

# 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 8:30 am and finish the day around 4pm (except on Monday when we have a Team Meeting until 4:15 pm). 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 14 through August 11, 2010.

### What training do CITs receive?

#### Orientation Meeting for New CITs Saturday, April 24 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 22 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 16.**

### 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 temporary Visitor Center and Office trailers. 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 2010**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **EDUCATION**

	<i>Name/location of school</i>	<i>Favorite Subjects</i>
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 the learning disabled, physically, emotionally or developmentally handicapped people. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a C.I.T. before? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended Nature Day Camp as a camper? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

(See other side for more)

### **AVAILABILITY**

Are you able to attend the May 22 CIT Training from 9am to 12:30 pm? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to be a mentor for a new CIT? \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (*adult*): S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ (*All CITs receive a free t-shirt for your volunteer work.*)

First name as you would like it on your CIT nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Weeks available this summer:

(Please list 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th choices).

\_\_\_\_\_ June 14-18                      \_\_\_\_\_ July 12-16                      \_\_\_\_\_ August 2-6  
\_\_\_\_\_ June 21-25                      \_\_\_\_\_ July 19-23                      \_\_\_\_\_ August 9-11 (mini camp)  
\_\_\_\_\_ June 28-July 2                      \_\_\_\_\_ July 26-30

Preferred ages:

\_\_\_\_\_ Preschool                      \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kindergarten                      \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade                      \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Are there any ages you would prefer NOT to work with? \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCES

Name	Relationship	City	Phone (including area code)		Years Acquainted
			*Please star preferred phone # (Home)	(Work)	
1. _____					
2. _____					
3. _____					

"I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that, if accepted as a CIT, falsified statements on this application shall be grounds for dismissal.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed above to give you any and all pertinent information they may have, personal or otherwise, and release all parties from all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing same to you.

I understand and agree that, if accepted as a CIT my volunteer position may be terminated at any time without any prior notice."

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

You will be required to fill complete a Health Form so that in case of an emergency, we know about any health concerns you have, including allergies and any medications you are taking if you are accepted as a volunteer.

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