Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to thank you for encouraging your youth to explore the opportunity of participating in the summer Counselor in Training program with the Boys & Girls Clubs of King County.

It is very important that this is a program your youth wants to be a part of, and does not feel pressured into participating in. We want this to be as much of a “real world” experience as possible. Thus, it is important that the youth pursues this opportunity and takes the necessary steps to get into the program, and parents support them to take those steps (not do it for them).

Our CIT program is a fantastic way to be involved in this community and learn many practical skills that will help youth in their future jobs. They will get hands on experience gaining valuable leadership and problem solving skills. Each week they will be mentored and evaluated in a caring way so that they can improve their performance as the weeks go by.

What we love about this program is that it is mutually beneficial to the youth and to our staff. During the summer there are so many children coming through our doors each day to have adventures with our club. We need the help of responsible young people to assist in our programs, and in the process of them helping, they gain valuable experience (and community service hours for school).

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please think about attending the CIT informational meeting on Wednesday March 4, at 6:30 pm in the Learning Center at the Ballard Boys & Girls Club. I will be happy to meet you and talk about the program with you and your youth. You can also reach me at the email/phone number below.

Thank you,

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