



## Therapeutic Recreation Mentoring Application

### Application Procedure:

1. Fill out the Mentoring Application
2. Return by **April 10, 2020 at 4pm**
3. New applicants will be contacted for a brief interview and overview of responsibilities
4. Returning mentoring need to contact [bcostello@cheshirect.org](mailto:bcostello@cheshirect.org) to confirm
  - a. If they are allowed to volunteer again
  - b. Provide the exact week they are able to volunteer

### What does a TR Mentor do:

TR mentors support campers with special need to participate as fully as possible in camp activities. They motivate, assist, and play alongside the campers. Mentors aid campers in simple ways such as organizing lunch, initiating games, playing in the pool with them, keeping an eye on campers on the playground, etc. They will always have staff in the area to support them. Mentors must be comfortable speaking to adults and asking for their help/support. A statement of hours volunteered will be emailed early Sept.

### Requirements: A mentor must:

- ✓ Be available to volunteer one full week 11:45a-3:30pm for the assigned week
- ✓ Enjoy being outdoors and working with children
- ✓ Entering grade 8 or up in the fall
- ✓ Be a positive role model, have positive attitude, and enthusiastic
- ✓ Be able to give direction to campers in a constructive manner
- ✓ Be able to take directions
- ✓ Be able to take constructive criticism without getting offended
- ✓ Be able to swim in 4' of water
- ✓ Be able to work with adult staff members in addition to the children

### Dismissal:

The Parks and Recreation Department's staff reserves the right to contact a Mentor's parent/guardian and to release any mentor who does not fulfill their contract obligations and/or behaves in an inappropriate manner. Mentors who do not exhibit the above skills, act inappropriately, or unsafe while at camp will be asked not to return.

### Please return forms to:

Barbara Costello, TRS  
Cheshire Parks and Recreation  
559 South Main St., CT 06410  
[bcostello@cheshirect.org](mailto:bcostello@cheshirect.org) or 203 887 0534

**Cheshire Parks and Recreation-Therapeutic Recreation Mentoring Application**  
**for Summer 2020**

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)*

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*Please explain why you're interested in volunteering at TR Camp:* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*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?* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please list any other camps you attended:* \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, what was the best and worst thing about camp?* \_\_\_\_\_

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Which week would you like to volunteer?

\_\_\_ **6/29-7/3** 11:45-3:30pm                      \_\_\_ **7/20-24** 11:45-3:30pm

\_\_\_ **7/6-10** 11:45-3:30pm                        \_\_\_ **7/27-7/31** 11:45-3:30pm

\_\_\_ **7/13-17** 11:45-3:30pm                      \_\_\_ **8/3-7** 11:45-3:30pm

*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:* \_\_\_\_\_