

2012 NECYSC CAMP INFORMATION

General Information

- Camp Location:** Regis College, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493-1571
Please see www.necyisc.org for latest camp information.
- Camp Dates:** Day Program (8:15AM-5:30PM) – Monday, August 6, 2012 to Friday, August 10, 2012
Overnight Program – Sunday, August 5, 2012 to Saturday, August 11, 2012
CIT Program – Saturday, August 4, 2012 to Saturday, August 11, 2012
ExplorAsian Program – Sunday, August 5, 2012 to Saturday, August 11, 2012
- Ages:** Day Program – 6 to 10 years old
(As of the 1st day of the camp) Overnight Program – 10 to 14 years old
CIT Program – grade 11th – 12th
ExplorAsian Program – grade 9th – 12th
- Application Deadline and Priority:** February 14th: Priority consideration deadline for returning campers (attended NECYSC in 2010 or 2011)
February 15th: CIT Program application deadline
April 1st: Day/Overnight/ExplorAsian Program application deadline
Acceptance is based on a first come first served basis by postmark date (not online application time) of mail-in check and all other required application materials. Due to space and resource limitations we may not be able to accept all applications and we may adjust our acceptance and placement guidelines as necessary.
- Camp Fees:** Day Program \$390
Overnight Program \$695
CIT Program \$395
ExplorAsian Program \$710
Financial aid is available for qualified campers. Please see www.necyisc.org/financial_aid/ for details.
- Refund:** There will be a \$50 non-refundable handling fee charged (per camper) for withdrawal before May 1st. No refunds will be made after May 1st. There is a \$25 fee for changing programs (space permitting) after May 1st.
- Parent On Duty (POD):** One shift is required for EACH Overnight camper. If your family has 2 campers, you need to complete 2 POD shifts, etc. ExplorAsian program requires a POD shift for EACH camper as well. See Parent Information section for details.
- Application Processes:**
1. Apply online at www.necyisc.org/application/. Online application will open on **February 1st**. If you have received a security code in the U.S. mail, you will be able to retrieve and update your personal information from our records. Otherwise, apply as a new camper. After you complete and submit the application online, you will receive a confirmation number. Write a separate check for each camper and include the camper's name (and confirmation number if applying online). ***Please make check payable to NECYSC and mail to the address below. The check mail-in postmark date with completed online application will determine your application priority.***
 2. You may also download the application forms from www.necyisc.org/download.html and submit the paper copy of application form. Please include \$20 non-refundable processing fee if you don't apply online. We will email your confirmation number after we process your application.
 3. CIT applicants will need to provide supplemental information via email before the application deadline. CIT applicants will also go through a competitive interview process in February or March. Acceptance is contingent upon satisfactory CORI/SORI check.
 4. You may check your application status online at www.necyisc.org/status/ with your security code.
 5. We will email out the acceptance letter around **April 15th** if we have received your application by **April 1st** application deadline, so make sure your email address is correct. After the deadline, please check www.necyisc.org or email registration@necyisc.org for space availability. Acceptance after the deadline is based upon space availability.
 6. Accepted camper is required to submit Health Form A, Health Form B (or Health provider's standard form with immunization record dated within 1 year of camp week), Camp Rule/Liability/Photo Release Form, and Field Trip Permission Slip by **June 1st**. These forms will be available before April 15th at www.necyisc.org/download.html.
 7. We will email the final camp information package to accepted campers around **June 15th**.

Mail all forms and check payable to:

NECYSC, 11 Sherburn Circle, Weston, MA 02493

Important! **New Changes for NECYSC 2012**

Campers will need to bring their own pillows, blankets and sheets since Regis will no longer supply these. CIT application deadline is February 15th. Return Camper priority consideration deadline is February 14th. To maintain the same tuition during these difficult economic times, we ask PODs to eat prior to reporting for duty due to a significant increase in Regis guest meal prices. The Day Program will publish voluntary carpool contact information. Late pick-up from Day Camp will incur a fee of \$1 per minute past the normal pick-up time. NECYSC uses eco-friendly online applications. Paper applications are charged a \$20 processing fee.

ExplorAsian camp is on the same week as the overnight camp.

Mission Statement

The New England Chinese Youth Summer Camp (NECYSC) started in 1987 and has been held at Regis College in Weston, MA for over twenty five years. NECYSC is part of Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association, a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization operated by volunteers. NECYSC's mission is to create and foster community involvement among our youths interested in Chinese arts and culture.

Day Program (ages 6-10)

8:15 AM – 5:30 PM

The camp atmosphere provides a great opportunity to make new friends and keep in touch with old ones. We provide cultural enrichment to campers that fulfill a sense of community and individual identity. Teachers from Taiwan and locally will present interactive, hands-on workshops in martial arts, Chinese dancing, arts and crafts, and Chinese painting. Each camper is assigned to a group led by counselors and CITs with whom they spend the entire day.

Overnight Program (ages 10-14)

Sun. through Sat.

This is an overnight program that provides a great opportunity to make new friends and keep in touch with old ones. We provide cultural enrichment to campers that fulfill a sense of community and individual identity. Teachers from Taiwan and locally will present interactive, hands-on workshops in martial arts, Chinese dancing, arts and crafts, and Chinese painting. Each camper is assigned to a group led by counselors and CITs with whom they spend the entire day. Additional evening activities will include a talent show, an outdoor BBQ, dance, movie night, and a carnival.

ExplorAsian Program (grade 9th-12th)

Sun. through Sat.

This week-long summer program aims to provide a warm and fun environment for high school students to explore their Asian American identity and develop their voices and leadership skills through project-based learning. A broad range of class topics are chosen to develop campers' leadership skills, identity discovery, understanding of social justice, and professional readiness. Campers will further explore these topics in team settings to accomplish a project using various technologies. Campers will also have a chance to participate in team sports and games, take classes in cooking, arts and crafts, and other more 'traditional' camp activities. There will also be various workshops where campers can learn more about various aspects of Asian heritage. For more information, please e-mail questions to: explorasian@necytc.org

Counselor in Training (CIT) Program (grade 11th-12th)

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program provides the opportunity for responsible teens to gain valuable leadership skills. CITs are assigned to a group led by one or two counselors. These trainees will acquire new experiences under the guidance of their counselors. Through interaction with younger campers, counselors, teachers, and staff in the planning of daily and evening activities, CITs will learn how a camp functions from the point of view as an active junior leader. After completing the CIT program, they can apply as Counselors. CITs are not paid, but are expected to cover the cost of room and board for the week. CIT applicants will go through a competitive interview process. Acceptance is contingent upon a satisfactory CORI/SORI check. For more information, contact assistantDirector@necytc.org

Parents Information

- Full payment by check is required to complete the application. Your check will be deposited when the application is accepted. If capacity is reached, we will place your application on the waiting list automatically.
- **Parents on Duty (POD)** - For the safety of your children, we require parents of Overnight and ExplorAsian campers to be on duty during camp week. One shift is required for EACH Overnight camper. If your family has 2 campers, you need to complete 2 POD shifts, etc. ExplorAsian program requires a POD shift for EACH camper as well. POD is optional for the Day Program, although we encourage parents to help out – please email registration@necytc.org
 - For the **Overnight and ExplorAsian Program**, you will be asked to be on campus for one of four shifts: morning, afternoon, evening or overnight on one day during camp week. Please fill in your preference on your application form. We try our best to accommodate your preferences but we cannot guarantee them, as manpower needs vary from shift to shift. Assignments are scheduled by clicking the following link <http://www.necytc.org/PODScheduler/> (after June 1) and providing the camper's security code and birthdate. We ask PODs to eat prior to reporting for duty.
 - **Substitute/No Show Fees:** You may elect to pay \$200 substitute fee in lieu of serving your assigned shift. If you do not pay the substitute fee and you do not report for your assigned shift, there will be a \$250 no-show fee assessed and the family may be denied return camper privileges for subsequent years.
- For other inquiries or more information see: www.necytc.org/ or e-mail: registration@necytc.org if you have further questions.

Financial Aid

We try our best to make our program affordable for everyone. Financial Aid is available based solely on need. Please see guidelines at www.necytc.org/financial_aid. If you do not fall under the limits, but feel you could use financial aid, we encourage you to apply and discuss your case. The financial aid application is strictly confidential. Financial aid is processed separately and is awarded only after program acceptance. However, please state that you are applying for financial aid when completing the camper/CIT application form and submit a check for 50% of the program cost with your application.