



Dear Prospective CIT of 2012,

Over the past 59 years, tens of thousands of “Alonimers” have called camp their “home away from home.” This warm feeling was made possible partly because, each summer, a group of Counselors-in-Training infused camp with their *ruach* while learning to care for the young people who, in turn, looked up to them as role models. Each summer’s CIT group carried on longstanding Alonim traditions and created new ones while they learned together, gave back to camp together, and created community together.

For the past 59 years, each Alonim summer was *another* group’s CIT experience. Summer 2012 is now *your* opportunity to join this remarkable legacy. We are delighted to invite you to apply for your CIT summer.

Spending a summer at Camp Alonim as a CIT is an especially meaningful and memorable experience. CITs are apprentices in various activities and receive training to inspire and care for campers. They work together to design and lead some of our most popular all-camp programs. In the educational component of this consequential program, CITs explore various topics of interest and learn what it means to be emerging leaders in the Jewish community. The CIT experience is well-known for forging lifelong friendships and being very fun.

**If you are currently in the tenth grade, you are eligible to apply for the CIT 2012 program.** The program will take place **June 18 – August 12, 2012**. If your school calendar conflicts with these dates (*e.g.*, if you attend an LAUSD school and your spring semester ends on June 22), you *are* eligible to apply to be a CIT, but you *must* tell us in writing *by the time your application is submitted* about the potential conflict.

Attached to this letter is the CIT 2012 application, as well as a copy of the CIT contract for you and your parents/guardians to review. You should read the contract carefully prior to applying so that you are sure you are prepared to comply with the policies we put in place to make the summer run successfully.

**Acceptance to the CIT program is not guaranteed.** Several factors will determine your acceptance, including your prior performance at camp (if applicable). It may be necessary for some applicants to be interviewed. Applications will be considered until the beginning of the summer, depending on space availability.

The tuition for the CIT program is **\$3,830** for the entire eight-week summer. Financial aid is available; an application can be found at [alonim.com](http://alonim.com). Note: Participants eligible to receive “One Happy Camper” grants for 2012 *are* able to apply their grants to CIT tuition.

Finally, do you know anyone who has never before been to Camp Alonim who you think might enjoy being a CIT? If so, please share this with them! There are countless “new-to-camp” CITs through the years who thrive and become integral members of the Alonim community.

We look forward to working with you to make the summer of 2012 as special as it can be. If you have any questions, please contact Eli Zevin at 877-2-ALONIM (877-225-6646) or [ezevin@ajula.edu](mailto:ezevin@ajula.edu).

L’Shalom,

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# COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATION

June 18 – August 12, 2012



FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age (June '12) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICANT'S CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S E-MAIL (Please write clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU OR YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS MEMBERS OF A SYNAGOGUE?  Yes  No

IF YES, WHICH ONE? \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

APPLICANT LIVES WITH:  Both Parents  Father  Mother  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

IF YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH PROGRAMS OF AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY (INCLUDING PROGRAMS OF WHAT FORMERLY WAS THE BRANDEIS-BARDIN INSTITUTE), PLEASE STATE:

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WERE YOU A CAMPER AT CAMP ALONIM?  Yes  No IF YES, WHICH YEAR(S)? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ATTENDED CAMP ALONIM DURING SUMMER 2011, WHICH SESSION(S) DID YOU ATTEND? \_\_\_\_\_

**(Over)**



## CIT Contract and Program Policies

**Please read through this contract carefully. This is a copy of the contract you will receive upon acceptance to the CIT program. Please do NOT return this copy of the contract.**

- I understand that because Camp Alonim's philosophy is to enhance the Jewish cultural identity of its campers, participation in discussions, music and dance sessions, and other programs is of the utmost importance.
- 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, 2012.**
- I understand that, upon acceptance to the CIT program, certain additional information and forms will be required, including a deposit. I understand that the balance of the camp fee is due on or before May 1, 2012 in order to secure a CIT's space in the program. There are no fee reductions for late arrival or early departure from camp. If a camper goes or is sent home for medical reasons, no refund will be made. Our cancellation policy is as follows: The CIT program is fully refundable before March 1, 2012, except for a \$200 administrative fee. The cancellation fee between March 2 and April 30 is \$350, and on/after May 1 is \$500. After June 1, no refunds for cancellations will be given.
- **I understand that there is no refund if a CIT is dismissed from the program.**
- I understand that all medication, including over-the-counter and prescription, must be taken to the health center at the beginning of the session to be checked in and then dispensed by the camp medical staff. Not turning in medication to the health center is a violation of camp rules 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 drugs, alcohol, or related paraphernalia.
- I understand that CITs will be removed immediately from the program if found possessing, using, distributing, or providing cigarettes, tobacco, or items that are illegal for minors to purchase or possess.
- 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 CITs are expected to respect communal 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, and may be dismissed from the program. 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, deceitful behavior, and/or absences from activities 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-site field trips. Failure to comply with camp rules as set forth in 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 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. I further authorize Camp Alonim and American Jewish University to take my child out of camp in case of an emergency that necessitates being taken out of camp.

- I understand 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 understand that the following items are inappropriate for camp and are prohibited:
  - Refrigerators and all types of kitchen appliances.
  - Computers, video cameras, DVD players, electronic games, iPads, and all types of E-Readers (Kindles, Nooks, etc.).
- I understand that packages containing food, candy, or beverages are not permitted. Please share this information with relatives who might send such items.
- We strongly discourage any dropping off of care packages at the front gate of the property. I understand that any packages dropped off at the camp's gate must be given directly to the gate guard, and not to my child. I further understand that CITs are not permitted to meet people at the camp's gate or to be unsupervised in the immediate vicinity of the camp's gate.
- **I understand that 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.
- I understand that the CIT area is a dry, desert-like terrain and candles, lighters, matches, and similar items are strictly prohibited.
- I understand that CITs are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for both the physical terrain of camp and for the status of being a role model for younger campers. A CIT may not wear clothing with vulgar or sexual depictions or clothing that could be deemed sexually provocative (e.g., backless and sheer tops, bare midriffs, pants worn below the hips, extremely short shorts, underwear that is visible through clothing, etc.).
- I understand that CITs are expected to speak and act in a mature and dignified manner, and that bullying, harassment (physical, verbal, or emotional), profanities, or sexually-explicit language and behavior will result in disciplinary action and may result in dismissal.
- I understand that 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.

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