

What is a CIT?

A Counselor-in-Training (CIT) is a mature individual between the ages of 11-17 and helps to supervise campers and assists with camp activities each week. CITs should have a passion for nature and/or cultural history and a desire to share this with others.

Why should I be a CIT?

The CIT program's goal is to give you an opportunity to make a positive difference in the world one step at a time! This goal will be accomplished by helping you to develop a positive work ethic that you can apply to any leadership experience. In turn, our CITs will be able to transfer their love of nature and/or cultural history to the camp participants; members of our future generation!

Each CIT will receive:

- a Champaign County Forest Preserve Volunteer T-shirt to keep
- an end-of-camp evaluation
- an invitation to our CIT Recognition Dinner
- opportunities to develop leadership skills
- work experience that will help with future jobs or internships

How do I become a CIT?

Space is limited; apply now! Applications are due April 15, 2019. You must be between the ages of 11 and 17 to apply. Interviews begin in May. For more information or an application, please contact Catherine Schneider at (217) 896-2455, or cschneider@ccfpd.org. Applications also can be found on our website at www.ccfpd.org.

CIT applicants prepare an application with references and are interviewed before being accepted into the program. Upon being accepted into the program, all members are required to attend a 1 ½ hour orientation. CITs can expect to work a range of 2 ½ to 6 hours a week depending upon how many camps they are assisting with. CITs are required to arrive a half hour before camp starts to help prepare and to stay a half hour after to help clean up. CIT responsibilities include the following: being a role model for campers, leading specific camp activities each week, attending the orientation meeting, recording volunteer hours, and completing evaluations for each day of camp and for the overall CIT experience.

Please be aware that space is limited and not everyone who completes the application and interview process will be accepted into the program.

Volunteer as a Counselor-in-Training (CIT)



for the Champaign County
Forest Preserve District



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Important Dates:

Required CIT Orientation 4-5:30pm

May 29: Homer Lake CIT's meet at the Interpretive Center

May 30: Lake of the Woods CIT's meet at the Elks Lake Pavilion

CIT Recognition Dinner (optional)

6-7:30pm

July 30: Location to be announced at a later date

There will be no camp the week of July 1-5 for Eco-Adventures Day Camp, Garden Adventures Day Camp, Tiny Tots Garden Camp, Museum Mondays, and Grand Prairie Kids.

Camp Dates:

Lake of the Woods Preserve

A Mischievous Kid's Guide to Life

Monday to Thursday, June 3 – June 6
9:30am-11am
Museum of the Grand Prairie

Museum Mondays

Mondays, June 10 – August 12
9:30am-11am
Museum of the Grand Prairie

Garden Adventures Day Camp

Tuesdays, June 11-July 23
9:30am-11am
Discovery Garden

Grand Prairie Kids

Wednesdays, June 12-July 10
9:30am-11am
Museum of the Grand Prairie

Eco-Adventures Day Camp

June 13-July 26
10am-11:30 am or 1pm-2:30 pm
Thursdays or Fridays
Elks Lake Pavilion

Tiny Tots Garden Camp

Thursdays, June 13-July 25
9:30am-11am
Discovery Garden

Homer Lake Forest Preserve

Eco-Adventures Day Camp

June 11-July 24
10am-11:30 am or 1pm-2:30 pm
Tuesdays or Wednesdays
Homer Lake Interpretive Center

Middle Fork Forest Preserve

Archaeology Camp

July 1 – July 2
10am-2pm
Middle Fork Activity Center

Regardless of whether you are chosen as a CIT or not, you can volunteer at the CCFPD. Contact Patrick Cain, pcain@ccfpd.org, or call the Museum of the Grand Prairie, 217-586-2612, for more information.

