

# NECYSC Counselor Application 2014

## General Information

**Camp Location:** Regis College, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493-1571

**Age Requirement:** High School graduate or 18 years old (by August 2014)

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| <b>Timeline:</b> | February 1  | Applications due                 |
|                  | March 15-16 | Counselor interviews (tentative) |
|                  | August 1    | Counselor training               |
|                  | August 2    | Staff training                   |
|                  | August 3-9  | Camp session                     |

## Camp Overview

The New England Chinese Youth Summer Camp (NECYSC) started in 1987 and has been held at Regis College in Weston, MA over 25 years. NECYSC is a non-profit organization whose goal is to bring together youth interested in Chinese culture and foster a sense of community. We are looking for dedicated, responsible, and passionate Counselors to lead campers in daily activities. Counselors interact extensively, cooperatively, and creatively with each other, with CITs, and with other camp staff to hone their teaching, leading, and communication skills.

## Counselor Job Description

As a counselor, you will:

- **Lead a group in either the Day or Overnight program.** Day staff works with campers of ages 6-10 and overnight staff works with campers of ages 10-14. Along with two CITs, you will lead a group of around twenty campers through activities and classes as well as build a sense of community within the group. Day campers leave at 5pm and Overnight campers attend camp-wide activities during the night.
- **Plan an evening activity.** You will work with other counselors to coordinate, organize, and implement one of the evening activities for Overnight campers, which include the Carnival, CIT Dress-Up, Movie Night, Talent Show, and the Dance.
- **Train CITs.** You will hold a group meeting every night with your co-staff to review the day, prepare for the next, and give both compliments and criticisms. You will mentor your CITs help them improve their leadership abilities.
- **Develop leadership skills.** During camp, you'll have to think on your feet, take charge of tough situations, and mentor other staff members. As a role model to both campers and other staff, you'll have several opportunities to improve your leadership skills.

## Other

This is a paid position. Acceptance is contingent on a CORI/SORI check. Counselors must stay on campus all week.

**Questions?** Contact [headcounselors@necysc.org](mailto:headcounselors@necysc.org).

## Application

Please send an email to [director@necytc.org](mailto:director@necytc.org) and [headcounselors@necytc.org](mailto:headcounselors@necytc.org) with an attached PDF document containing the following information:

### **Applicant Information:** (please include in body of e-mail AND application)

Name  
Gender  
Home Address  
Current School  
Date of Birth  
Telephone (most easily reached)  
Personal E-mail  
Last six digits of social security number (for CORI/SORI check)

### **Please answer the following questions:**

1. What qualities make you a strong leader, and how do you embody these qualities?
2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. Counselors organize one or two 1-hour activities for Counselor Time. Previous Counselor Time activities have included tie-dyeing apparel, decorating picture frames, making ice cream, and doing a scavenger hunt. Plan a Counselor Time activity (specify the age group you have in mind).
4. What age group and program (Day/Overnight) would you prefer to work with and why?

#### **New Counselors**

5. What about this role will challenge you?
6. Would you be open to a CIT position (see note below)?

#### **Returning Counselors**

5. What is one challenge that you faced in previous years, and what did you learn from it? Think about any advice you would pass on to your CITs—what do you wish you had known your first year as a Counselor?

**Note:** The counselor selection process is highly selective due to the limited number of spots and the competitive applicant pool. If you are not accepted as a counselor, we may offer you a position as a CIT (open to all ages) if we believe you would benefit from the opportunity. We also encourage you to apply as a Residential Advisor for ExplorAsian, an NECYSC program for high school students. **You may apply for both the RA position and the counselor position.** If you are interested in being an RA for ExplorAsian, please email [explorasian@necytc.org](mailto:explorasian@necytc.org).

## **Please be prepared to schedule an interview on March 15 or 16 (tentatively).**

Based on your application, we will contact you if we would like to proceed with an interview. If contacted, the interview is required to be considered. Interviews will be conducted at the following address:

GBCCA  
437 Cherry Street  
West Newton, MA 02465