

# 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 3 to 15 years old. CITs arrive at 8:30am and finish the day around 4pm (except on Monday when we ask them to arrive at 8:15 am and a Team Meeting until 4:30 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 15 through August 19.

### What training do CITs receive?

#### Orientation Meeting for New CITs Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 – 11 am.

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 the leadership team at Nature Day Camp.

#### CIT Training for **ALL CITs**

#### Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 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, practice 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.

### How do I apply?

Complete a CIT application which is available electronically at [www.chippewanaturecenter.org](http://www.chippewanaturecenter.org). Also, if you are new to being a CIT, ask three references to complete the online reference forms.

**\*Applications are due Friday, April 10.\***

### What is Chippewa Nature Center?

We are a nature center with more than 1500 acres of fields, forests, and ponds and over 19+ miles of trails. We have a 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.



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