



CISV Seminar Camp

Seminar Camp is geared towards youth aged 17-19 years of age. It is an educational activity that brings together a group of young people from different cultural backgrounds and gives them a chance to shed the fixed roles of their daily life and to discover new possibilities for themselves. Camps usually take place in July or August, with some being held in December and January. A seminar camp lasts 21 days with around 20-30 participants and four adult facilitators.

A Seminar Camp is an educational activity, a learning experience different from what the participants know from their lives at home. The program uses a very strong group situation for its methods, so it is not important which country the camp takes place.

The aims of the program are:

To create a special environment which:

- Helps the participants discover and formulate their own opinions about international and intercultural problems by exposing them to the ideas of young people from other nations and cultures. Different nations and cultures look differently on the same things. It is an important part of a Seminar Camp to work out these differences through discussions and activities which make the differences easier to understand through creative means such as drama, games, arts and crafts and music. It is not teaching to, but learning from each other.
- Provides a group living experience in which young people examine their own motives, gain insights into their own behavior and that of others, and appreciate the responsibilities involved in group living. Everybody shares the responsibility for the camp, including practical things like planning the daily program, menu planning, cooking and cleaning.
- Teaches the participants to accept conflict as a part of daily life, and gives practice in recognizing and dealing with the conflicts in a positive manner. In every situation where people are together, different opinions and interests may create conflict. In a Seminar Camp everybody works towards understanding and accepting that conflict is an important part of the learning process. Solving a problem with a group can be a valuable and intense learning experience.
- To stimulate youth to take an interest in the world as a whole, and to foster a sense of responsibility for its preservation. By getting to know people from other countries and discussing different points of view with them, participants can learn to see beyond the limits of national interests. All the countries of the world are inextricably linked in some way, and first-hand information from inhabitants of another country can have a much stronger impact than a newspaper article or other secondary sources of information.
- To provide youth with a forum for exploring their own potential, and to encourage active involvement in the shaping of their own lives. Meeting others in the same situation can help participants to discover that there are many possibilities and perspectives.

- To give participants an opportunity to learn something about other international organizations in which they might work towards our common goals. As an educational organization CISV encourages all participants to use their experiences and individual skills and talents for the benefit of other like-minded organizations as well.

What we do in a Seminar Camp?

The principle idea of a Seminar Camp is that everybody in the camp is responsible for planning, conducting and evaluating the program. This may consist of many different things depending on the interests and goals of the participants.

The staff, who are trained adult leaders are there to support the participants and to offer their experience and guidance to them. The program is usually a good combination of funny and serious, creative, physical and leisure activities.

The participants are encouraged to plan activities or research possibilities for activities before arriving at the camp. Excursions and shopping are usually arranged by the hosting CISV chapter, but are not a primary focus of the camp.





**CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VILLAGES, INC.
United States of America**

All CISV Applicants and Families

By now, you should have received a brochure or watched a videotape, which provides a summary of the program and philosophy of CISV. Simply put, CISV is an organization that believes a more peaceful world is possible if we provide children and young people opportunities to develop close friendships with people from different cultures. We offer informal learning experiences that can forever change you child's view of the world and its people.

CISV is a community based volunteer organization. Throughout the world, local volunteers help to recruit and select delegates, train and prepare adult leaders, host Villages, Seminar Camps and Summer Camps, conduct Local Work programs and raise funds for the work of CISV. Compared with traditional summer camps and other international exchange programs, the cost to participate in CISV is kept remarkably low. This is possible only because of the personal commitment of time and talent by local volunteers. Families who participate in CISV are encouraged to volunteer to assist us in making this program available to others in our community. Every two to three years, CISV Springfield hosts an International Village right here in the Springfield area. This is an undertaking that requires many volunteers. We look forward to the participation of your entire family in the CISV program

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the enclosed application that consists of:

- CISV Springfield Membership form
- Youth Delegate Application form
- Seminar Camp Information Form
- 1 Reference Form

Applications must be sent to:

**CISV Springfield – Attn: Selection
P.O. BOX 1106
East Longmeadow, MA 01028**

All applicants must be members of the CISV Springfield. A membership application is included in the application packet. If you do not receive confirmation that your application was received within one week please email: selection@cisvspringfield.org or president@cisvspringfield.org

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM COST?

The Seminar Camp participants all pay a participation fee. The most up-to-date fee schedule is online at: http://cisvspringfield.org/supportingpages/program_fees.htm This fee covers all expenses paid to CISV National and International. In addition to this fee, each J.C. delegate is responsible for the cost of travel to the program site. CISV Springfield will arrange travel plans.

HOW ARE THE DELEGATES SELECTED?

All CISV delegates and leaders are chosen without regard to race, religion or economic status. The selection process may include both interviews and observations of the applicants during an organized "Selection Day". A selection committee made up of CISV volunteers is responsible for selection of delegates and leaders. Applicants will receive more information about selection dates and times as plans are finalized.

DO YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Do not hesitate to ask! You can talk with the families of previous delegations by contacting the local Chapter President, by E-mail: president@cisvspringfield.org

I have no criminal convictions or history of mental illness, emotional counseling, violent behavior, alcohol / drug abuse, prejudice, etc that would disqualify me from participating in CISV's international peace education and cross-cultural programs.

Tick the box if you agree with your personal information being distributed within CISV for the purpose of communication only

I have received / reviewed copies of CISV guidelines regarding privacy, discrimination, selection and behavior, in addition to financial information and specific program or activity descriptions, which outline my relevant duties / obligations and potential sanctions for their violation. I agree to meet CISV's conditions / guidelines as outlined in this material regarding my participation and membership and to provide accurate, current information in my CISV Health and Legal Forms.

My signature confirms that all information provided to CISV is a true record and that I have withheld no information.

Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____
Applicant day month year

Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____
Parent / Guardian of Applicant day month year

Parental signature is required by CISV International rules even if Applicant is of legal age.

Applications for all delegates are due Feb 1st .

Applicant: **Please give the following pages to the referee with a pre-addresses envelope to:**
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An independent, non-political volunteer organization
promoting peace education and cross-cultural friendship

Youth Delegate Application Form

Parents:

Electronic Communication/Publication Restrictions
(permission assumed unless noted below)
(No personal information will be distributed unless your child is
selected as a participant.)

- Check the box if you do not want your child's communication information distributed locally within CISV by mail.
- Check the box if you do not want your child's communication information published on an official CISV website.
- Check the box if you do not want your child's photo/image published by CISV in official publications or websites.

Applicant's First Name

Last Name

Nickname

Sex

Program applying for

Social Security Number

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Passport Number

Applicant's E-mail Address

Birthdate

Age

School Principal's Name

M

M

D

D

Y

Y

Grade Level

Name of School

Language Ability: Indicate speaking, reading, listening with understanding

Language _____

Fluent

Good

Fair

Language _____

Fluent

Good

Fair

What are your interests and hobbies? _____

What are your activities outside of school? _____

What is your CISV background? _____

How did you learn about CISV? _____

Parent or Guardian Information

Mother's/Guardian's Name _____

Occupation _____

Business Name and Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home Address and Phone: _____

(If different from that of youth applicant)

Father's/Guardian's Name _____

Occupation _____

Business Name and Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home Address and Phone: _____

(If different from that of youth applicant)

Statement of Parents/Guardians

Why do you want your child to be a delegate?

Mother's response: _____

Father's response: _____

In what volunteer activities do you participate?

Mother's response: _____

Father's response: _____

Would you be able and willing to assist in volunteer service for CISV? Please explain.

Mother's response: _____

Father's response: _____

Medical History Information

Is your child currently taking any prescribed medications? Please explain.

Would you be willing to provide a statement from your child's physician as to his or her physical condition? _____

Please list any allergies, health or dietary restrictions and their effect on your child's daily life. _____

National Code of Conduct Agreement

I _____ (name of delegate) do agree with my local CISV Chapter and the National and International officers of CISV, to participate fully in (circle CISV Program – Village, Interchange, or Summer Camp). I will abide by the guidelines established by CISV International, INFO FILE R-7 (9008), in such manner that will enhance our life together and foster courtesy and understanding between us all. I will not bring or use illegal drugs. If I am under the age of 18 and smoke, I will bring a signed letter of consent from my parents or guardians. If I am in a country where there is no legal age for drinking and I am under 21, I will furnish a signed letter of consent from my parents or guardians. In all cases I will observe the wishes of my host family regarding drinking and smoking as a matter of courtesy. I will observe such sexual morals and behaviors that will not embarrass or injure others (such behaviors having been discussed with my parents/guardians). I understand I will be expected to participate in all CISV activities (games, culture sharing, crafts, singing, dances, and attend meetings and workshops, etc.) and I agree to participate to the best of my ability. I further agree to represent my CISV Chapter in such manner that is consistent with the values of my home, community and country.

I do understand that if I break my agreement, I may be removed from the program at my own expense.

Signature of Program Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Father/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Mother/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Chapter Representative: _____ Date: _____

National Travel Policy

Delegation Travel

1) Village, Summer Camp, and Interchange delegations shall travel to and from the site of the approved CISV activity as a group. Travel shall be direct and continuous to and from the CISV activity site. No side trips shall be permitted. No layover in excess of 24 hours shall be permitted unless common carrier schedules require otherwise. Delegation itineraries must be approved by the local Chapter.

2) Penalties - Violations of Section 1 will result in disciplinary action against the Chapter or Steering Committee pursuant to the complaint procedure (83-BOT-2) of CISV, Inc.

3) Individual travel (as in the case of Junior Counselors and Seminar Camp participants) other than to and from the site of an approved CISV activity shall be deemed non-CISV travel. CISV assumes no responsibility or liability for an individual while on a side trip or layover in excess of 24 hours.

We understand the CISV policy listed above and if selected, agree to abide by it.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of father/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of mother/guardian: _____ Date: _____

We further understand that:

1) Information we have provided in this application may be verified by contacting individuals and agencies other than those listed in this application.

2) We release and hold harmless any individual or organization that provides additional information about us to CISV. We also agree to hold harmless any officers or volunteers of CISV International, CISV USA, or the local Chapter of CISV.

3) By signing this application form we confirm that all the information we have given is true and complete.

Signatures:

Youth Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Father/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Note to ALL Youth Applicants

Thank you for your interest in Children’s International Summer Villages. Please complete the entire application including the supplement for the specific program in which you would like to participate. The supplements outline additional responsibilities unique to each CISV program. Please provide each of your referees with a copy of the appropriate reference form accompanying this application.

Village Applicants complete Supplement VYD

(Village delegates must be 11 years of age)

Interchange Applicants complete Supplement IYD

(Interchanges are for youth ages 12 – 13, 13 -14, or 14 - 15)

Summer Camp Applicants complete Supplement SCYD

(Summer Camps are for youth ages 13, 14, or 15 years of age)

Seminar Camp Participants complete CISV International’s

Form SCPI.01 only

(Seminar Camps are for youth ages 17 – 18)

Send your completed application and appropriate supplement to:



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CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VILLAGES, INC.
Greater Springfield
Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ phone # _____

Children's name and ages

Family membership (\$50) _____ Individual membership (\$25) _____

I/We can help with:

Recruitment

Wine Gala Fundraser

Other Fundraising

Public Relations

Membership

Selection

Junior Branch Activities

Summer Programs

Board Member

Please return the form and payment to:

CISV Springfield

Attn: Treasurer

P.O. BOX 1106

East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Make checks payable to CISV Springfield