



St. Vartan Camp
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)
Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

December 2016

Dear prospective St. Vartan Camp CIT:

You are receiving this application packet because you have either been a past camper/CIT or because you have heard about the magic of St. Vartan Camp and want to be part of it this summer. This is your invitation to apply for the Counselor-in-Training program, which is an integral part of the success of the St. Vartan Camp program. The CIT program is open to qualified young people 16 and 17 years old. CITs will participate in a Leadership Training program that includes both "on-the-job" training by working with staff and campers, as well as with daily leadership and team building classes.

Each summer, St. Vartan Camp returns home to the Ararat Youth and Conference Center in Greenville, NY. This summer, we will once again offer three two-week sessions. CITs must arrive at camp on a Saturday — a full day before the campers — in order to undergo a special orientation with directors, staff, and counselors. The dates for this summer's CIT program are: *Session A: June 24 – July 8; Session B: July 8 – July 22; and Session C: July 22 - August 5.*

Your application and clergy recommendation form are enclosed. Please take time to complete each section fully. Also, be sure to give the clergy recommendation form to your pastor as soon as possible so that he has sufficient time to submit it before the deadline. The clergy recommendation form should be sent directly from your pastor. All application materials, including the clergy recommendation form, must be postmarked by **MARCH 1**. We will inform you of our decision by April 1.

The CIT program has a limited amount of space for each session. The application process is a competitive one, and this year we are expecting a large number of applicants. Keep in mind that though your chances of being accepted will increase if your availability is flexible, you may not necessarily be accepted for your first-choice. Decisions are made based on the camp needs of each particular year.

We hope you will be part of the exciting ministry that awaits us all at St. Vartan Camp during the upcoming camp season! We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Morris

Director, Youth and Young Adult Ministries



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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Session A: Saturday, June 24 to Saturday, July 8, 2017

Session B: Saturday, July 8 to Saturday, July 22, 2017

Session C: Saturday, July 22 to Saturday, August 5, 2017

In order to qualify as a CIT, an applicant must:

- a) be *at least* 16 years of age by the first day of the session and *under* 18 years of age.
- b) complete this application form and return it, postmarked by **MARCH 1**.
- c) arrange for the submission of the attached clergy recommendation form to be completed and submitted by the applicant's pastor, postmarked by **MARCH 1**.
- d) be available to arrive at camp to take part in the CIT Orientation on **Saturday, June 24 (A); Saturday, July 8 (B); or Saturday, July 22 (C)**.
- e) pay a tuition of \$600.00. Submit a \$250.00 deposit with your application, the balance of \$350.00 will be due by **JUNE 1**. *A \$250.00 fee will be assessed for all cancellations after May 1.*

Please attach a recent photo of yourself.

Applicant Information

NAME: _____ AGE (at start of session): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PARISH (name and city): _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ SCHOOL GRADE (Fall 2017): _____ SUNDAY SCHOOL (grade completed): _____

Parent/Guardian Information

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ EMAIL: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

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WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Applicant Preferences

SHIRT SIZE (Adult sizes, please circle choice): S M L XL XXL

SESSION REQUEST (Please indicate your preference with a 1, 2 & 3): SESSION A _____ SESSION B _____ SESSION C _____

In the event your first choice is unavailable, would you be available to attend another session? Please circle: YES NO

Please explain: _____

Camp Experience (Armenian/non-Armenian)

Please use additional paper if needed.

Camp Attended	Dates	Status: Camper/CIT/Staff

Why are you applying to be a CIT at St. Vartan Camp this summer?

What contributions do you think you could bring to camp?

Please list all Church-related activities/experience: (Sunday School, ACYOA, altar server, choir, etc.):

Please list all extra-curricular activities (school-related, town-related, etc.):

Please list all of your hobbies, interests, and pursuits (even if you think they are not relevant to camp):

CIT ASSIGNMENTS

Rank your age group preference in order from 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th choice.

_____ Youngest Juniors (Ages 8, 9 & 10) _____ Oldest Juniors (Ages 11 & 12)

_____ Youngest Teens (Age 13) _____ Oldest Teens (Ages 14 & 15)

Please check off below all activities you would like to assist in this summer as a CIT.

Please note, as a CIT, you may be asked to participate in any of the following activities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian Language Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> IT, Computers, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Photos/Daily Blogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel (altar servers, choir, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Campfires/Storytelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative aide (camp office) | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Vartan Voice</i> (camp newsletter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool (<i>lifeguard certification</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports (specify areas of interest/
expertise): | |

Please check off below if you are certified and provide copies of certification with this application:

Babysitting: _____ CPR: _____ First Aid: _____ Water Safety/Lifeguarding: _____

I understand that I am an ambassador of St. Vartan Camp and the Armenian Church before, during, and after the summer camp season. I also understand that I am expected to both lead a Christian lifestyle and encourage campers to do the same. I will portray myself as an exemplary representative of St. Vartan Camp and the Armenian Church in all social realms including but not limited to: the internet (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) social functions where campers, their families, or other staff members may be in attendance (such as Sports Weekend), etc.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

*** APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1 ***

You will be notified of your acceptance no later than April 1.

Please send application and deposit of \$250.00 with checks made payable to *St. Vartan Camp* to:

Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Attn: St. Vartan Camp

Please direct all questions to Kathryn Ashbahian at KathrynA@armeniandiocese.org or (212) 686-0710 ex. 258



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Clergy Recommendation Form

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT: Please be sure to fill in your name and hand this application to your pastor.

*INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERGY: Please return this form to the address on the following page by **MARCH 1**. In the absence of a pastor, then a youth advisor or a parish council chairman may complete this form.*

PASTOR: _____ PARISH: _____

Your parishioner _____ is applying to be a CIT for St. Vartan Camp. As his/her pastor, please evaluate the applicant's past performance as well as potential for the position for which they are applying. The clergy reference is an important part of the application process and your thoughtful and frank comments will be appreciated. Your comments will be kept confidential.

To be completed by pastor:

Under each question, check the phrase that most accurately describes the applicant's habitual behavior. Please remember that it will be the truly exceptional person who ranks high in *all* categories.

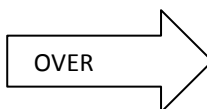
1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

2. In what areas has the applicant been involved in parish life?

- ◇ Sunday School
- ◇ ACYOA Juniors
- ◇ ACYOA Seniors
- ◇ Altar Server
- ◇ Choir
- ◇ Other: _____

3. How well is the applicant able to direct others?

- ◇ Poor leader; incapable of leading others
- ◇ Usually follows lead of others
- ◇ Normally successful in leading others
- ◇ Very successful in leading others
- ◇ Exceptional leader; inspires others along desirable lines of action



4. How well does the applicant work with others for the good of the group?
- ◇ Cooperates grudgingly; makes trouble – obstructionist
 - ◇ Gives limited cooperation; neglects common good
 - ◇ Cooperates with others toward accomplishment of common cause
 - ◇ Cooperates willingly and actively regardless of self-benefit; makes things go smoothly
 - ◇ Exceptionally successful in working with others and inspiring confidence
5. How does this applicant react to suggestions or criticisms of others?
- ◇ Takes criticism as a personal insult or resents suggestions
 - ◇ Listens to suggestions but may act without considering them
 - ◇ Follows suggestions willingly or asks for constructive feedback
6. How responsible is the applicant? Is he/she able to competently get things done independently?
- ◇ Irresponsible even under supervision
 - ◇ With constant supervision will do satisfactory work
 - ◇ Usually needs detailed direction with checks on work
 - ◇ Carries out activity on own responsibility
 - ◇ Exceptionally able to accomplish work without supervision
7. How spiritually mature is the applicant?
- ◇ Rarely expresses or exhibits spiritual maturity
 - ◇ Seems indifferent to spiritual growth
 - ◇ Actively engages in discussions; asks questions about his/her faith
 - ◇ Faith plays an integral part of his/her everyday life
8. How well does this applicant control his/her emotions?
- ◇ Easily depressed, irritated or elated
 - ◇ Tends to be over-emotional
 - ◇ Unresponsive; apathetic
 - ◇ Usually well-balanced
9. **Narrative Report - Please use an additional sheet of paper to share your thoughts on the following:**
- Explain why you feel this applicant is a worthy candidate.
 - List any concerns you may have that will help us ensure this candidate's success.
 - State whether or not you have any concerns about this applicant working with children and why.
 - Share any general thoughts or comments.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please send this form, **postmarked by MARCH 1**, by mail to:

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 630 Second Avenue
 New York, NY 10016
 Attn: St. Vartan Camp

Or fax it to: (212) 779-3558
 Or scan and email to: KathrynA@armeniandiocese.org