



# CILT II Application Information

## Welcome

Thank you for considering applying for CILT II. This information sheet will provide you with important information to ensure you make an informed decision and submit a thorough application package.

## Program Overview

Our CILT II program is a leadership course that will teach you to work with kids in a Christian camp setting. Building on the more general leadership skills from CILT I, CILT II focuses specifically on teaching the skills that will make you a great leader within the camp setting. Here are some of the areas of focus in CILT II:

- Personal growth — developing a sense of self
- Understanding and navigating group dynamics
- Learning to be part of supportive community
- Communication skills — active listening and giving feedback
- Understanding the inclusion program
- Open-ended spiritual discussion
- Conflict resolution techniques
- Risk Management
- Counseling techniques for working with campers
- Facilitating spiritual discussions
- Dealing with child abuse and disclosures
- Session leading for cabins
- Outtripping skills

## Volunteer Practicum

If you are serious about pursuing your role as a counselor at Silver Lake, we strongly suggest that you apply for a 2-week practicum session. During this time, you will get a chance to put your skills into practice while serving as a counselor in a camper cabin. You will get a chance to work alongside experienced staff members who will mentor you and guide you in the day-to-day challenge of working with campers. Please note, we are not able to offer practicum to all applicants.

## Application Process

Only the most highly motivated and dedicated applicants should apply for CILT II. Acceptance for the **CILT II Program** will be based in part on your performance during CILT I as well as your written application. Acceptance for the **Volunteer Practicum** will be based on your performance in CILT I, your written application, your completed reference forms, an up-to-date police check and an in-person or phone interview (if necessary). To ensure a fair and timely process, applications must be received by **December 1, 2016**.

## Application Checklist

1. **CILT II Session Application** – Please fill in completely and return to the Camp office. If you decide that you would like to apply for just the CILT II Session and not the Volunteer Practicum then this is the only form you need to fill out. Session Application can be found here – [www.slmc.ca/camp](http://www.slmc.ca/camp)
2. **Volunteer Practicum Application** – If you wish to apply for a volunteer practicum, you must also plan to attend a CILT II session. Please fill out the form completely and return to the Camp office. Volunteer Practicum Application can be found here – [www.slmc.ca/camp](http://www.slmc.ca/camp)
3. **Reference Forms** – As part of your **Volunteer Practicum Application** these forms should be distributed (along with envelopes stamped and addressed to camp) to two adults (over 21) who know you and can comment on a) your work history with children b) your faith journey and how it is reflected in your life. You will want to distribute these early so that people have time to fill them in and return them. Forms must be received at the camp office by December 1, 2016. Reference Forms can be found here – [www.slmc.ca/camp](http://www.slmc.ca/camp)
4. **Criminal Records Check** – If you are applying for a volunteer practicum, you must submit a police check. There are many different types of police checks available – we require a Criminal Records Check at minimum. Many police departments will provide you with a discount if you are working / volunteering for a non-profit, charitable organization so we encourage you to use the attached letter when applying. We understand the process of obtaining a Criminal Records Check can take a while, so please attached proof you have started the process (the actual document can be submitted at a later date).

**All applications are due by December 1, 2016**



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To Whom it May Concern,

As a children's summer camp, accredited by the Ontario Camps Association, we require all volunteers to obtain a Criminal Records Check to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. It is our understanding that the applicant wishes to volunteer within our organization and, in doing so, requires a background check.

Background Check Required:

- Vulnerable Sector Verification (VSV)
- Firearms Interest Police Query (FIP)
- Criminal Police Information Centre (CPIC)
- General Criminal Records Check

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Karen Cornies, Executive Director

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