

Cheshire Parks and Recreation Department

Therapeutic Recreation 2017 Mentor Program

Application Procedure:

1. Email, mail, or drop off the application by May 5, 2017.
2. Applicants will be contacted by Barbara Costello to set up a brief interview to meet each other, go over mentor responsibilities and expectations. At this time please know which week you are able to volunteer.
3. You will be emailed a confirmation of your assignment.
4. Returning staff do not need to go through the interview process unless they'd like to meet with the Coordinator to go over it again.

Weeks & times of Camp:

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| 6/19-23 | 9a-1p |
| 6/26-30 | 12-3:30p |
| 7/10-14 | 12-3:30p |
| 7/17-21 | 12-3:30p |
| 7/24-28 | 12-3:30p |
| 7/31-8/4 | 12-3:30p |

What is a Mentor?

Mentors are a vital part of the Therapeutic Recreation Summer Camp program. It takes a lot of hands (and eyes) to ensure all the campers have a fun and safe camp experience. Mentors add enthusiasm and energy to activities while providing a peer-like support to campers. It is an excellent way to develop your leadership skills, confidence, and challenge yourself. Mentoring to an exciting way to earn volunteer hours and contribute to your community.

Requirements: Mentor must...

- ✓ *work one full week at camp*
- ✓ *enjoy being outdoors and participating in activities*
- ✓ *be a positive role model at all times*
- ✓ *follow camp rules*
- ✓ *speak to camp staff about any issue*
- ✓ *distinguish themselves as "staff" and not a camper*
- ✓ *responsible and mature*
- ✓ *able to swim and willing to go in the pond daily*

Dismissal:

The Parks and Recreation Department's staff reserves the right to contact a mentor's parent/guardian and to release any volunteer who does not fulfill their contract obligations and/or behaves in an inappropriate manner such as improper behavior causes danger to the children at camp.

Thank you for considering mentoring. If you have any further questions please contact me.

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CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION-THERAPEUTIC RECREATION
MENTORING APPLICATION FOR SUMMER 2017

Name: _____ Grade entering in the Fall: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Your Cell Phone: _____

T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL email: _____

Are you a returning mentor? Y N

Help me get to know you:

Have you had any experiences with people with special needs? N Y (if yes, please describe)

Please explain why you're interested in volunteering at TR Camp: _____

Do you know what career you're interested in, if so what would that be and why?

What strengths would you bring to camp? _____

What are some of your hobbies? _____

What is one thing you tried new this year and did you like it? _____

Please list any other camps you attended: _____

If yes, what was the best and worst thing about camp? _____

By signing the below and submitting this application, I certify that I have completed this application myself, answering the questions in my own words and that all the information is true.

Applicants Signature: _____ *Date:* _____