

Camp Butano Creek
Voyager Application Packet
Due February 28th

Dear Voyager Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Voyager program – our counselor-in-training (CIT) course at Camp Butano Creek. We are very proud of this program as it offers thorough training for future camp counselors.

During the first session of the Voyager program, the participants in this program and their counselors will live together in the Voyager unit. The program is a combination of intensive mini-courses and seminars, including training in basic camping skills, regular camp activities and becoming a positive role model. Special emphasis is placed on meeting the needs of campers, such as anxieties and homesickness, and providing all campers a fun, memorable experience.

After successfully completing training during their first session, CITs are immediately asked to use their new knowledge and skills as an apprentice staff member, placed in a unit during either the second or third session of camp. This assignment affords the apprentice staff all the privileges and responsibilities of their adult peers in camp. The only exception to this is that an over-18 staff must always be with the campers. There will be a mid-week evaluation process (includes a self evaluation) during the apprentice staff session.

The requirements for the Voyager program are:

- Entering grades 12th & 11th in the coming Fall (after camp)
 - Preference will be given to applicants entering grade 12
 - Starting March 1st, applicants entering grade 11 will be accepted, if there are any remaining spots.
- Attend two sessions of camp
- Completion of the Voyager Application packet
- Approval by the Voyager Program staff

The Voyager application and questionnaire are to be completed BY YOU and uploaded to your Active registration account or email to Cookie: lindac8@comcast.net by February deadline.

Please print THREE copies of the reference form (*don't forget to print your name on it*) then give it to three different people who know you well but who are not your family member and have them return this to Cookie by February deadline.

NOTE: Your application / Voyager registration is NOT complete until **ALL** of these documents (application, questionnaire, and three personal references) are received by February deadline.

Questions, email Cookie: lindac8@comcast.net

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Counselor-In-Training Applicant Reference

Applicant's Name: _____

Note to the person completing this form:

The person named above is applying for acceptance to the Camp Butano Creek Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program. Your assessment of the applicant will serve as valuable information to the Review Committee. The questions below are offered as a guide; we welcome your comments as an aide in determining the applicant's ability to benefit from and contribute to this program. Feel free to use the reverse side of this form.

Both the Review Committee and the applicant greatly appreciate the time and effort required of you to provide this information. The applicant will not be considered for admission until this recommendation is received. All information will be considered confidential.

Name of individual completing this form: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Phone: _____

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

2. Do you feel that the applicant is well prepared for participation in this program? Please explain in terms of your assessment of the applicant's motivation, maturity, and energy.

3. In your opinion does the applicant possess leadership potential? Please cite examples of the applicant's past performance that demonstrates this potential.

4. What other experience or personal characteristics does the applicant possess that could bear upon her performance in this program? Please provide any additional information that would aid in evaluating the applicant.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please email this form to: lindac8@comcast.net Subject: Voyagers and applicants name

Thank you

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Voyager Questionnaire

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please complete the following. You may use the back of this form if you need more space.

1. Describe your camping experience: family, friends, or Girl Scouting.

2. Describe any prior experience you have had in working with children: babysitting, family relationships or other teaching or training situations.

3. Describe any prior leadership or counseling activities in which you have been involved.

4. Mark any activity you can DO with an X, any activity you can TEACH with an XX, and any activity you would like to LEARN with an XXX.

___ crafts	___ nature	___ games
___ knot tying	___ fire building	___ drama
___ lanyards	___ menu planning	___ storytelling
___ hiking	___ camp cooking	___ songs
___ backpacking		

5. Do you currently carry a certification card for any of the following? Please include a copy

___ Standard First Aid	___ C.P.R.
___ Water Safety Instructor	___ Level II First Aid
___ Lifeguard Training	___ Other (list)

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Grade in Fall: _____ Birthdate: _____ Troop # (if applicable): _____

In your own words briefly explain your reasons for wishing to be in the Voyager Unit.

- I understand that the VOYAGER Unit is a counselor-in-training program.
- I understand that although I am a volunteer, my responsibilities in caring for campers are identical to those of paid counselors. I will perform my duties with a high degree of professionalism.
- I understand that my training will include a program of skills development and I will be expected to plan and lead various activities with younger campers.
- I agree to participate in all VOYAGER activities and to follow all camp rules.

Signature

Date