

# Zoo Camp 2009

## Counselor-in-Training Program

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is designed as a volunteer program for students entering seventh through twelfth grade. The role of a CIT is to assist counselors with groups of Zoo Campers. CITs will be an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands to help with crafts, games and other activities. CITs are expected to show a positive attitude towards camp, the campers, the staff and the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park. CITs are held to the same rules and regulations as campers; since CITs are role models for younger campers anyone showing a lack of maturity, cooperation, or positive attitude will be asked to leave. After camp has ended for the season each CIT will receive a letter outlining the number of hours volunteered. Any additional paperwork required by schools in order to receive volunteer credit they must be completed by the CIT and then submitted to the Curator of Education for a signature.

The fee for the CIT program is \$18 for the first camp session and \$7 for additional camp sessions which covers the camp t-shirt, snacks and other associated costs. One camp shirt will be given to each CIT and is to be worn daily. Additional t-shirts may be purchased for \$11 each. A camp session runs either from 8 am to Noon or Noon to 4 pm. CITs volunteering for both AM and PM session in the same week must bring a bag lunch.

Please note that positions are extremely limited. The deadline for application is April 17, 2009 by 5:00pm. No late applications will be accepted. Acceptance will be based on strength of application. Applicants will be contacted by May 22, 2009 regarding their status. After notice of acceptance, payment for all sessions must be made within one week.

### How to Apply:

Deadline for applications is April 17, 2009 by 5:00pm. Applicants must complete and submit the following paperwork to be considered for the Counselor-In-Training program:

Counselor-in-Training Application (2 pages)

Fill out all requested information

CIT Availability

Check the sessions for which you are applying.

Recommendation Letter

Must be from a non-related adult, such as a teacher, coach or family friend. Have recommender place letter in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal.

Please submit applications to:

Katie Girvin  
St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park  
999 Anastasia Blvd.  
St. Augustine, FL 32080





How would participation in this program help you with these goals?

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If you were an animal, what animal would you be and why?

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**Waiver**

I understand that the educational programs are provided by the St Augustine Alligator Farm, and I understand the inherent dangers involved with my child's participation in these programs, including the risk of personal injury and/or damage to my child and/or my property while participating in these programs. I further understand and acknowledge that the participants in such programs are not covered under insurance of St Augustine Alligator Farm and that St Augustine Alligator Farm would not allow my child's participation in these programs absent my signing this release. I authorize and grant permission for a representative of St Augustine Alligator Farm to obtain emergency medical care from any licensed physician or hospital and/or medical clinic should my child become ill or injured while participating in educational activities away from home or at other times when neither parent nor guardian is available to grant authorization for emergency treatment. I therefore freely and voluntarily execute this release with such knowledge, assume the risk of personal injury and/or property loss arising from or in any way connected with my child's participation in any educational programs offered by the St Augustine Alligator Farm. I hereby release and discharge St Augustine Alligator Farm and any and all agents of St Augustine Alligator Farm from any liability, claim, cause of action, demand or damages from injury or damages of any kind to my child or my property as a result of my child's participation in the educational programs of St Augustine Alligator Farm. I grant permission and understand that photos and other images taken during this event could be used in print advertisement and other forms of media. I further waive, release, absolve and agree to indemnify and hold St Augustine Alligator Farm harmless as a result of my child's participation in any educational programs sponsored by St Augustine Alligator Farm. I understand that should my child become a disruptive force during the educational program that the instructor may choose to release him/her from the program.

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

Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Zoo Camp 2009 CIT Availability

Directions: Please check the sessions for which you are applying. Please note, if accepted for a session you will be committed to each day of camp in that week. You may not be accepted for every session you apply for due to limited positions, so it is highly recommended that you apply for all sessions for which you are available.

X	Session #	Dates	Times	Camp Title
	1a	June 22 - 26	8:00am - Noon	Investi-Gators
	1b	June 22 - 26	Noon - 4:00pm	Bizarre Beasties
	2a	June 29 - July 3	8:00am - Noon	Jeepers Keepers
	2b	June 29 - July 3	Noon - 4:00pm	Globe Trotters
	3a	July 6 - 10	8:00am - Noon	Crocodile Rocks
	3b	July 6 - 10	Noon - 4:00pm	Ickyology II
	4a	July 13 - 17	8:00am - Noon	Snake-tacular!
	4b	July 13 - 17	Noon - 4:00pm	Zooper Heroes
	5a	July 20 - 24	8:00am - Noon	Bizarre Beasties
	5b	July 20 - 24	Noon - 4:00pm	Investi-Gators
	6a	July 27 - 31	8:00am - Noon	Globe Trotters
	6b	July 27 - 31	Noon - 4:00pm	Jeepers Keepers
	7a	August 3 - 7	8:00am - Noon	Ickyology II
	7b	August 3 - 7	Noon - 4:00pm	Crocodile Rocks
	8a	August 10 - 14	8:00am - Noon	Zooper Heroes
	8b	August 10 - 14	Noon - 4:00pm	Snake-tacular!

What is the maximum number of sessions that you would like to be a CIT? \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that acceptance is based on strength of application.

Camp sessions run Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to Noon and from Noon to 4:00pm. CITs are expected to arrive between 7:50am and 8:00am for morning session and 11:50 am and Noon for afternoon sessions. CITs should leave no earlier than Noon for the morning session and 4pm for the afternoon session.



**Zoo Camp 2009  
CIT Recommendation Letter**



Directions: Recommendation must be from a non-related adult such as a teacher, coach or family friend. Recommender does not have to use this form if they prefer to write the letter on their own stationary, but all information requested should be included. Recommender should place the letter in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign over seal and return to applicant.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Years Known \_\_\_\_\_

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