

Aquarium Summer Camp 2024

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Application

Thank you for your interest in Heal the Bay's Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Program, which will run simultaneously with our 2024 Summer Science Camp (June 24 – July 26) and an extra week of camp for Rowland Heights USD (July 29 - August 2). While at camp, CITs will experience and learn about marine life while executing some, but not all, responsibilities associated with camp counselor positions.

If you would like to participate as a CIT for Heal the Bay's 2024 Summer Science Camp, please read through and fill out this application in its entirety, and email to Robert Ramos at rramos@healthebay.org by May 31, 2024. This is a rolling acceptance opportunity.

Schedule: **2024 Summer Science Camp: Ocean Safari**

Week 1: **Open Ocean;** June 24 – June 28 (Grades K-2)

Week 2: **Frozen Ocean;** July 1 – July 3 (SHORT WEEK) (Grades 3-5)

Week 3: **Coral Reefs;** July 8 – July 12 (Grades 6-8)

Week 4: **Kelp Forests;** July 15 – July 19 (Grades K-2)

Week 5: **Deep Sea;** July 22 – July 26 (Grades 3-5)

Rowland Heights week: **Deep Sea;** July 29 – August 2 (Grades 3-5)

Eligible Candidates Are:

- High School-level students (14-18 years old)
- Interested in Education or Marine Science
- Interested in earning volunteer hours
- Preferably someone with experience working with children (not required)

CIT Expectations

1. Be committed to at least one week of camp, Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm.
2. Respect and respond to instructions from Education Manager, Education Associates, Summer Camp Counselor Interns and other staff involved with the Heal the Bay Aquarium.

3. Participate fully in all camp activities including crafts, experiments, games, lessons, beach exploration, and cleanups. As a leader, we expect you to engage and encourage campers at all times.
4. Act as a leader and take initiative to complete all daily tasks, including asking for support when needed.
5. Work with Camp Staff daily helping with set-up, clean-up, and maintaining a safe learning environment within our Aquarium.
6. Be a positive role model for younger campers by being respectful, using appropriate language and modeling good behaviors.
7. If you need to leave camp early for any reason, notify the Education Staff as soon as possible, ideally prior to the day of. If you are sick, please call in as soon as possible before your shift starts. If you have an emergency while working, notify the Education Staff immediately.
8. Socialization with other counselors should be limited to appropriate times, not during camp activities – text messaging or using a phone is not permitted during camp hours unless on a break or there is an emergency.
9. Attend a day-long training session with the Summer Camp team during the week of June 17-21, 2024, ideally on Monday, June 17, 2024.
10. Smile and have fun!

In order to be considered for participation in this program, potential CITs must answer the following questions:

1. **Why do you want to be a Counselor-In-Training (CIT) at our Aquarium Science Summer Camp?**

2. **Have you already participated as a CIT during a Summer Science Camp, or what experience do you have working with younger kids?**

3. What do you want to learn about or experience this year as a CIT?

4. What do you like most about working with kids and, what is the most challenging part?

5. What would you do in a scenario in which a camper has fallen and scraped their knee after an argument with another camper? They are crying and calling for their mother.

6. Are you interested in committing to one week or multiple weeks of camp?

Please select which week(s) of camp are you interested in committing to. (If interest in one week but flexible on dates, please list your most preferred week as #1 choice).

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Week 6: July 29 – August 2 (Grades 3-5) Rowland Heights USD camp week