

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 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 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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***Returning* CIT Application**

Nature Day Camp 2010

If you have never been a CIT at Chippewa Nature Center before, please fill out the *New 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 _____

OTHER INFORMATION

What years were you a CIT previously? _____

Why would you like to return to Nature Day Camp as a CIT this year? _____

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 nd /3 rd Grade
___ Kindergarten	___ 3 rd /4 th Grade
___ 1 st /2 nd Grade	___ 4 th /5 th /6 th Grade

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

Is there a particular program you'd really like to work with? _____

If so, which program(s)? _____

Please understand that although we will try to honor your request, assignments are made on a first-come first-serve basis taking into account experience, availability, last year's evaluations, and other factors.

TURN THE PAPER OVER TO COMPLETE THE OTHER SIDE.

"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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