

Teen mentorship program

This program will be held at Centre Greene from June 22nd 2009 to August 21st 2009. This is a pilot project for a mentorship program that could be offered on an ongoing basis through the year.

Through the 8-weeks participants would acquire life skills as well as many employability skills. Participants will gain experience within the centre as they would be working part time as a Counsellor in Training, helping out with the summer day camp. In addition to this workshops will be provided offering a wide range of topics and skills, which will target the interest and abilities of the youth. Several workshops have been identified, and others will be added based on the interests and abilities of the youth.

The following list is proposed workshops and topics for the summer:

- Participants would also help out with the summer camp program under the supervision of the summer camp director and the teen mentorship coordinator. This would allow them to experience being a summer camp counsellor
- In cooperation with McGill's "The Flat bike collective" participants will attend weekly sessions where they will learn the skills necessary and entirely rebuild a bicycle, which they can keep after the summer!
- Learn about creating a basic resume, what to expect in a job interview, participate in a mock interview, how to look for jobs, and what expectations employers may have of them.
- Construction project
- Cooking, menu planning, sewing, other home life skills, home maintenance (What to do if...)
- Theatre and talent, stage management
- Childcare skills
- Gardening
- Babysitting and first aid courses
- Outdoor survival skills
- Job shadowing (teaching, others?)
- Computer skills, basic graphic design, web design basics, photography
- Student and citizen rights
- Movie making, stop motion animation

Potential participants are being interviewed and asked what types of workshops are of interest to them. This will allow us to plan a program consistent with the interests and abilities of the youth involved.

At the end of the summer this program will be evaluated from the perspective of the participants, the teen mentorship coordinator(s) and the summer camp director. This will allow us to determine development of the skills and abilities of the participants, and determine the overall success of the program.

Potential participants are invited to apply to the program with the form on the following page.

Centre Greene Counselor in Training and Life Skills program application

First name: _____ Family name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ School / grade _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Why would you like to be part of the Centre Greene CIT program this summer?

What would you like to learn in the CIT program this summer?

Can you tell us a bit about your achievements, and any work history, and anything else that may help us chose you for the CIT program this summer?

What would be your biggest personal challenge this summer?

Your application will be reviewed by the camp Director, and you may be contacted for a short interview to determine your eligibility for the program. Please understand spaces are limited, and not all applicants can be offered a placement this summer.

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For successful applicants we will need parental permission for your participation in the Centre Greene Counselor in Training and Life Skills (CIT) program. Please have a parent or guardian fill out this form and return it to Wesley McCoy at Centre Greene. Thank you.

I, _____ hereby give permission for my son / daughter
_____ to participate in the Centre Greene Counselor in Training
and Life Skills program for the summer of 2009.

I understand that in order for this program to be successful my child must attend on a daily basis unless otherwise discussed with the Camp Director, Wesley McCoy. My child will be present at Centre Greene from 9am to 4pm during camp days, taking place between June 22nd and August 21st.

I also understand that this program involves workshops and visits outside of Centre Greene that will require traveling with the Youth Mentors and the summer camp groups. All travel and activities are paid for by Centre Greene, but I consent for my son / daughter to travel and take part in these activities.

There is no charge for participation in the Centre Greene Counselor in Training and Life Skills program. It is understood that participants in this program are expected to model appropriate behaviour for our younger campers, and to act in accordance with Centre Greene's policies governing dress, behaviour and participation, and to arrive on time in the mornings. If participant's behaviours are not within the policies, we may have no choice but to dismiss them from the program.

CIT applicant's name(please print): _____

CIT applicant's signature: _____

Parent's name (please print): _____

Parent's signature: _____