Volunteer Outside
This Summer

OUTDOOR RECREATION
COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

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Overview
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department’s Outdoor Recreation program is seeking volunteers, ages 13-17 (completed 7th grade), for the Counselor in Training (CIT) program. CITs work alongside camp counselors to teach campers, play games, hike, fish, canoe and more. The CIT program is a great way to build confidence and gain experience while transitioning from camper to counselor. Teens must be motivated, enthusiastic, creative and willing to work with children in the outdoors.

The CIT program runs for 10 weeks during the summer, starting June 8, at Indian Village Day Camp, Indian Village Preschool, Camp Terra, and Camp Turnberry. CITs will be guaranteed at least 3 weeks.

A $30 participation fee will be due by the first date of attendance. Financial aid assistance is available through the Friends of Outdoor Recreation.

Summary of Responsibilities
Assist the camp director and counselors in organizing outdoor recreational activities for youth ages 4-12. Assist youth in arts and crafts, games and outdoor activities. Help ensure the safety of program participants at all times. Assist in maintaining organization of site by completing assigned tasks. Follow instructions effectively and efficiently, requiring minimal guidance. Take the initiative to assist site staff in daily duties. Maintain a thorough knowledge of all policies and procedures and follow them at all times. Assist in the supervision of youth while on excursions. Maintain a positive environment for program participants. Strive to be a role model for program participants. Perform other duties as assigned. CITs work primarily in a park facility, both indoors and outdoors, in weather conditions.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities
CITs must have a desire to work with youth and to interact in a positive manner with all ages and backgrounds of children. This position requires a desire to develop leadership skills, problem-solving abilities and decision-making skills. CITs must have the ability to motivate self, peers and youth in an enthusiastic manner. CITs must be reliable, honest, creative and willing to follow through on all assigned tasks.

Education, Experience and Qualifications
Must be between 13-17 years of age and have completed 7th grade. Experience working with youth in areas such as babysitting, scouts, church groups, sports or any other volunteer work is preferred. Qualified applicants must possess a clean and professional appearance and attitude and be comfortable working with the public.

Application & Interviews

All new CITs and returning CITs not in good standing are required to interview. Returning CITs in good standing do not need to interview. Interviews will take place April 7, 8 & 9 2020. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program by April 15.

Orientation
New CITs will be required to attend one orientation session at the Wyandot Lodge (3228 Indian Village Rd.) on May 19 or 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Returning CITs are welcome to attend but are not required.

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