



Dear Prospective CIT,

If you are in the tenth grade right now, then you are eligible to apply for the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program at Camp Alonim. This letter contains information about the program and the application process, so please read it carefully. CIT summer is an intensive eight-week program that will take place from June 21st–August 15th that will challenge you to be leaders in camp, engage you in contemporary Jewish issues and start you on the path toward being a staff member at Alonim. The program changes every year based on new staff and new objectives which means that we ask you to be open to these changes and to new ideas. CIT summer is an opportunity to carry on traditions, positively influence your peers as well as the young campers that look up to you, and to leave a long-lasting mark on Camp Alonim.

Following this letter, you will find out CIT application. Please follow the instructions on the application and return it to the camp office by **January 15, 2010**. You will also find a copy of the CIT contract. This contract states our policies and you should read it carefully before applying to be sure that you are prepared to comply with the terms stated therein. You will be asked to sign another copy of the contract upon acceptance to the program. There is no need to return the CIT contract at this time. **Please note that acceptance to the program is not guaranteed.** Acceptance will be based on the application process and your previous performance at camp if you were a camper last summer. It may be necessary for some applicants to have an interview with Aki Yonekawa, the Director of Leadership Programs before being accepted into the program. Interviews will take place in late January and early February and acceptances for everybody will be sent out in late February. Upon being accepted to the CIT program, participants will receive a packet with forms and information which should be returned as soon as possible.

Your CIT 2010 application is not complete and will not be reviewed without:

- Completed application
- Essay question responses
- References

The cost for the CIT program is **\$3650** for the entire eight-week summer. Financial aid is available and an application can be found on our website: www.alonim.com.

Spending a whole summer at camp as a CIT is a meaningful and memorable experience. I look forward to working with you to make the summer of 2010 as special as it can be. If you have any questions please contact me at ayonekawa@ajula.edu.

L'shalom,

Akiko Yonekawa
Assistant Director of Camp Alonim

CIT Contract and Program Policies

Please read through this contract carefully. This is the contract you will receive if you are accepted to the CIT program. There is no need to return this contract at this time.

The balance of the camp fee is due on or before June 1, 2010 in order to secure a CIT's reservation. There are no fee reductions for late arrival or early departure from camp. In the event of early departure for medical reasons or other special circumstances, a prorated refund will be issued after deducting an administrative fee of \$500. Our cancellation policy is as follows: The CIT program is fully refundable before March 1, 2010, except for a \$200 administrative fee. The cancellation fee between March 2 and April 30 is \$350, and on/after May 1 is \$500.

THE BALANCE OF THE CAMP FEE IS DUE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2010. Statements will be sent monthly via email. Camp Alonim **does not** keep credit card information on file. Credit card payments must be faxed or mailed on either our Credit Card Form (available on our website) or your statement. Payments **WILL NOT** be taken over the phone. **THE BALANCE OF THE CAMP FEE IS DUE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2010.** Payment must be postmarked by June 1, 2010. A \$50 late fee will automatically be applied to your account if your payment is not postmarked by June 1. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after June 1.

I understand that CITs will be removed immediately from the program if found possessing, using, distributing, or providing drugs, alcohol or related paraphernalia. Prescription and over-the-counter medication must be distributed only by the on-duty nurse. **A \$25 fee per medication will be charged with a maximum charge of \$100.** Prescription drugs not turned in are a violation of camp rules and this contract and may result in the CIT's removal from the program.

I understand that CITs will be removed immediately from the program if found possessing, using, distributing or providing cigarettes.

(I), (We), the undersigned parent of a minor, do hereby authorize the Director of Camp Alonim or an authorized representative, as agent(s) for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of any physician and surgeon licensed under, the provisions of the California Medical Practice Act and the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such examination, diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at such hospital. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific examination, diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, and is given to provide authority and power on the part of our above-named agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such examinations, diagnoses, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 69.10 of the Civil Code of California. (I), (We), hereby authorize any hospital which has provided treatment to the above-named minor pursuant to the provisions of Section 69.10 of the Civil Code of California to surrender physical custody of such minor to (my) (our) above-named agent(s) upon the completion of treatment. This authorization is given pursuant to section 1283 of the Health and Safety Code of California. These authorizations shall remain effective until December 31st of this year or the date the camper returns home.

I understand that my personal health and accident policies will serve as my child's primary coverage and the camp's insurance policies will be secondary to them. I authorize the camp to deal directly with my health insurance carrier. All health care requirements will be at the parent or guardians own expense. A copy of insurance settlements must be submitted with all claims for reimbursement

I understand that CITs are expected to respect community property as well as the property of others. A CIT who is found to have damaged the communal CIT area or any other area of camp will be charged for the repair or removal of the damage. Theft or the use/possession of stolen property may result in dismissal from the program.

I understand that CITs are expected to conduct themselves with the utmost honesty, integrity, enthusiasm, and respect for the Alonim community. Therefore, lying, cheating and deceitful behavior (e.g., absences without appropriate permission) are violations of program standards and may result in dismissal from the program.

I understand that CITs are expected to conduct themselves according to camp rules at all times during the program, including off-ground field trips. Failure to comply with camp rules as set forth by this agreement and by the camp staff prior to leaving camp for a field trip may result in a CIT's dismissal from the program.

I understand that sexual activity is forbidden at camp and is grounds for dismissal from the program. CITs may not be in the living area of the opposite gender without the express permission of their advisors.

I understand that the CIT program lasts for a full eight weeks. A CIT may not leave the premises unless there is an emergency, a session break, or a program-led field trip.

A request to miss any part of the program must be submitted in writing and approved by the director of Camp Alonim prior to June 1, 2010.

I understand that there is no refund if a CIT is dismissed from the program.

I authorize Camp Alonim and American Jewish University to take my child out of camp for a field trip or activity as part of the CIT program or in case of an emergency that necessitates being taken out of camp.

I understand that the CIT area is in a dry, desert terrain and as such candles, lighters, matches, and the like are strictly prohibited.

It is mutually understood that Camp Alonim and American Jewish University accept no responsibility for loss or damage to any CIT's property incurred during the session or while in transit. I take full responsibility for my son's/daughter's property.

I understand that the following items are inappropriate for camp and are prohibited:

- Refrigerators and all types of kitchen appliances
- Cell phones, video cameras, DVD players, electronic games

If any of these items are found in the CIT area they will be mailed back to the parent or guardian at the parent's or guardian's expense.

Packages containing food, candy, or beverages are not permitted. Any such items will be confiscated and not returned to CIT or sender. (Please share this information with relatives who might send such items).

Visitors are not permitted during the camp sessions. Parents, family members and friends may visit the camp on opening and closing days of the camp session only.

Camp Alonim and American Jewish University may use any photograph or likeness of my child in any published material related to American Jewish University.

At the end of each session, an address, phone, and email roster will be made available to the rest of the CITs. I agree to have my child's contact information included in this roster.

I understand that CITs are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for both the physical terrain of camp and for the status attained as a role model. A CIT may not wear clothing with vulgar or sexual depictions or clothing deemed sexually provocative (e.g., backless and sheer tops, bare midriffs, pants worn below the hips, extremely short shorts, etc.)

I understand that CITs are expected to speak and act in a mature and dignified manner: harassment (physical, verbal or emotional), profanities and sexually explicit language and behavior will result in disciplinary action.

I understand that Camp Alonim's philosophy is to enhance the Jewish cultural identity of its campers and as such participation in discussions, music and dance sessions, and other programs is of the utmost importance.

AJU and Camp Alonim have permission to email any member of my family, including my children.

Camp Alonim reserves the right, and signing the contract grants Camp Alonim the authority, to search any CIT's possessions if there is cause or any suspicion of violation of camp rules. Anything confiscated in a search will not be returned to the family.

I understand that a completed Health History form and Health Exam (completed by a physician) are required for my child's admission to camp.

I have reviewed and understand the Parent and Camper Handbook found at www.alonim.com under "Camper Forms" and I and my camper agree to the policies within it.

The camp reserves the right to dismiss a camper whose behavior or influence detracts from the camp community, and utilizes a "3 strikes" policy. Violation of behavioral guidelines on the part of my child will earn him/her strikes. Campers are dismissed after 3 strikes. Camp Alonim reserves the right to dismiss a child before earning 3 strikes in the event that his/her behavior is deemed too dangerous or contrary to the camp community, or the individual camper, to allow him/her to stay. In the event of dismissal for behavior, the entire camp fee is forfeited.



COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION



FULL NAME _____ Date of Birth _____ Age (June '10) _____ T-shirt size _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

HOME PHONE # _____ CAMPER CELL PHONE # _____

CAMPER E-MAIL _____ HIGH SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

SYNAGOGUE AFFILIATION _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE # _____ CELL PHONE# _____

PARENT E-MAIL _____ PARENT E-MAIL _____
(REQUIRED)

APPLICANT LIVES WITH: () Both Parents () Father () Mother () Other: _____
Relationship

IF YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE BRANDEIS-BARDIN INSTITUTE, PLEASE INDICATE:

WERE YOU A CAMPER AT CAMP ALONIM? _____ IF "YES", GIVE YEAR(S) _____

(Over)

ESSAY QUESTIONS

**ANSWER EACH QUESTION WITH AT LEAST ONE PARAGRAPH, BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE PAGE.
PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER.
(THESE RESPONSES MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN)**

- 1) DESCRIBE WHAT PERSONAL QUALITIES MAKE YOU A GOOD ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.
- 2) WHAT JEWISH EXPERIENCE HAS AFFECTED YOU THE MOST? HOW HAS IT AFFECTED YOU?
- 3) WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO GET OUT OF THE CIT EXPERIENCE?

REFERENCES: PLEASE LIST TWO INDIVIDUALS (e.g., TEACHER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR, RABBI, EMPLOYER, OR YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR) WE MAY CONTACT WHO ARE ABLE TO COMMENT ON YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND POTENTIAL.

1)	_____	_____
	Name	Position/Organization
	_____	_____
	E-mail address	Phone
2)	_____	_____
	Name	Position/Organization
	_____	_____
	E-mail address	Phone

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE COMPLETE:

- CIT application three essay questions two references

_____	_____	_____
Applicant's Signature	Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date

THE RULES OF THE BRANDEIS-BARDIN CAMPUS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR PROGRAMS ARE THE SAME FOR EVERYONE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

Please return completed application to Camp Alonim by **January 15, 2010.**
1101 Peppertree Lane
Brandeis, CA 93064
Attn: Aki