

NECYSC Counselor Application 2021

General Information

Camp Location:	Regis College, 235 Wellesley St., Weston, MA 02493
Age Requirement:	High School graduate or 18 years old (by August 2021)
Timeline:	
February 1st	Counselor Online registration starts
February 7th	Google Form Applications due at 11:59pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must include Supplemental Questions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upon <i>acceptance</i> into the Counselor program, individuals must submit within 2 weeks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health Forms within 13 months of camp ○ CORI Form (if older than 18 y/o during camp) ○ SORI Form (if older than 18 y/o during camp) ○ Photo ID ○ Medical release forms as needed.
March 6-7th (Sat.-Sun.)	Counselor interviews
July 30st (Fri.)	Counselor training
July 31st (Sat.)	All Staff training
August 1st-August 7th	Camp Week

Camp Overview

The New England Chinese Youth Summer Camp (NECYSC) started in 1986. NECYSC is a non-profit organization whose goal is to bring together youth interested in Chinese culture and foster a sense of community. We are looking for dedicated, responsible, and passionate Counselors to lead campers in daily activities. Counselors interact extensively, cooperatively, and creatively with each other, CITs, and other camp staff to hone their teaching, leading, and communication skills.

Counselor Job Description

As a counselor, you will:

- **Lead a group in either the Day or Overnight program.** Day staff works with campers of ages 6-10 and overnight staff works with campers of ages 10-14. Along with two CITs, you will lead a group of around fifteen campers through activities and classes as well as build a sense of community within the group. Day campers leave at 5:30 pm and Overnight campers attend camp-wide activities during the night.
- **Plan an evening activity.** You will work with other counselors to coordinate, organize, and implement one of the evening activities for Overnight campers, which include the Carnival, CIT Dress-Up, Movie Night, Talent Show, and the Dance.

- **Train CITs.** You will hold a group meeting every night with your co-staff to review the day, prepare for the next, and give both compliments and criticisms. You will mentor your CITs and help them improve their leadership abilities.
- **Develop leadership skills.** During camp, you'll have to think on your feet, take charge of tough situations, and mentor other staff members. As a role model to both campers and other staff, you'll have several opportunities to improve your leadership skills.
- **Form valuable relationships.** You will not only interact with campers and other staff members, but you will communicate with teachers, TAs, parents, Regis College staff, and many others.

Notice

*Due to the global pandemic, there is a possibility that NECYSC will be unable to host an in-person camp for summer 2021. The information and details provided are applicable under the assumption that NECYSC will host an in-person camp. **All information is subject to change in the event that NECYSC is unable to host an in-person camp.** Please reach out to the Head Counselor team with any questions.*

Other

This is a paid position. Acceptance is contingent on a CORI/SORI check. Counselors must stay on campus all week.

Questions? Contact headcounselors@necy.org.

Application (due Sun. February 7th)

Please enter your applicant information and answer the following questions in [this form](#).

Applicant Information:

Name
Preferred pronouns
Home Address
Current School (and year of graduation)
Date of Birth
Telephone (most easily reached)
Personal E-mail
Last six digits of social security number (for CORI/SORI check)

Please answer the following questions:

1. What qualities make you a strong leader, and how do you embody these qualities?
2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. Counselors organize one or two 1-hour activities for Counselor Time. Previous Counselor Time activities have included tie-dyeing apparel, decorating picture frames, making ice cream, and doing a scavenger hunt. Plan a Counselor Time activity, specifying the age group you have in mind.
4. What age group and program (Day/Overnight) would you prefer to work with and why?

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5. What about this role will challenge you?
6. What suggestions do you have for camp if it goes virtual for summer 2021?

Returning Counselors

5. What is one challenge that you faced in previous years, and what did you learn from it? Think about any advice you would pass on to your CITs—what do you wish you had known your first year as a Counselor?
6. If camp 2021 were to be online, suggest some changes from 2020: how can virtual camp improve?

Note: The counselor selection process is highly selective due to the limited number of spots and the competitive applicant pool. We also encourage you to apply as a Residential Advisor for ExplorAsian, an NECYSC program for high school students. You may apply for both the RA position and the counselor position. If you are interested in being an RA for ExplorAsian, please email explorasian@necyssc.org.

Please be prepared to schedule an interview on March 6-7th (Sat./Sun.).

Based on your application, we will contact you if we would like to proceed with an interview. If contacted, the interview is required to be considered. Interviews will be conducted online.

Have you submitted everything?

- ✓ Applicant information and responses to supplemental questions as detailed above, submitted in the google form.
- ✓ Counselor/CIT/Camper Online Registration completed online at www.necyssc.org (opens February 1st)
- ✓ Upon acceptance to the Counselor program, within two weeks, mail forms to NECYSC's PO Box (forms and PO Box address will be published on www.necyssc.org on Feb 1st):
 - Health Form B (required) [Health Form B can be substituted with a physical or documents containing the same information but signed by healthcare providers]
 - Medication Permission Slip (*optional*),
 - CORI/SORI (required if over 18)
 - Photo ID

Note: You may check your online registration status at www.necyssc.org/status/.