

2019



OUTDOOR EDUCATION CIT PROGRAM

Ready to take on a leadership role?

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's Outdoor Education 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.

Camp Dates

Week 1: June 10-14	Week 6: July 15-19
Week 2: June 17-21	Week 7: July 22-26
Week 3: June 24-28	Week 8: July 29-August 2
Week 4: July 1-5	Week 9: August 5-9
Week 5: July 8-12	Week 10: August- 12-16

Apply Online

<http://bit.ly/OECIT2019>

Online applications will be accepted through March 31, 2019.

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The CIT program runs for 10 weeks during the summer at Indian Village Day Camp, Indian Village Preschool, Camp Terra, and Camp Walnut. The \$20 participation fee covers the cost of two volunteer shirts and the end of summer event. Financial aid assistance is available through the Outdoor Education CRC. CITs must be able to attend orientation and work Monday through Friday of all assigned weeks.

Summary of Responsibilities

Assist the camp director and counselors in organizing 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.

Work Environment

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. Preference will be given to returning CITs, previous outdoor education summer campers and volunteers who can participate at least three weeks. 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.

Additional Information

Applications must be received by Sunday, March 31, 2019. 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 the week of April 8, 2019. Applicants will be notified as to which weeks they are accepted for and given orientation information no later than May 3, 2019.

Please note, due to limited space, not all applicants will be accepted.

Orientation

New CITs will be required to attend one orientation at McKnight Outdoor Education Center's Wyandot Lodge (3228 Indian Village Rd.) If you are a returning CIT, you are not required to attend. Orientation dates will be posted at a later date.

This is a volunteer position. If expectations are not met or behavioral issues occur, we reserve the right to dismiss participants from the program.