

Counselor-In-Training Program

Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation

Our CIT program is a fantastic opportunity for highly motivated, kid-friendly teens aged 14 to 17 to serve as counselors in training (CIT). They help our day camp coordinators provide a high quality, fun, and safe outdoor experience for our day campers. This wonderful opportunity is for teens who want to further develop their leadership and communication skills, as well as gain experience in planning and instructing activities for young children. We are looking for, at minimum, a weeklong commitment at one of our three, day camps: Buhr, Fuller, or Gallup. CIT applications are available at any camp location, as well as one attached to this e-mail! Camps run Monday to Friday with CIT shifts from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. On a case-by-case basis, we can consider shorter shift proposals.

Interested applicants should fill out the attached application, and plan to attend the orientation and training days. You can send your application in advance or RSVP for the orientation and bring the forms on May 30th.

CIT Orientation, for new and returning CIT candidates:

- **Thursday, May 30th, 6-8pm @ Fuller pool**

This orientation is part evaluation and part leadership training. We will have fun while introducing the CIT program, and inviting the applicants to experience what the role of a Counselor-In-Training will be. The purpose is to lay out the expectations and responsibilities of the CIT position. It also will allow us to evaluate each applicant for their readiness to participate in the program. We want to ensure that the experience is a positive one for both our CIT staff as well as for the camp staff that we are supporting. As the program has grown, there may be more applicants than spots, therefore it is important for each potential CIT candidate to attend and participate fully in the training. There are no guarantees that requested weeks are accommodated but we try our best to fill all the open slots and give all applicants an opportunity to earn a CIT position.

A few other notes to highlight:

- Mark your calendar for the Games Workshop on Sunday, June 9th from 2-4pm, at Fuller.
- There may be one additional training before camp begins but that is still TBD.
- Attached is the CIT application and camp week request form. Please return as soon as possible.
- Summer Camps begin the week of June 17th and some run till August 30st.

Thank you and we look forward to having a great summer!

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