:30PM and 4:00PM** on the first day of each session. *Departure times are from **9:00AM to 10:30AM** on the last day of each session. Please be sure to pick up your campers by 10:30AM!

If you will be having someone other than a legal guardian picking up your child(ren) from the camp, please supply us with the name(s) of the authorized driver(s).

BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

St. Nicholas Camping Program will be organizing transportation for campers between camp and **St. Nicholas Cathedral, Los Angeles** and **St. Luke, Garden Grove** for a nominal fee and requires registration for this option.

The availability and pricing for transportation is yet to be determined. Once our transportation service provider details are confirmed, we will make this option available. Please be sure to watch your email for this announcement.

From St. Nicholas Cathedral, Los Angeles

Buses will depart **promptly at 1:30PM** on the first day of each session (Sunday). Please arrive for drop off **no later than 12:30PM**. You are invited to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral beginning at 10:30AM. (Matins at 9:30AM)

Buses will return **around 11:00AM** on the last day of each session (Saturday).

From St. Luke, Garden Grove

Buses will depart **promptly at 12:30PM** on the first day of each session (Sunday). Please arrive **no later than 12:00PM**. You are invited to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. Luke beginning at 10:00AM. (Matins at 9:00AM)

Buses will return **around 12:00PM** on the last day of each session (Saturday).

Part 2: Rating of Personal Qualities

Please candidly evaluate the CIT applicant based on your observed knowledge using the following scale definitions.

<i>In my opinion, the applicant:</i>	<i>Completely Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Somewhat Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Completely Disagree</i>	<i>No basis for rating</i>
Can be depended on to follow through with responsibilities	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Seems more mature than his/her peers	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Is considered by most to be a motivated person	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Is perceptive to situations going on in his/her surroundings	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Shows initiative in taking on responsibility	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Demonstrates good judgment in decision making	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Shows leadership in either official and/or unofficial capacities	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Is sensitive to the needs of others	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Should not be entrusted with the care of children	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Demonstrates good problem solving skills	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Manages his or her time well	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Works as a team member	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Would probably respond well in crisis situations	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Would be easily entrusted with the care of my own children	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Has difficulty taking direction from those in authority	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Is a source of inspiration to others	5	4	3	2	1	NB
Gets along well with most people	5	4	3	2	1	NB

If needed, may we contact you for further information? Yes No

Name: _____ Daytime Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City, St/Pr, Zip _____

To the best of my knowledge, all statements made or indicated on this Reference Form are true and represent my honest appraisal of the qualifications of the applicant.

Signature of Reference Writer

____/____/____
Date



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REFERENCE FORM
FOR A COUNSELOR IN TRAINING APPLICANT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT: Please complete this part before giving it to your reference writer.

I, the undersigned, have agreed to waive my right to read this reference. After my reference writer completes this form, I will collect this reference inside an envelope with my reference's signature over the sealed flap, and I will either send it together with all other application materials, or arrange to have it sent to **Katrina Bitar** (as indicated on the CIT application) by the **March 30, 2020** deadline.

_____ / /
Print Your Name here Signature Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCE WRITER: After completing this form, please place it in an envelope and sign your name over the sealed outside flap, and return to the applicant. Your prompt completion of the form is greatly appreciated. If you prefer, you may mail the form directly to the Camp Director, Katrina Bitar, at the address below. Thank you for your time and your valued assistance.

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How long have you known the CIT applicant? _____

In what capacity? Please check one:

- _____ Church Community Member _____ Coach
- _____ Teacher _____ Supervisor (In what setting? _____)
- _____ Other: _____

Part 1: Narrative Evaluation

1. What talents or strengths do you think the CIT applicant will bring to the camp setting? _____

2. All CITs face challenges during their time at camp. Some challenges are a result of the responsibility placed on them. Other challenges stem from personal weaknesses which all human beings have. Which difficulties do you think the applicant would be most likely to encounter if selected to be a CIT, based on his or her unique challenges?

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City, St/Pr, Zip _____

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Signature of Reference Writer

____/____/____
Date

Part 2: Narrative Report

1. How would you describe the applicant's participation at Liturgical services?
 Frequently Regularly Attends sporadically Never attends

Comments: _____

2. How would you describe the applicant's participation in the Sacraments (Confession and Communion)?
 Regularly Infrequently Almost never Never

Comments: _____

3. In which parish organizations has the applicant been active (circle as many as apply):
Youth Group Choir Altar Server Church School Teacher
Other: _____

4. Please comment about the applicant's Christian education:
 Solid understanding of the Faith Understands some aspects of the Faith Little understanding

Comments: _____

5. In what way(s) do you think the applicant would benefit from a position at Camp St. Nicholas?

6. Would you wholeheartedly recommend this applicant for a **Counselor In Training** position at Camp St. Nicholas?
 Yes No

7. Please make any additional comments you think might be helpful to us in determining whether this applicant has the qualifications to be a hardworking member of the leadership team and the moral, Christian model among their peers.
Comments: _____

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