

Counselor-in-Training Volunteers

Nature Day Camp at Chippewa Nature Center

What is a Counselor-in-Training (CIT)?

CITs are volunteers who work alongside Nature Day Camp staff to help campers have a fantastic day camp experience. CITs assist with crafts, keep track of campers on hikes, sing songs, play games, lead lunch time activities, watch out for camper safety, and help with set up and clean up before and after camp. Campers range in age from 4 to 15 years old. CITs arrive at 8:30am and finish the day around 4pm (except on Monday when we have a Team Meeting until 4:15pm). We ask each CIT to volunteer for **two weeks** of the summer, but the weeks do not need to be consecutive. Camp runs from June 11th through August 8th.

What training do CITs receive?

Orientation Meeting for New CITs Saturday, April 28th from 10am-Noon

This meeting will cover expectations and general information so new CITs will have the background they need to effectively participate in CIT training. It is also an important opportunity to get to meet Steve Frisbee, the Camp Program Coordinator, and Jenn Kirts, the Camp Director.

CIT Training for All CITs Saturday, May 19th from 9am-12:30pm

This mandatory training prepares our CIT team for a great summer. We will get to know each other, learn important safety information, play the games we'll play with campers in the summer, become familiar with the day camp setting, and receive the CIT Manual.

Who can be a CIT?

CITs must be between the ages of 13 and 17, be comfortable in the outdoors, enjoy working with children, and demonstrate responsibility, self-control, and a positive attitude. We have a limited number of spaces for CITs, so it is important to fill out your application completely and in a timely manner. Preference will be given to individuals who have completed our Leaders in Training program or are entering 10th grade, but we encourage anyone who is interested to apply.

How do I apply?

Complete a CIT application which is available online or at our Visitor Center (400 S. Badour Road, Midland in the Temporary Visitor Center Trailer). If you are a returning CIT, you may complete the shortened "Returning CIT Application". **Applications are due Friday, April 20th.**

What is Chippewa Nature Center?

We are a nature center with more than 1200 acres of fields, forests, and ponds and over 15 miles of trails. We have an 1870s Homestead Farm and Schoolhouse as well as a modern Resource Building, Nature Study Building, Nature Preschool, and Visitor Center. We offer programs for children, teens, adults, and families on a variety of natural and historical topics.



Send Application To:

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New CIT Application

Nature Day Camp 2012

If you were a CIT last year, you are welcome to use the shortened *Returning CIT Application*.

Personal information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Address _____

Number

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone number _____ Cell Phone number _____

Grade currently in _____ Birth date _____ Age _____ Email _____

Education

Name/location of school

Favorite Subjects

Elementary School _____

Middle School _____

High School _____

Interests/experience

Please describe your interest and/or experience with:

Children (siblings, babysitting, etc.) _____

Teaching (helping others learn, tutoring, etc.) _____

Natural science(birds, frogs, insects, plants, mammals, snakes & turtles, etc.) _____

Outdoor skills (camping, hiking, nature, etc.) _____

What hobbies or activities, including clubs & sports, do you pursue? _____

Explain any contact you have had with people (adults or children) with special needs. _____

Have you been a CIT at Nature Day Camp before? **Yes** **No** If yes, what year(s)? _____

Have you ever attended Nature Day Camp as a camper? **Yes** **No** If yes, what year(s)? _____

Please share any other information you would like us to know: _____

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